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IMPROVING ACCESS OF UN PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS TO HEALTH SERVICES

FLOD - First Line of Defense – continues the provision of medical support to UN staff and their dependents to ensure 24/7 access to high-quality health care and psychological support.

FLOD project serves beneficiaries in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and Ukraine (for certain services) by providing telehealth and in-clinic consultations, as well as group webinars.





DIRECT ASSISTANCE

vulnerable
Migrants

IOM CONTINUES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE
MIGRANTS AND
VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

1478

Received humanitarian, legal and return assistance by IOM missions in Central Asia since the beginning of 2021

IOM Central Asia continues its activities under the project “Community Stabilization through Returned Migrants Reintegration in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan during and after COVID-19”, funded by the UK government. The activities include reintegration planning sessions, occupational training, grant items distribution, community events and awareness-raising campaigns.



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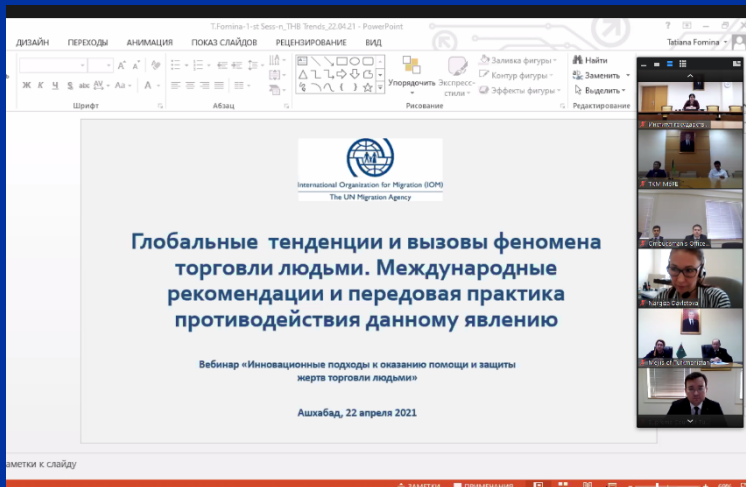
IOM offices in Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka have provided assistance in identifying and returning to their homeland an Uzbek citizen who has suffered from human trafficking.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION



The second meeting of the Technical Working Group on Migration and Disability at the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, 20th April (Photo: IOM Tajikistan)

On 20 April, IOM Tajikistan joined the second meeting of the Technical Working Group on Migration and Disability, which was hosted by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan. The event was in the framework of the IOM project titled 'Returned Tajik Migrants: Promoting a Multi-stakeholder Response to Mental Health and Disability Issues'. Participants discussed the methodology of research that is aimed at improvement and better understandings of occupational injuries, morbidity and disability among migrant workers.



Series of online trainings were organized by the IOM Turkmenistan with the members of the National Working Group on combating human trafficking in Turkmenistan to present global trends in the evolution of human trafficking, factors, and new challenges that affect this phenomenon including the COVID-19 pandemic as well as an innovative approach to the identification of victims of human trafficking and the possibility of using electronic means of communication to prevent human trafficking and identify victims.



Photo by IOM Kyrgyzstan

On April 28, 2021 IOM Chief of Mission in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, Coordinator for Central Asia Zeynal Hajiyev, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Ruslan Kazakbayev.

During the meeting, two sides discussed the priority areas of the government of the Kyrgyz Republic, in particular, projects to counter and combat trafficking in persons, and provision of support to migrant workers abroad. In addition, the Minister highlighted IOM's recent work on assistance in developing the Concept of Migration Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2030 and, IOM's assistance to stranded citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Russian Federation during the pandemic and highlighted the importance and the necessity of continuous support to migrants during the pandemic.

IOM is asked to consider the possibility of providing support to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in additional humanitarian aid to ethnic Kyrgyz living in the territory of the Small and Big Pamirs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The IOM Regional Coordinator for Central Asia highly appreciated the current level of cooperation and participation of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Almaty process, particularly, in addressing the issues of irregular and cross-border migration. At the end of the meeting, both sides expressed their readiness to continue the development of bilateral cooperation.

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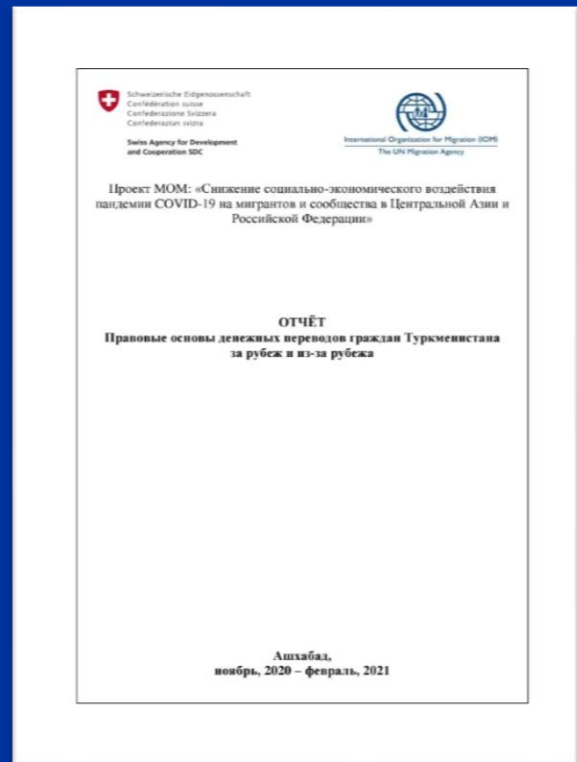
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Mitigating the Socio-Economic Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Migrants and Communities in Central Asia and the Russian Federation

On April 28, IOM Central Asia in Kazakhstan organized a regional consultative meeting “On the needs of migrants and their families in the design of remittance and banking products”. The participants were central, national, and commercial banks of the Russian Federation and the five Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan). The event was a part of the regional project “Mitigating Socio-Economic Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Migrants and Communities in Central Asia and The Russian Federation” funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and implemented by IOM.



Within the framework of the IOM Regional Project "Mitigating the socioeconomic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrants and communities in Central Asia and the Russian Federation" funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and per the IOM Turkmenistan’s request the first report entitled “Legal framework for international remittances in Turkmenistan” was prepared in the country on remittance legislation was prepared. The report was presented during the “Advanced experience of international remittance system in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Russian Federation” webinar on April 8, 2021. The event aimed to address the consequences of the pandemic on migrants, including strengthening the capacity of governments of Central Asia and the Russian Federation in the field of international remittance management.





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On the 30th of April 2021, IOM Central Asia was holding a final regional conference in Dushanbe on Remittance Management Policy, bringing together key government and stakeholders, national and commercial banks, international organizations, and experts. The event is a part of the regional project “Mitigating the Socio-Economic Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Migrants and Communities in Central Asia and the Russian Federation”, which is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and implemented by IOM.

[Click here](#) to watch a video report on learned about the experience of the Central Asian countries and the Russian Federation on data collection methods related to returning and stranded migrants, the assessment of their needs and vulnerabilities as well as the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic

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