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ALMATY PROCESS WEBINAR ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Almaty Process continues to be a unique intergovernmental platform for sharing experience and knowledge on refugee protection and international migration in Central Asia. On February 17, the Secretariat organized a webinar to discuss the vulnerability of migrants and human trafficking issues. Key trends, challenges and progress made in combating human trafficking in the Central Asian region were presented. An expert presentation (in the form of a tour de table) included a discussion on intraregional and other interregional situations in Central Asia and the wider region.

IOM supports the government of the Republic of Kazakhstan in preparing the voluntary review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) in Kazakhstan.



PODCASTS ON MIGRATION AND ENVIRONMENT

IOM Kyrgyzstan is conducting the assessment of air quality and its health impact including gender aspects on the communities of internal migrants in the residential areas of Bishkek within the Enhancing Migrants' Awareness on Air Pollution and Moving Towards a "Healthy City Vision" in Bishkek Project. This project will contribute to enhancing migrants' awareness of air pollution, its causes and impacts, and aims to move towards alignment with the WHOs "Healthy City Vision", with the active participation of migrants in combatting air pollution over 24 months.

Also, IOM Kyrgyzstan together with the Kyrgyz Diaspora Organization "Kyrgyz Global Bridge" lead the efforts to raise awareness on investment opportunities, energy efficiency, climate change, sustainable development, and good governance. As part of the campaign the audience is offered with podcasts on various subjects, such as:

- "Migration and the problem of migrants. Protection of the rights of compatriots abroad".
- "Impact of ecology, energy and climate change in Kyrgyzstan".
- # "External migration, working with the diaspora and social development".

The campaign is conducted within the framework of the Global Programme on Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



TRAININGS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT THE POINTS OF ENTRY

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan organized second phase of cascade trainings for medical and non-medical personnel at the points of entry. The trainings are organized within the framework of the project "Enhancing Health and Border Management in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Uzbekistan in response to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases" and are supported by CDC. Trainings aim to provide key information on identifying and responding to public health events, including COVID-19, conducting risk assessments, donning, and doffing of personal protective equipment, and developing Standard Operation Procedures. Through the on-hand simulation exercises and group discussions, the participants become equipped with skills and knowledge which they shall transfer to peers at their Points of Entry.



On 17 February IOM in Turkmenistan conducted a one-day online seminar on healthy lifestyle, which was attended by over 30 young leaders, participants of youth programs, volunteers, employees of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Policy, the Youth Union of Turkmenistan named after Magtymguly, the Women's Union, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan, representatives of the UN Agencies and civil society organizations and associations of Turkmenistan. The main goal of the seminar was to raise awareness of young people about the importance of preventive measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, as well as to form responsibility for their own health and motivate young people to adhere to a healthy lifestyle.



Training for government staff of Tashkent city, who work with victims of human trafficking. On 18 February IOM Uzbekistan organized a training session which included instructions and methods of the best practice of assisting the victims of human trafficking and unifying approaches to identify victims and collect data. The training was attended by the representatives from the newly established Agency for Medical and Social Services of Uzbekistan as well as relevant institutions of the Tashkent city.



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