SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS FROM THREE COUNTRY STUDY: KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN AND UZBEKISTAN





OBJECTIVE OF THE ANALYSIS: Development of recommendations to improve migration policy and identify relevant new labor markets for migrants from the Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Kazakhstan, and Republic of Uzbekistan, based on the field research on changes in migration processes and aimed at advancing migrants' interests.

Recommendations will be presented for practical application by state and private organizations involved in migration issues.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research sample:

migrant workers who are citizens of Kyrgyzstan (471), Kazakhstan (70) and Uzbekistan (490)

Geography:



11% Kazakhstan

1%

3%

Turkey

2%

Germany

Russia

UAE

3% other countries

PORTRAIT OF RESPONDENTS

Gender representation:



54%Men



46% Women

of migrants from Kyrgyzstan are women, which is the highest percentage compared to other countries

Level of Education:

Incomplete secondary and secondary education

8% Higher education

Vocational education

Incomplete
higher education



93% of migrants from Kazakhstan have at least vocational education

Marital status:



The average age is

34

for migrants from all countries

60%

19%



Are married

40%



Are not married

Level of prosperity:



Cannot afford food

29%



Can afford food but not clothing

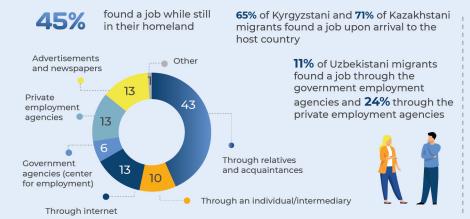
28%



Can afford food and clothing but not large appliances

Among Kazakhstani migrants the level of prosperity is much higher, 54% can afford anything except cars or houses

MIGRATION PRACTICES



MAIN REASONS:

46%

lack an employment contract (**79%** of migrants from Kazakhstan have employment contract)

43%

Of employers does not provide a contract

30%

Of migrants decline to sign a contract

27%

Are unable to sign due to their status

Received information and 23% consultation services Received assistance with **42%** formalizing an employment contract Received assistance in **32**% finding vacancy Received assistance with 9% migration registration PEAs Public centers for employment Aware Previously addressed

Services of private employment

THE PROPORTION OF MIGRANTS UNAWARE OF PRE-MIGRATION PREPARATION 61% Types of slavery and forced labor **60%** Migration legislation 55% Labor rights and mechanisms for their protection 41% Finding legal employment 38% Rules of stay and work of foreign citizens 37% Migration registration procedures 36% Working conditions at the place of employment 35% Registration procedure 33%

Pre-migration preparation:

Main area of employment

Finding housing

20%



19%

Among migrants from Uzbekistan about 50% are

aware of PEAs and Public centers for employment



10%



10%



10%



8%





Information required about other migration countries for migrants from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan:

Need information on preparing necessary documents

Need information on migration laws

Need information on rules for residence and work

Need information on finding work and housing

Need information on government programs

of Kyrgyzstani and Uzbekistani migrants are considering other countries for migration



While Kazakhstan is the top preferred destination for migrants from Uzbekistan (49%), Germany is the most preferred host country for migrants from Kyrgyzstan (30%).

Future plans:



27%plan to return to home country permanently



51%plan to return to home country but later return to labor migration again

*65% of Uzbekistani migrants plan to return to migration again

Recommendations:

- **1.** Expend government measures to promote the employment of migrants in their home countries.
- **2.** Adopt comprehensive labor migration laws to regulate and protect labor migrants.
- **3.** Strengthening pre-migration preparation programs of migrants.
- 4. Raise awareness among migrants about fundamental labor rights.
- **5.** Diversify migration routes and disseminate information on new labor markets.
- **6.** Enhance awareness campaigns through social media and accessible platforms to educate on labor rights, safe migration, and official employment channels.
- **7.** Facilitate the use of public and private employment agencies services for securing jobs abroad.
- Improve the regulation of employment agencies to ensure transparency
- **9.** Strengthen cross-border cooperation and expand bilateral agreements to ensure safer and more regulated migration processes.

in recruitment processes and increase access to reliable job opportunities.