"Addressing Mixed Migration flows and Migrants' Rights in Central Asia"

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A WORLD ON THE MOVE:

UNPRECEDENTED

HUMAN MOBILITY
forced & voluntary

DISASTERS
political, natural & climactic change

ANTI-MIGRANT SENTIMENT
fear-driven policies
CIS region: 24.6 million international migrants
(UNDESA 2010 – 11.5% of total of international migrants in the world)
Central Asia: > 6 million people on the move
Major countries of destination: Russia and Kazakhstan

Growth International Migrants
IOM CENTRAL ASIA ACTIVITIES

IOM Migration Governance (MIGOF)

IOM Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF)

4 THEMATIC AREAS

1. Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Preparedness & Migration Crisis Operational Framework (IOM MCOF)
2. Irregular Migration, Migration Management and International Migration Law (IML)
3. Trafficking in Human Beings and direct assistance to vulnerable migrants
4. Human Mobility, Labour Migration and Migrants’ Rights

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17

IOM Humaneitarian Policy
Rapid Field Assessment on Returning Central Asian Migrants: Between radicalization and re-integration 2015

Migrant vulnerabilities and Integration Needs in Central Asia Root Causes, Social and Economic Impact of Return Migration Regional Field Research/Assessment in Central Asia 2016
IRREGULAR MIGRATION TRENDS
Irregularity of Central Asian emigration: a scenario

- Visa-free movement
  - Legal entry and stay for 90 days

- Extension of stay
  - Failure to comply with regulations: own ignorance, employers’ negligence

- Employment
  - Abuse of work patents and potential for deportation: legal system seen as “rigid and complicated”

Source: Maier, Tajik Migrants with Re-entry Bans to the RF, IOM Dushanbe 2014
“ALMATY PROCESS”

Addressing the multiple challenges resulting from complex migration dynamics and mixed migratory movements in Central Asia and the wider region

- Regional dialogue
- Practical cooperation, capacity building and establishment of national legal frameworks to ensure the human rights of migrants and refugees
- Access to international protection for those in need, and durable solutions for refugees

**Member States of the Almaty Process – Current Chair: Kazakhstan**
Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, The Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan

**Observer States**: Iran and Pakistan
IOM REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

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“ADDRESSING MIXED MIGRATION FLOWS THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING IN CENTRAL ASIA”
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2014-2015 Phase I

IOM Development Fund Report “Mapping on Irregular Migration in Central Asia 2014”
REGIONAL TRAINING on IRREGULAR MIGRATION (Almaty, March 30, 31 and April 1 2015)
RAPID FIELD ASSESSMENT on Returning Central Asian Migrants: between radicalization and re-integration (August/September 2016)
REGIONAL FORUM on DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS and IOM MCOF (Ashgabat, June 2015)
REGIONAL TRAINING on DRR, ER, IOM MCOF (Almaty, September 2015)
SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM) September 2015

During the 12-month project cycle, a total of 282 people directly engaged and participated in PRM Phase I project activities including government officials, international organizations, migrants, embassies, non-government organizations, international and national researchers/experts, private sector, institutions, and donors.
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2015-2016 Phase II

HIGH LEVEL ROUNDTABLE on Vulnerabilities and Integration needs in Central Asia
(Astana, 25 & 26 February 2016)

REGIONAL TRAINING on Combatting Trafficking in Persons (Bishkek, 4-6 April 2016)

REGIONAL TRAINING on Migrant worker’s access to protection mechanisms (Almaty, 6 & 7 June 2016)

SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM) 8 & 9 September 2016 “Addressing Mixed Migration Flows in Central Asia: Human Mobility, Vulnerabilities of Migrants and Refugees and International Cooperation”

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