

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN NATIONALS IN KAZAKHSTAN



Currently more and more students are coming back to Kazakhstan to continue education; however, they are not always subject to dignified living for financial constraints. As an emergency measure, IOM Mission in Kazakhstan is holding a cash-based intervention (CBI) activity in Almaty and other cities of Kazakhstan, where Afghan Nationals are residing to assist more than 200 people in need. The activity had been closely coordinated with the Migration Service Department, National Centre for Human Rights and the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Government authorities acknowledged the role of IOM in targeted social assistance to students, Afghan nationals in Kazakhstan.



“As students on a visa, which does not grant permission to be employed, we are experiencing

financial difficulties and can't afford purchasing of basic goods and services”, says Gulzad (name changed). “Since the amount of scholarship covers only basic expenses, we used to rely on remittances from our family in Afghanistan. Now, due to political turmoil, remittances stopped. On the contrary, I am trying to seek every opportunity to send money to Afghanistan to my family”. The CBI activity in Kazakhstan had been generously supported by the German Humanitarian Assistance – Federal Foreign Office.

IOM KYRGYZSTAN IN DECEMBER 2021

On December 13-15 IOM in Kyrgyzstan has conducted two trainings for medical and non-medical staff of Points of Entry (PoEs) within the framework of the CDC-IOM Regional Project. First, IOM conducted two-day training for 20 medical staff of PoEs following the CDC Master Program Training, and one-day training for 19 non-medical staff (border service, customs service, phyto-sanitary and veterinary services) of PoEs using CDC RING training methodology.

On 15 December 2021, IOM in Kyrgyzstan participated at a job fair hosted by the Employment Permit System (EPS) Center in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The objective of the event was to provide employment opportunities for Kyrgyz returned migrants from South Korea by matching them with South Korean companies residing in Kyrgyzstan.



On 16 December 2021, IOM/UN Migration Agency in Kyrgyzstan held an event to celebrate International Migrant Day under the slogan “Promoting whole-of-government approach in migration management”. Opening remarks were provided by Mr. Tashtanbek Kaimazarov, Director of the Department for external migration under MFA of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Ozonnia Ojielo, UN Resident Coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic and Ms. Jyldyz Polotova, Deputy Minister of Labour, Social Security, and Migration of the Kyrgyz Republic. It was then followed by presentations from

UN Migration Network members on migration and different thematic areas, including food security and nutrition, health, children, gender, youth and demographics, climate change, agriculture, and counter-trafficking.



IOM/UN Migration Agency in Kyrgyzstan has contributed to support the Government with mainstreaming migration in the implementation plans of the National Development Programme of the Kyrgyz Republic ([2021-2026 mid-term development programme](#)) during the public hearings on 13 December held by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic.

ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM IN UZBEKISTAN



On December 17 IOM Uzbekistan held a workshop on the topic of ‘Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and Implementation of Advance Passenger Information System’. The event was proposed to coincide with the ‘International Migrants Day’, as well as to hold it as ‘The 2nd Tashkent Forum on Migration’, as a logical continuation of the plans identified in the framework of discussions and proposals developed following bilateral meetings and a similar event held in honor of this date jointly with the Uzbek side in December 2020. In the workshop, the opening remarks were provided by Mr. Bahodir Umurzakov,

Deputy Minister of Employment and Labour Relations of Uzbekistan and Mr. Zeynal Hajiyev, Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, Chief of Mission in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan along with the video message of Mr. António Vitorino, Director General of IOM.



Almaty, Caesar movie theatre, 14 December 2021.

IOM in Kazakhstan hold a non-commercial screening of the Cannes winner – feature film “Ayka (My Little One)”, on the platform of Oleg Boretskiy Film Club.

The screening was dedicated to International Migrants Day, observed annually on 18 December.

The screening was followed by the discussion of social, ethical, philosophical, and psychological problems posed by the film, with complete freedom of expression. Particularly, the film “My Little One” draws attention to social problems and reveals promises and challenges of migration and, shall provoke the audience to feel the vulnerabilities and harsh living conditions of migrants through the prism of the film’s protagonist. The screening was attended by the representatives of the diplomatic corps, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and the general audience.



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