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National Workshop on the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Tajik migrant workers and Presentation of the 2009 Global Report

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The ILO estimates in its latest annual Global Employment Trends report that the global financial crisis could increase unemployment between 15 and 20 million people by 2009.

The report also estimates that the number of working poor- people who are unable to earn enough to lift themselves and their families above 2 USD per person per day - may rise up to 1.4 billion, or 45 per cent of the entire world’s employed.

In this situation, migrant workers are likely to be the first to lose their jobs especially in the sectors where migrant workers are numerous, such as a construction sector. Indeed, work in Russia, which is home to one of the largest migrant populations in the world, is drying up with the deepening of the global financial crisis, and migrants are coming home.

In Tajikistan, 53 per cent of the 7.2 million populations live below the poverty line, and 12% of population emigrates. 98 per cent of remittances that Tajik migrant workers send come from Russia and the remittances constitute 37 per cent of GDP in Tajikistan. However, the global financial crisis has resulted in a sharp decrease in remittances.

The ILO project “Community development through employment creation and improved migrant management in Tajikistan” funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security aims to empower Tajik migrant workers through vocational and pre-migration training, as well as to increase the capacity of the Government and social partners to protect Tajik workers from human rights abuses. Within the framework of the project, ILO has been working on finalizing a report on the latest labour situation of Tajik migrant workers in the global financial crisis, which is based on the research initiated by Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

The 2009 Global Report is the new study on forced labour by providing new estimates that the “opportunity cost” of coercion to the workers affected by forced labour. In its 2005 Global Report, the ILO estimated that some 12.3 million persons worldwide were in some form of forced labour or bondage.

The purpose of the National workshop is to discuss the results of the study on Impact of the Global Financial Crisis to Tajik Migrant workers and to assist the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in identifying what approaches should be taken to cope with a situation of global crisis.

Invitees to the workshop include ILO tripartite partners, the State Migration Service, representative of the President Office, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, researchers and academics, international Organizations and embassies, and the media.

Programme

08:30	09:00	Registration
09:00	09:45	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Shukurjon Zuhurov, Minister • President Office, Yarbabayev Alisher, Head of Department for Social Protection, Employment and Migration (t.b.c) • Employers' Organization, Sharipov Azizbek, Chief • Federation of Independent Trade Union of Tajikistan, Salikhov Murodali, Chairman • UNRC / UNDP, Michael Patrick Jones, Resident Representative (t.b.c) • ILO, Tomoko Matsuzawa, Programme Officer
09:45	10:00	<p>ILO 90th Anniversary: Demonstration of video-clip "History and Present"</p> <p>Sobir Aminov, ILO Project Coordinator</p>
10:00	10:15	<p>Presentation of the ILO project "Community Development through Employment Creation and Improved Migration Management in Tajikistan"</p> <p>Sobir aminov, ILO Project Coordinator</p>
10:15	10:45	Coffee-break
10:45	12:15	<p>Presentation of the report "Impact of the Global Financial Crisis to Tajik workers"</p> <p>Jamshed Kuddusov, IRC SOCSERVICE</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>
12:15	13:15	Lunch
13:15	14:30	<p>Panel Discussion on the findings of the report and how we should tackle financial crisis for Tajik people (15 minutes for each speaker + open-to-floor discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: Sobir Aminov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Subhon Ashurov, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection • Presentation by Saodat Olimova, Research center "SHARQ" • Presentation by Muzaffar Zaripov, Director of IRCLM, IOM (t.b.c) • Presentation by Migration Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs (t.b.c) <p>Questions and answers</p>
14:30	15:00	<p>Presentation of the 2009 Global Report "The Cost of Coercion"</p> <p>ILO, Tomoko Matsuzawa, Programme Officer</p>
15:00	15:30	Coffee-break
15:30	16:15	<p>"Forced Labour : trends, International standards and their implementation in Tajikistan",</p> <p>Vahobov Yakhyo Vahobovich, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>
16:15	16:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>ILO, Tomoko Matsuzawa, Programme Officer</p>