



DIRECT ASSISTANCE



COVID-19 in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan): 249,948 registered cases, 3,621 deaths.

IOM missions in Central Asia have assisted **4,619** victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants.

Photo above by IOM Uzbekistan:

19 vulnerable migrants were returned by air to Uzbekistan from Moscow and St. Petersburg.



Photo above by IOM partners: IOM Kazakhstan, IOM Tajikistan, and IOM Uzbekistan in cooperation with the Governments and Diaspora representatives facilitate the return of over 150 stranded vulnerable migrants back to Tajikistan by land through the territory of Uzbekistan.

During the reporting period IOM organized the return of 450 Tajik migrants who had been stranded due to COVID-19 restrictions and could not leave the territory of Kazakhstan, having no means to sustain themselves in a foreign country.

PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION



IOM's FIVE-YEAR REGIONAL PROJECT IS COMPLETED

The IOM's five years regional project, focused on combating the international scourge of trafficking in persons and on promoting migrants' rights, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan is now completed.

During the closeout events in all Central Asian countries government agencies, NGOs, and other partners discussed achievements, lessons learned, and best practices to protect the rights of migrants and trafficking survivors.

IMPROVING ACCESS OF UN PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS TO HEALTH SERVICES

FLOD – First Line of Defence – is a new initiative to support UN staff and their dependents to have 24/7 access to high-quality health care. IOM Kazakhstan is implementing FLOD project to serve beneficiaries in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and Ukraine (for certain services) by providing telehealth and in-clinic consultations.

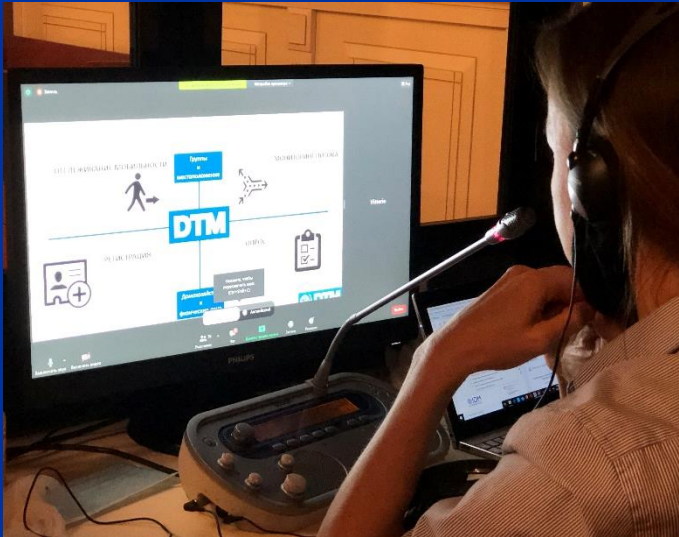
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COLLECTING AND ANALYSING DATA ON MOBILITY AND DISPLACEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

IOM Sub-regional Coordination Office for Central Asia in Kazakhstan organized and facilitated the first ever regional semi-online event on Data Collection in Central Asia and the Russian Federation (DTM).

The training was held in a live format with the participation of Kazakhstan based NGOs and the Government. Similar stakeholders from Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and the Russian Federation, as well as international experts and trainers had a chance to join the training online and contributed to the fruitful discussion and elaboration. COVID-19 safety measures were strictly followed throughout the 2-day training with an active use of PPE and social distancing.

TRAINING FOR MEDIA ON COUNTER TRAFFICKING ISSUE IN COVID -19 CONDITIONS

IOM in Central Asia organized the regional online training for media on counter trafficking issue.

The training consisted of educational sessions, where the journalists understood the terminology on the topic, learned how relevant this problem is for the countries of Central Asia, and how the pandemic affected human trafficking. The speakers of the training were also employees of public organizations that deal with the problems of human trafficking in the region.





**MIGRANTS IN
COUNTRIES IN CRISIS
INITIATIVE (MICIC)**

IOM conducted a regional online training course on consular emergency planning in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The relevance of this seminar is due to the large number of migrants from Central Asian countries choosing Kazakhstan as a country of destination or transit and the importance of increasing the level of

preparedness of employees of embassies and consulates located in Kazakhstan to provide assistance to their fellow citizens in case of emergency. The main goal of this workshop was to build the capacity of consular officials of the countries of the region to address challenges before, during and after the crisis, including the use of specific tools and the development of consular action plans. Special attention was paid to the current COVID-19 crisis as one of the global crises and challenges for consular planning in emergencies.



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