Migration and Remittances in Tajikistan and other CA countries in the Time of Pandemic

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### Tajikistan: Number of Tajik Migrants in Russia

*(based on official statistics of TJ)*

*Source: Migration Service, MOLME)*

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Impact of Covid-19 into Migration and Remittances, 2020

- Migrants are in lockdown…here (around 20-25%) and there (around 75-80%)…
- Declining amount of remittances…
- More real consequences of the pandemic will be felt a little later….starting from September-October…
- Number of the Banned Migrants in Tajikistan: around 267.324 (as of Dec., 2019)
- Target Group inside of the country: 100.000 (in lockdown) +267.000 (banned) =367.000 migrants (plus families)
Migration and Remittances in CA: Future Implications

- **Central Asia**: Population: 72 mln, estimated number of migrants in RF: around 3 mln. With remittances in amount of around 7 bln. (before the pandemic)

- **Remittances in Tajikistan**: 2018 – 2.3 billion, 2019 – 2.7 billion, first half of 2020 – 900 mln. (less for 30-40%)

- Impacts of the declining of remittances into families of migrants: **not enough money for education, healthcare, nutrition and other immediate needs**;
Policy Recommendations

• Provision of emergency assistance to vulnerable migrants in the countries of destination;
• Reintegration of Migrants unable to migrate + migrants deported, banned and returned;
• Health assessment and pandemic preparedness are mainstreamed in labour migration processes;
• Encourage migrants and their families to use remittances more effectively;

Thank you for your attention!