

NEW PARTNERSHIP IN KAZAKHSTAN

IOM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Association of Kazakhs (WAK). The signing took place on 16 November 2021 and was followed by a workshop on diaspora mapping designed for governmental counterparts. The signing of the MoU marked the initiation of a new IOM project titled "Supporting the Government of Kazakhstan to Engage with the Diaspora Using Big Data Techniques". The need to establish relationship with talented Kazakh representatives and utilize their potential has been recognized by the Government of Kazakhstan as an important accelerator for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in sectors related to improvement of business and investment environment, integration in world trade, education and science and others. Therefore, this project will support the advancement of the Global 2030 Agenda and contribute to the achievement of Targets 10.7 and 17.16 of the SDGs, as well as the achievement of the Objective 19 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.



RING TRAINING IN TASHKENT

On November 29 IOM Tashkent held a RING (Recognize, Isolate, Notify, Give support) training as part of the CDC project activities "Enhancing Border and Health Management in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,



Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to respond to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases". The training was attended mainly by the members of the Multisectoral Project Facilitation Team (MPFT). The team consists of the representatives of Sanitary Epidemiological Service, Customs Committee, Veterinary and Livestock Development Committee, Plant Quarantine Agency, Department of Migration and Citizenship Registration under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Border Guards of the State Security Service, and Agency for External Labor Migration under the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations.

As part of the training, the team learned the fundamental steps of RING – the process of responding to public health events at Points of Entry (PoEs).

TAJIKISTAN'S NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Representatives of the Tajik government, international organizations, and civil society leaders gathered in Dushanbe to participate in an inter-agency meeting to review and discuss the newly developed National Action Plan for Counteracting Trafficking in Persons in the Republic of Tajikistan, for the years 2022-2024.

The event was organized under the "Tajikistan: Improved prosecution of trafficking in persons and victim support" project which is implemented by IOM Tajikistan and funded by the US Department of State's



Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and was heavily contributed to by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The goal of the meeting was to review and finalize the proposed plan of action implemented by the Government of Tajikistan, CSOs, international organizations in the area of CTIP and VoTs rights protection and assist the Government by extending human trafficking advisory and expertise to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the new National Plan of Action for Countering Trafficking in Persons in Tajikistan.

KYRGYZSTAN RELEASED A REPORT "THE ROLE OF DIGITAL REMITTANCES: CONSOLIDATED FINDINGS FROM SUPPLY AND DEMAND"



In 2021 IOM/UN Migration Agency completed the research on The Role of Digital Remittances: Consolidated Findings from Supply and Demand, which revealed that majority of recipients of remittances in Kyrgyzstan prefer to operate with cash, whereas those who prefer digital remittance services have higher education, higher financial literacy, and higher trust in banks, and more males.

The English version is available at [The Role of Digital Remittances: Consolidated Findings from Supply and Demand Research | IOM Publications Platform](#)

SAVE THE DATE!



To observe the International Migrants Day 2021 and as part of the Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) IOM Kazakhstan organizes the screening of the feature film "Ayka". The film draws attention to social problems and reveals promises and challenges of migration and shall provoke the audience to feel the vulnerabilities and harsh life conditions of migrants through the prism of the film's protagonist.

Since the films have the power to inform, entertain, educate and provoke debate, globally each year IOM organizes film screenings in the framework of its GMFF (Global Migration Film Festival) initiative to promote social cohesion between migrants and host populations. Through these initiatives IOM acts to bring the communities together, counter racism, xenophobia and misinformation, contributes to the positive attitude and perception of migrants and promotes diversity.



CHECK OUT THESE TITLES IN IOM BOOKSTORE:

- [Kazakhstan: Advanced Migration Profile \(2014-2019\)](#)
- [Study Report. Exploring the Role of ICTS in Recruitment for Human Trafficking in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan](#)

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