

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
REMEMBRANCE OF THE SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION



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International Day for the
**REMEMBRANCE OF THE
SLAVE TRADE AND ITS ABOLITION**
Международный день
**ПАМЯТИ О РАБОТОРГОВЛЕ
И ЕЕ ЛИКВИДАЦИИ**



To commemorate the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition, IOM in Kazakhstan organized a media campaign that reached more than 140,000 people.

IOM Kazakhstan shared stories of people who have persevered through hardships and strive to find their place under the sun.

The stories are about ways of finding help, starting your own business, and learning how to be vigilant when meeting new people.

The main talked about a victim of human trafficking, what she went through and how IOM's NGO partner continuously supported her to mitigate the consequences of sexual exploitation which she experienced for more than ten years.

Another article by Tengri News  <https://tengrinews.kz/news/menya-prodala-podrug-a-za-5-000-tenge-istoriya-jertvyi-446532/>

prompted readers that the lessons learned from this story can lead tomorrow's citizens to a path of peace and dignity. As one of the users commented:

“Well done! She is so brave! Not everyone will be able to start defending their rights so openly. A very correct decision! Such ill-men should not go free! Perhaps she protects someone's daughter from these rapists ...”

PASSENGER DATA AND COOPERATION WITH AIRLINES



Photo by IOM Ashgabat. August 17, 2021

IOM Mission in Turkmenistan in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Migration Service of Turkmenistan organized a seminar on implementation of the Advance Passenger Information (API) systems. This seminar was conducted within the framework of the regional project "Implementation of the Advance Passenger Information (API) system in Central Asia", funded by the IOM Development Fund and focused on cooperation with the airlines.

The primary objective of the seminar was to discuss the importance of close cooperation with the air carriers as an essential step of API implementation. As underlined by Ales Kersnic, Head of API Unit (Slovenia): "Cooperation with air carriers plays a significant role in the whole road to full functional API system". During the seminar the participants also touched upon such issues as a single window/ Passenger Information Unit (PIU), the technical aspect of airlines' systems, legal frameworks, data privacy and European standards on data protection.

The workshop brought together representatives from all national agencies of Turkmenistan involved in air passenger data processing, including national police and intelligence service, national customs administration, migration service, airport security officers, civil aviation, Turkmenistan airlines. The seminar featured presentations by IOM Pier Rossi-Longhi, Senior Regional Technical Specialist on Border Management (Vienna), Aleš Kersnič - officer from PIU Slovenia responsible for communication with Air carriers, Ruslan Sarin - Coordinator for International Air Transportation Association (IATA), and Adylbek Kadaraliyev - Head of API working group in Kyrgyzstan.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION



Photo by IOM Dushanbe. August 23, 2021

UN and the Government of Tajikistan launched the new joint initiative aiming at empowering families left behind for improved migration outcomes in Khatlon, Tajikistan.

The initiative aiming to support the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration was launched during the kick-off meeting with participation of the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan and other partners. The initiative funded by Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund will be executed by four UN Agencies: IOM, UNICEF, UN Women and UN FAO, with IOM taking a role of convening agency.

The opening event brought together 52 representatives from government and non-government agencies, including UN and civil society organizations, donor agencies, MPTF, INGOs, research institutions and other involved parties.



**Migration
Multi-Partner
Trust Fund**

The initiative framed within the wider UN cooperation framework in Tajikistan, utilizes a multi-sectoral approach to the vulnerabilities of "families left behind" in Kulob and Dusti districts, with focus on the well-being, economic situation and rights of families left behind and strong gender component. Participants of the event emphasized the importance of this project to respond to multidimensional problems of families left behind and providing them with support they need to overcome the problems they face due to migration of their family members.

The Migration MPTF is the only UN financing mechanism fully dedicated to supporting joint initiatives of Member States, the United Nations system, and other stakeholders in the national implementation of the Global Compact.

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



Photo by IOM Tashkent. August 18, 2021

On Wednesday, August 18, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention together with the IOM conducted the Second Multi-stakeholder Round Table session on the planned Border Health Security assessment with participation of 25 attendees, including representatives from the State representatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The main goal of the event was to present the Point of Entry COVID-19 Rapid Assessment Tool, discuss the implementation framework and preparatory arrangements to support the assessment at Uzbek Borders. IOM together with CDC and national stakeholders is planning to launch the COVID-19 Rapid Assessment throughout eight Uzbek Points of Entry (POE). Multi-stakeholder group will facilitate a discussion with POE stakeholders to assess capabilities with regard to surveillance, screening (if applicable), testing (if applicable), and mitigation efforts for COVID-19 at a POE and in the surrounding border regions. Assessment results will support developing tailored POE-level action plans to strengthen COVID-19 preparedness and response capacities. Government stakeholders would be able use these qualitative results in conjunction

with other relevant data sources including the national epidemiologic context to adjust mitigation efforts at POE.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE



Photo by IOM Bishkek, August, 2021

IOM Central Asia continues its activities on direct assistance. The activities include reintegration planning sessions, occupational training, grant items distribution, community events and awareness-raising campaigns.

In Kyrgyzstan, in August 2021 two male stranded migrants from Sri-Lanka and Ivory Coast were provided with return assistance within HASM project.

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