

6 TH SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING OF THE ALMATY PROCESS IN ISTANBUL



Photo by IOM, Istanbul, May 26, 2021



On May 26, 2021 Sixth Senior Officials Meeting of the Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration (AP) was organized by the Secretariat (IOM and UNHCR) in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. The meeting brought together 35 delegates both in person and online from the AP Member States (Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Turkey), Observers (Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Turkmenistan) and an invited state (Republic of Uzbekistan). The core of the Meeting was the presentation of the vision of the Almaty Process Strategy and discussion of the Joint Work Plan for 2021-2022 proposed by the Chair the Republic of Turkey. In the next two years the Chairship will focus on membership expansion, diversification of thematic areas and increased visibility. The draft calendar of activities was found appropriate by the members and endorsed during the event.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Vulnerable Migrants

2586

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

Return of a large family from Kazakhstan to Karakalpakstan

The IOM of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan conducted a successful operation to return the VMs to their homeland. In the course of this operation, the IOM offices of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan provided assistance in organizing a transport from Karaganda to the Zhybek-Zholy checkpoint, assistance in obtaining an exit permit, and financial assistance for passing a PCR test for Vulnerable migrants. Moreover, during the return, the IOM of Kazakhstan provided assistance by providing basic necessities (antiseptics, masks, food). Upon their return to Uzbekistan, they were met by the staff of the IOM of Uzbekistan. They were safely transported to Nukus, which is located 1,100 km from Tashkent, in a vehicle organized by the IOM of Uzbekistan..



Photo by IOM, Kazakhstan, May, 2021

UN NETWORK ON MIGRATION IN KYRGYZSTAN
MIGRATION FOCAL POINTS RETREAT



Photo by IOM, Bishkek, May, 2021

Objective of the retreat: IOM Kyrgyzstan and the RCO as the Network co-chairs, in coordination with the UN Network on Migration Secretariat and IOM HQ, organized a two-day retreat for UNMN focal points. On the first day, the sessions informed participants of the migration context of Kyrgyzstan, the role of UNMN, and its tools and resources. Sessions on the second day presented the Mainstreaming Migration Capacity Development Plan for the Kyrgyz Republic developed within the joint IOM/UNDP Global Programme Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development, followed by a moderated discussion on way forward. The two half-day long retreat aimed at building close partnership between Participating UN Agencies and to further build capacity of UNNM's members on mainstreaming migration into related processes to promote a coherent approach in supporting Government's efforts in migration management and protection of the migrants' rights.

IOM LAUNCHES MULTI-STAKEHOLDER BORDER HEALTH SECURITY PROJECT IN CENTRAL ASIA



Photo by IOM, Tashkent, May 22, 2021

On Saturday, 22 May 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) together with the International Organization of Migration (IOM) conducted the first Multi-stakeholder Round Table of the joint Border Health Security initiative in Tashkent. This regional project addresses COVID-19 preparedness and response at Points of Entry to enhance health security. The main goal of the event was to present the CDC-IOM project, discuss the International Health Regulations and use a multi-stakeholder approach in the developing the roadmap for the institutionalization of the Border Health Security initiative. A joint needs assessment will be conducted at the Points of Entries (POEs), using the CDC assessment tool for determining public health needs and capabilities at POEs, will provide technical support in the development of standard operating procedures on screening operations at POEs and other border health interventions.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION



Photo by IOM, Dushanbe, May 25, 2021

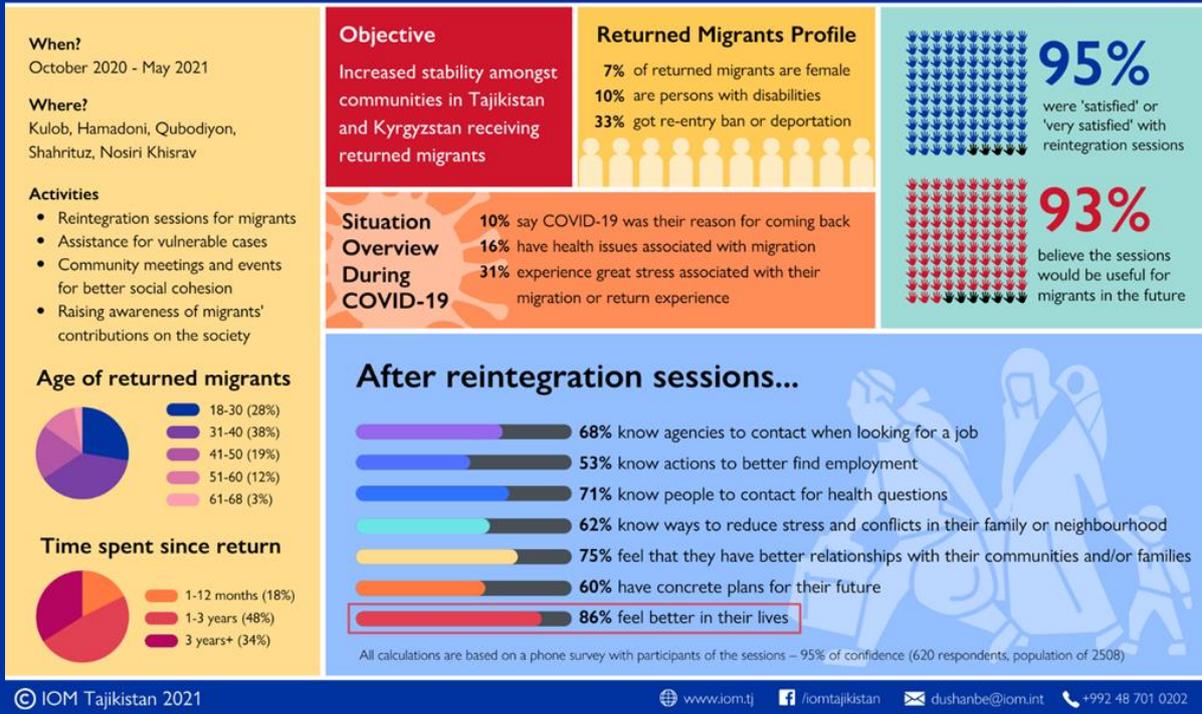
On 25th and 26th May, IOM Tajikistan facilitated the "Final Meeting with National Partners on Mainstreaming Findings of the Researches in the New Strategy on Migration until 2030". The event brought together 45 representatives from various ministries and agencies that are working in the migration management field in Tajikistan. During this two-day event, the participants had a close look at detailed findings of regional researches on the "Socio-economic Effects of Covid-19 on Returnees and Stranded Migrants in Central Asia and the Russian Federation" and "Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Central Asian Migrants and their Families on Remittance Sending, Receiving and Investing Behaviours". This event helped to improve national stakeholders' understandings of the profile, migratory routes, economic and labour situation, living conditions and main protection needs of the migrants and returnees.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE



Photo by IOM, Almaty, May 28, 2021

On 28th of May, IOM Kazakhstan hosted a National Dialogue on Co Improving victims' identification and criminal prosecution of human trafficking. Participants discussed measures to effectively identify victims and potential victims of trafficking in persons and prosecute trafficking-related crimes and develop recommendations for improving efforts to combat trafficking in persons in Kazakhstan. Invited international experts, who conducted research in Kazakhstan in 2020-2021, presented a report assessing existing measures to combat trafficking in persons. Participants exchanged experiences and got acquainted with international practices. Following a discussion of the reasons for ineffective identification, investigation, and prosecution of human trafficking in Kazakhstan, participants developed recommendations to improve the existing system of identifying victims and prosecuting crimes. The event was attended by deputies of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, representatives of the Supreme Court, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministries of Internal Affairs, Labor and Social Protection, and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as representatives of civil society and international organizations. The event was also livestreamed on Facebook page and received 1 000 views and 151 shares. The event also generated 10 news articles in local news site and reached around 6 000 readers.



After completion of the project “Community Stabilization through Returned Migrant Reintegration in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan during and after COVID-19”, a survey was conducted among beneficiaries to collect opinions on the impact of the project. 95% of the respondents were ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with reintegration sessions provided by the project. Also, 86% replied that they ‘feel better in their lives’ after reintegration sessions. The infographics of the survey results were published on 21 May.

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