



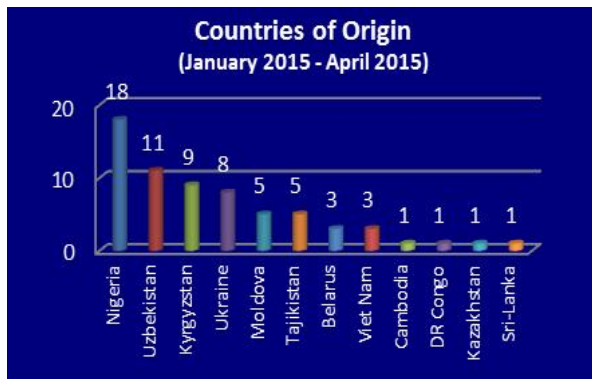
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ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Direct assistance to the victims of trafficking (VoT)

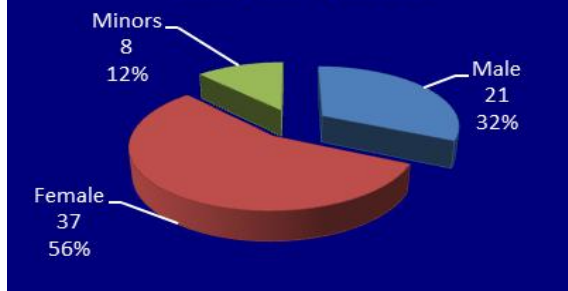
From January to April 2015, IOM Moscow assisted 66 victims of human trafficking within the framework of its CT Project. Out of this number, 23 victims were referred to IOM Moscow by NGOs; 14 victims were referred by Orthodox care service "Miloserdie", 11 victims – by Social Centers of the Department of Social Protection of Population of Moscow, 8 victims were referred by other IOM missions; 5 persons were referred by foreign diplomatic missions, 4 victims – by law enforcement authorities.



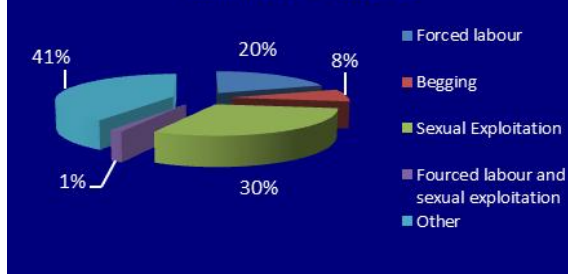
Places of VoTs Identification
(January 2015 – April 2015)



Number of VoTs by Sex
(January 2015 - April 2015)



Type of Exploitation
(January 2015 - April 2015)



The standard package of services provided by IOM within this project includes provision of temporary accommodation, medical services and psychological counseling; provision of counseling on social and legal issues; assistance in obtaining documents in cooperation with FMS of Russia and foreign diplomatic missions;

transportation of Russian nationals to their final destination in Russia; transportation of foreign nationals to their countries of origin; assistance to and at the airport; provision of medical escort for victims with medical conditions requiring professional assistance during transportation; informing IOM missions in countries of origin about return of VoTs for further possible assistance upon return; referrals to local NGOs for follow-up counseling and medical/psychological assistance, as applicable.

Counter-Trafficking Training

On 29 April IOM Moscow conducted a training seminar for the staff of the Center for Social Adaptation of Vulnerable Population "Lyublino" under the Department for Social Protection of Population of Moscow. The topic of the training was "The specifics of work with victims of human trafficking. Provision of social, psychological and reintegration assistance to victims of trafficking".



The training was attended by 34 employees of "Lyublino" Centre, its branches "Vostryakovo", "Dmitrovskoe", "Marfino", "Pokrovskoe-Streshnevo", "Yasenevo", as well as teams of "Social patrol".

During the training the participants learnt about what human trafficking is, received information about identification and referral of VoTs, assisted voluntary return and reintegration of victims of trafficking, including the main difficulties connected with the return to native region, the risks of re-trafficking and monitoring of cases. Psychologists of Safe House Foundation highlighted topics such as rehabilitation of victims of trafficking (psychological, medical and social consequences of human trafficking situation and assistance in this situation) and prevention of emotional burnout of staff working with victims of trafficking.

At the end of the training the participants received certificates on successful completion of the training seminar.

Conference "Innovations in social work with homeless people"

On 23 April representative of IOM Moscow took part in the All-Russian scientific-practical conference "Innovations in social work with homeless people", organized by the Department of Social Protection of Population of Moscow. The purpose of the conference was to draw the attention to the problem of homelessness, the formation of a tolerant community and the search for innovative solutions to the problem at the national level.

The participants of the conference were from among the heads and representatives of legislative and executive authorities of the Russian Federation and the subjects of the Russian Federation, representatives of scientific, educational, religious and community organizations and associations.

As victims of trafficking, especially in the form of forced begging, are often identified among homeless people, a representative of IOM Moscow spoke about the IOM Moscow experience to assist vulnerable groups, including victims of trafficking, during the plenary session.

Consultations on Combatting Human Trafficking in CSTO format

On 23 April Moscow hosted consultations of representatives of law enforcement and security agencies in charge of the combatting human trafficking of member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization. Consultations were organized by IOM Moscow jointly with the CSTO Secretariat.



The participants of the consultations discussed the overall situation in combatting human trafficking and the measures taken by law enforcement agencies and special services of the CSTO countries to combat the activities of organized criminal groups in the field of illegal migration and human trafficking. The participants also summed up the results of joint operation on combating human trafficking, which was held in 2014.

At the end of the consultations the participants agreed on the feasibility of such joint operations in the future.

IPA CIS

On 17 April IOM Moscow delegation, headed by IOM Moscow Chief of Mission, participated in Commemorative plenary session of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941 – 1945.



SRMO CIS

On 15 April representatives of IOM Moscow, led by IOM Moscow Chief of Mission, took part in a meeting of Heads of Migration Agencies of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States which was held in Unified Migrant Centre of Moscow region.



Round Table in Russian State Library

On 15 April representatives of IOM Moscow took part in a round table "Russian language in the CIS", which was organized by the Russian State Library within Rummyantsev Readings 2015.



Meeting between IOM Moscow Chief of Mission and CSTO Secretary General

On 2 March a meeting between IOM Moscow Chief of Mission Mr. Z. Zigic and CSTO Secretary General Mr. N. Bordyuzha took place.



The point was made by the participants that since the signing of Protocol on Cooperation between the CSTO's Secretariat and IOM (Moscow, July 2006) most of CSTO member-states developed close, mutually beneficial and dynamically blooming contacts with concerned IOM offices. According to the information from CSTO MSs, IOM is considered as one of the most pro-active and efficient partner in the field of counteracting irregular migration and trafficking in human beings.

The CSTO Secretary General further stressed that in recent years CSTO and IOM have continuously enjoyed a close and mutually fruitful cooperation.

Thus, the CSTO's specialists are regularly invited by IOM to take part in various activities (seminars, conferences, round tables, working meetings etc.) held on readmission and counteracting trafficking in human beings topics. In particular, recently the CSTO's representatives participated in an international conference "Enhancing Efficiency of Cooperation among CIS Member-States and Bodies in Counteracting Human Trafficking" which was jointly organized and conducted by IOM Moscow and CIS Executive Committee in Moscow on 10-11 February 2015.

In their turn IOM officials took part almost in all meetings of Coordination Council of the Heads of the CSTO Competent Authorities on Counteracting Irregular Migration. The last

meeting they attended was held on 5 February 2015 in Yerevan.

To pursue the implementation of recommendations of international round table “Enhancement of cooperation Among Competent Bodies of International Global and Regional Organizations in Combating Human Trafficking” jointly organized by IOM Moscow and SCTO Secretariat in 2012, last year IOM developed a Brief Training and Methodic Handbook for CSTO Peacekeepers “Basic Combating Human Trafficking and Forced Labour”. In its turn the CSTO Secretariat has forwarded the handbook to ministries of defense and ministries of internal affairs of the CSTO MSs for use in training process. As well IOM Moscow developed, published and handed over to the CSTO Secretariat an anti-TIP Pocket Guide for CSTO Peacekeepers.

For the time being both organizations are closely engaged in preparation of organization of Consultation for Representatives of Law Enforcement and Security Agencies of the CSTO MSs, which is scheduled for April 2015. During the event contemporary challenges in the sphere of combating human trafficking are supposed to be discussed in detail in terms of states’ and international entities’ further consolidation of efforts in confrontation to this type of organized crime as well as to evaluate the final outcomes of Complex of Operational Activities and Special Operation on Counteracting Trafficking in Human Beings which was conducted by CSTO MSs in 2014 and to identify measures for further continuation of this activity in the CSTO format. During the meeting the participants exchanged views on present migration situation in CSTO countries and steps undertaken to counteract trafficking in human beings.

Meeting between IOM Moscow Chief of Mission and Chairperson of the Coordination Service of the Council of CIS Commanders of Border Guard Troops



Manilov took place.

On 26 February a working meeting between IOM Moscow Chief of Mission Mr. Z. Zigic and Chairperson of the Coordination Service of the Council of CIS Commanders of Border Guard Troops Mr. A.L.

International Counter-Trafficking Conference

On 10 – 11 February IOM Moscow jointly with CIS Executive Committee organized international conference “Enhancing Efficiency of Cooperation among CIS Member-States and Bodies in Counteracting Human Trafficking”. The event was conducted in accordance with the Programme on

cooperation of the CIS Countries in combating trafficking in human beings for 2014 - 2018.



The opening speeches were delivered by the Director of the department on cooperation in security and counteracting new challenges of the CIS Executive Committee and the Chief of Mission of IOM Moscow.

The Conference was attended by 70 participants, including representatives of competent authorities from 10 CIS Member States (MS) (namely, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan), as well as representatives of the CIS Executive Committee and Commonwealth’s specialized agencies, IOM, OSCE, CSTO, US Embassy in Moscow, EU Delegation to Russia, human trafficking experts and specialists, and scholars.

During the Conference representatives of competent authorities of the CIS countries delivered reports, statements and presentations on best national practices in the sphere of combating trafficking in human beings, forced labor and rendering assisting to victims. Furthermore, representatives of CIS MSs exchanged recent experiences on interstate cooperation in the given field and developed some valuable suggestions on how to further improve and strengthen cooperation.



The representative of the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly appraised the gathering of the results of activities for enhancement and strengthening of international legal base on cooperation of the CIS MSs in combating trafficking in human beings and highlighted promising areas for future work.

The representative of the CIS Council of Commanders of Border Forces delivered a presentation on cooperation of border agencies in counteracting cross-border trafficking in human beings. The representative of the Coordination Committee of Prosecutors-General of the CIS spoke on the role of prosecutors' offices in coordination with law enforcement agencies activities while the representative of the CSTO presented a set of results on the Complex of Operational Activities and Special Operation on Counteracting Criminal Associations (Organizations) in the Sphere of Trafficking in Human Beings and Irregular Migration implemented in 2014.



Reports and presentations delivered by IOM representatives included information on IOM's global activities on human trafficking prevention including Russian experience in providing assistance to victims of trafficking, setting up a referral mechanism as well as conducting a comparative legal analysis of the CIS Countries legislation on counter trafficking and illegal migration.

During discussions participants raised a variety of questions, were actively involved in reports' and presentations' discussion, and contributed with suggestions on how to improve counter-trafficking efforts at national levels as well as on how to further enhance interstate and interagency cooperation in detecting, stemming and investigating crimes.



In general, the Conference demonstrated a high level of interest from competent authorities of the CIS member states and a strong desire for the continuation of this work in the proposed format by organizing similar international forums regularly. All participants highlighted the usefulness of discussions and expressed the willingness to further cooperate in order to establish a constructive dialogue

between the CIS MSs and setting up a unified mechanism of coordination for combating trafficking in human beings in the Commonwealth region.

Upon the results of the Conference the participants adopted a final document on recommendations which will be forwarded to the governments of the CIS countries for their use. The final document summarizes all the proposals initiated by the participants of the Conference and outlines a number of concrete activities on how to improve the quality of counter-trafficking efforts in the states of the Commonwealth. As it was noted in the concluding statement delivered by one of the co-chairpersons, "...the final document should be considered as a road map and its regulations may be directly implemented in everyday activities of competent state bodies."

This conference - is the fourth international meeting in a series of such events, the first of which was held in the format of the seminar in 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF LABOUR MIGRATION

Practical seminar for the employers using foreign labour force

On April 22, 2015, in Yekaterinburg, practical seminar "Migration Law and best practices of legal recruitment of foreign workers in Russia in 2015" took place for Russian employers who are attracting foreign labour force from visa-free countries of CIS. The seminar was conducted with the support from the Department of Labour and Employment of the Ministry of Economy of Sverdlovsk region, with expert support from the International Alliance of Labour migration. In the seminar, twelve local employers who are attracting foreign labour force from CIS countries took part as the participants.

During the seminar, the participants discussed the following issues:

1. Existing procedures of attracting foreign labour force in Russia, exemptions from the general rules and differentiations in the legal statuses of foreign workers
2. How to correctly administer the process of recruitment and employment of the foreign worker.
3. Migration registration of the foreign workers and how to do it.
4. Different types of contractual arrangements with the foreign workers, issues of taxation and payment to social security funds
5. Notification of the state authorities on recruitment of foreign workers (deadlines and procedures).
6. Procedures and rules of migration control activities and practical exercise.

At the end, the employers were able to discuss existing practices (possibilities and difficulties) related to the organized recruitment of the foreign workers from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Participation in the seminar of Moscow House of Nationalities

On May 15, 2015, Moscow house of Nationalities hosted the seminar on the prospects of migrants' adaptation and integration in Russia. The seminar was opened by the greeting speech from the Head of the Public Council of FMS Russia, Vice-Head of the Department of the Migration Management of the State University of Management, Mr. Vladimir Alexandrovich Volokh.

Key presentations were delivered by IOM Consultant, Ms. Ignatenko (on the effectiveness of the migration policies measures) and the Professor of Moscow Pedagogical state University, Ms. Shapovalova (on migration bridges in Eurasia).



During the discussion, all participants of the seminar exchanged opinions on the current issues related to migrants' integration in Russia, the need for information and education activities among migrant communities, participation and greater involvement of public, religious and national organizations. All participants acknowledged the efforts of the federal migration and state services in the sphere of migrants' adaptation and integration.

Information support and counseling of migrant workers and their family members

Changes in migration legislation which entered into force from January 2015, made the need for free information support and legal counseling for migrant workers and their family members as urgent as never. This type of work is implemented through the activities of information Resource Center of IOM Moscow, as well as legal counseling points organized at the Consulate sections of Kyrgyz and Tajik Embassies, Representation of the Ministry of labour, migration & employment of Republic Tajikistan in Russia, Public Reception of Saint Petersburg Unified Migration Center (organized by Saint Petersburg Center of International Cooperation of Red Cross), as well as at the legal counseling point at the House of Peoples Friendship in Samara. Information support and legal counseling is organized in the form of individual phone and in-person

consultations as well as online counselling and information campaign in internet social networks.

High need for such type of assistance to migrants is confirmed by the numbers of migrants who called for counselling. Thus, for the first four months of 2015, 5,826 migrants applied for information support of the consultants, while more than 20,000 persons were reached by the information campaign. The main topics of consultations were the questions of changes of procedures of applying for work permit documents, passing the integration test for migrants. About a quarter of the applicants asked about labour legislation & regulation issues- job search, labour contracts, relations with the employers. Among other significant topics of consultations were the issues related to the responsibilities for administrative violations as well as the issues of forced labour, exploitation, voluntary return.

IOM MOSCOW U.S. CULTURAL ORIENTATION

During the months of January and April 2015 the RSC Eurasia's USCO team delivered USCO sessions in six different locations: Malta, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and the Emergency Transit Centers (ETC) in Slovakia and Romania.

In Malta 182 refugees from Somalia and Eritrea attended Cultural Orientation sessions. Most participants have been living in Malta for many years and have acquired some English conversation skills. Almost all of the refugees visited other EU countries where they hoped to obtain asylum, but their attempts to do so failed due to the European legislation which obligates the first receiving country to provide asylum for such refugees. Maltese authorities grant only temporary subsidiary protection to asylum seekers, which do not represent a long term solution.

During the training a lot of myths had to be dispelled, e.g. long-term benefits, unlimited access to free medical assistance and accommodation. The trainer made the participants realize that hard work, patience and resilience would be the key to successful resettlement, which made the participants anxious about their upcoming resettlement to the U.S. Many refugees admitted that they would have to adapt as quickly as possible and start living their lives to the fullest.



USCO team conducted sessions for 107 Somali refugees in the ETC in Humenne, Slovakia and Timisoara, Romania. The sessions showed almost 100% attendance rate except for one Somalia woman who failed to attend the session due to her illness. It was obvious that the classes changed the daily routine of the refugees' in ETCs. The participants were happy and excited to participate and learn about the different aspects of life in the USA: access to education and employment for women, their rights and responsibilities and immigration status adjustment. In refugee camps most of the participants had never had a waged job experience, which made challenging for the trainer to make them to understand the idea of legal employment and taxes system in the USA.

A number of teaching techniques, activities and videos were used during the sessions to avoid a purely lecture based seminar format. That helped the participants to learn the key concepts and attitudes required for successful resettlement.

In Ukraine 291 Lautenberg refugees participated in a one day USCO session; and 143 refugees in Moldova and Belarus.

The greatest challenge in working with this category of refugees is that most of these participants believe that they already have the required knowledge about what to expect upon arrival. The main aim of the trainer was to reconsider their expectations and make them more realistic.

MOSCOW MIGRANTS' PROCESSING AND MOVEMENT

IOM Moscow works with the Russian government, the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and various UNHCR offices and U.S. Embassies across Europe and the ex-USSR to implement a program of voluntary resettlement to the United States for migrants and refugees. The biggest beneficiary groups are religious minorities from the ex-USSR who are joining immediate relatives already in the United States; third-country refugees referred for resettlement by the United Nations (third country nationals, mostly Afghan and African refugees in Central Asia, Russia and Ukraine, as well as African refugees in Malta).

Comprehensive statistics for 01 January through 31 August 2014 are as follows:

Applications received and processed: 82 cases/113 individuals

Presented to DHS for status determination: 537 cases/1228 individuals

Departures to the U.S.: 564 cases/1352 individuals

In total, IOM staff traveled to process cases, interview applicants, prepare files for interviews, assist U.S. government officials and provide Cultural Orientation in: Chisinau (Moldova), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Malta, Timisoara (Romania), Humenne (Slovakia), Kyiv (Ukraine) and Minsk (Belarus)."

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