

HEALTH AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

IOM, together with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducted a 3-day Master Training Program within the “Enhancing health and border management in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to respond to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases” Project.



The trainings took place in Almaty, Bishkek, Dushanbe, and Tashkent in October 2021. The training aimed to provide key information on identifying and responding to public health events, including COVID-19 by training epidemiological specialists in identifying potentially ill travelers, the correct donning and doffing of personal protective equipment, conducting risk assessments, and developing standard operating procedures, along with public health emergency response plans at Points of Entry. The acquired skills and materials will be adapted and transferred by the training participants to the staff of points of entry through cascade trainings. In addition, the presented Master Training Program will be institutionalized into the framework of continuous medical programs.

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT AT POEs IN TAJIKISTAN

On 4-11 October 2021 IOM Tajikistan conducted need assessment at 12 points of entry (POEs). More than 50 interviews were conducted on district level and POEs, 12 check-lists on equipment were filled by enumerators. As a next step, IOM jointly with the national partners will



develop the list of the prioritized equipment to build the capacity at the POEs. The required equipment will be purchased by IOM and handed over to relevant state entities. Need assessment was conducted within the regional project “Enhancing Health and Border Management in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to Respond to COVID-19 and Other Communicable Diseases” supported by CDC.

RETURN, READMISSION AND REINTEGRATION POLICY

IOM briefed Central Asian Governments and members of the UN Migration Network about the new IOM approach to the full cycle of return, readmission, and reintegration. As such, the Policy presented today represents IOM's comprehensive approach to the entire range of issues of return, readmission, and reintegration of international migrants. It is based on a human rights-based approach and focuses on the well-being of individual returnees throughout the process of return, readmission and reintegration, putting people and the protection of their rights at the center of all efforts, while recognizing that States have the sovereign prerogative to determine national migration policy and manage migration within

their jurisdiction in accordance with obligations under international law.

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

The Minister of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Aida Balayeva held a meeting with Zeynal Hajiyev, IOM Subregional Coordinator, Chief of Mission to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. During the meeting, IOM presented the project “Supporting the Government of Kazakhstan to engage with the diaspora using the big data methodology”. The project aims to develop a coordinated and sustainable strategy of interaction with compatriots abroad to use their potential, including intellectual and investment, for the socio-economic development of Kazakhstan.



IOM and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea discussed potential partnerships in addressing the issue of illegal migration from Kazakhstan to Korea and ways to create a safer and more regular route for labor migration between Kazakhstan and Korea.

On 1 October, Bermet Moldobaeva, Head of IOM Kyrgyzstan, and Nuradil Bayasov, appointed Acting Minister of the Ministry of Investment Promotion and Protection, discussed partnership opportunities between agencies on engaging migrants in the available investment opportunities and on making migrants contribution to the country more visible. The President of the Kyrgyz Republic has recently signed the Decree “On the National Development Program of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2026”, which highlights the importance of the diversification of investment inflow into non-traditional sectors of the economy for the Kyrgyz Republic and to maximize the potential of the market for investments. Incentives will be taken to stimulate the pocket expenditure, including from migrants, for the implementation of investment projects. According to the report on [Mapping of the Kyrgyz Diaspora, compatriots, and migrants abroad](#) 80.2% of migrants are interested in contributing to the development of Kyrgyzstan.

GENDER RESPONSIVE MIGRATION DATA

IOM Turkmenistan in partnership with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Migration Service of Turkmenistan organized an online workshop for national stakeholders on “Gender responsive migration data for evidence-based planning”. This workshop was conducted within the framework of the project “Building national capacity to collect, analyze and use migration statistics for the national development plans in Turkmenistan”, funded by the IOM Development Fund (IDF).

Objective of the workshop was to enhance evidence-based policymaking, with a focus on the nexus between migration-development and gender. The workshop brought together representatives from Ministries and departments of the Government of Turkmenistan which are collecting data on migration, including State Migration Service, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, State Committee on Statistics, Ministry of Education, Institute of State, Law and Democracy, and Parliament (Mejlis). For more information, please contact Diana Chariyeva, Program Associate dchariyeva@iom.int.

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