IOM missions in Central Asia have assisted 3,471 vulnerable migrants.

COVID-19 overview in Central Asia
(Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan)

226,720 185,972 3,350
Registered Recovered Deaths

Since the introduction of quarantine measures, IOM missions in Central Asia have supported the return home of more than 1,800 Tajik migrants who were stranded at the Zhibek-Zholy border point between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

As part of humanitarian assistance food baskets, hygiene products and equipment for small businesses are provided to migrant families.

1 https://caa-network.org/archives/19520
PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

➢ Two community resource centers for migrants are opened in Kyrgyzstan. At the centers, migrants and the population can receive information about social services, consultations about the risks of trafficking in persons, and other necessary activities in Kara-Zhygach settlement in Bishkek and in the city of Kyzyl-Kiya, Batken region.

On 28 August, the residents of settlements in Kara-Zhygach and Kok Zhar, and Ak Ordo received training on “Fundamentals of Business Planning of Entrepreneurial Activity”.

➢ IOM Turkmenistan with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan together with the State Migration Service of Turkmenistan held the first meeting of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Legal Migration (GCM) via video conferencing.

The meeting was attended by Zeynal Hajiyev - Regional Coordinator, IOM in Central Asia and representatives of 20 ministries and state agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations of Turkmenistan.

IOM Kazakhstan together with the team of international experts have developed and issued a training manual titled “Return Migration: International Approaches and Regional Specifics of Central Asia”. The training manual is dedicated to return migration and people - returning migrants who return home after work, study, and life abroad. The book provides examples of successful application of the potential of return migrants in Central Asian and other countries, as well as the challenges faced by return migrants in their home countries. The aim of the training manual is to develop the knowledge, skills and capacity of state and municipal officials working in the field of migration and development to protect the rights, freedoms, and legal interests of migrants.

Available online: https://publications.iom.int/books/return-migration-international-approaches-and-regional-features-central-asia-russian
ONLINE INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS ON SAFE MIGRATION DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

➢ IOM Central Asia continues to raise awareness among migrants and the population on safe migration and trafficking in Persons (TIP):

IOM Kyrgyzstan with its partners continue a series of actions as part of the nationwide campaign "100 days against Trafficking in Persons (TIP)" in the Kyrgyz Republic.

A webinar on Trafficking in Persons (TIP) has been successfully hosted by IOM and UNODC. Speakers as well as the participants from youth and civil organizations and TIP Coordination Councils discussed a range of issues, including international and national legislation regulating and countering TIP, forms of TIP, as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the fight against TIP.

#CentralAsia
#100daysAgainstTIP2020
#EndHumanTrafficking

Kazakhstan’s (11616) and Kyrgyzstan’s national hotline (1899) as well as emergency cell number in Tajikistan +992900800800 continue to receive calls.

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