MEASUREMENT OF MIGRATION DURING THE PANDEMIC (COVID-19) IN THE REPUBLIC OF TAJKISTAN

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Out-migration of labor force of the Republic of Tajikistan abroad according to the data of the Migration Service of the Republic of Tajikistan

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Difference (2020 - 2019):
- 318984
- 266795

Graph:
- Blue bar: Total outflow of citizens
- Red bar: Men
- Green bar: Women

9-months 2020 vs 9-months 2019
Out-migration of labor force of the Republic of Tajikistan abroad (persons)

9-месяцев 2020 года: 129807
9-месяцев 2019 года: 411344
разница (+, -): -281537
Tajik citizens returning (persons)

- 327895 men
- 149967 women

9-months 2020 vs 2019:
- Men: +115094
- Women: +65248

Difference:
- Men: -177928
- Women: -147553

9-months 2020:
- Men: 327895
- Women: 149967

9-months 2019:
- Men: 262647
- Women: 65248

Difference:
- Men: +30375
- Women: +189276

Legend:
- Blue: 9-months 2020
- Red: 9-months 2019
- Green: Difference (+, -)
Outflow and inflow of Tajik citizens in May-September 2020, special flights

- Due to outbreak of coronavirus COVID 19 and closure of the border between the Republic of Tajikistan and foreign countries from March 18, transfer of citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan abroad has not been registered.
- In May-September 63 708 citizens returned to Tajikistan through international airport by special charter flights, including 45 651 men and 18 057 women.
- Through the international airport in Kulyab 402 citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan returned, including 365 men and 37 women.
- Through the international airport in Khujand 1093 people returned home, including 999 men and 94 women.
- The total number of citizens traveling abroad by special flights in the country is 2375 people, including 1886 men and 489 women.

- Number of returned citizens in general:
  - Total 65,203 people
  - Men 47,015
  - Women 18,188
TOURISM (according to the Republic of Tajikistan Border Service)

• In January - September 2020 the number of foreign citizens who visited the Republic of Tajikistan for any purposes (business, recreation, etc.) was 355,5 thousand people, in comparison with the corresponding period of last year it decreased by 590,9 thousand people or by 62,4%.

• From the total number of visitors to the Republic of Tajikistan, 317.2 thousand people, according to the methodology (World Tourism Organization), are estimated as tourists, and in comparison with the same period of 2019 decreased by 63.2%.
• The number of foreign citizens who have arrived in the Republic of Tajikistan from the CIS countries has made 337,3 thousand people (94,9 % from total number), that belong to 302,9 thousand tourists from non-CIS countries 18,2 thousand people (accordingly 5,1 % from total number), that belong to 14,3 thousand tourists.
• For the given period the number of citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan who left the country made up 710,2 thousand people, in comparison with the corresponding period of last year it decreased by 931,0 thousand people or by 56,7%.
Change over time in numbers of foreign citizens who have visited the Republic of Tajikistan and citizens of Tajikistan who have gone abroad (thousand people)
Change over time in numbers of foreign citizens who have visited the Republic of Tajikistan, thousand people

январь - сентябрь 2019 г.
из стран СНГ: 78.4
из дальнего зарубежья: 18.2

январь - сентябрь 2020 г.
из стран СНГ: 337.3
из дальнего зарубежья: 18.2

январь - сентябрь 2020 г.
The number of foreign citizens, who entered the Republic of Tajikistan from the CIS countries in January - September 2020

• The largest flow of foreign citizens to our republic was noted from the following neighboring countries: Uzbekistan - 237.9 thousand people (66.9% of all arrivals), Russia - 47.1 thousand people (13.2%), Kyrgyzstan - 41.3 thousand people (11.6%), Kazakhstan - 7.4 thousand people (2.1%).
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The number of foreign citizens, who entered the Republic of Tajikistan from non-CIS countries in January - September 2020

- The largest flows from non-CIS countries were from Afghanistan - 4.5 thousand people (1.3%), China - 2.6 thousand people (0.7%), Turkey - 2.2 thousand people (0.6%), Iran - 1.1 thousand people (0.3%), USA - 1.0 thousand people (0.3%), India - 0.6 thousand people (0.2%), Germany - 0.4 thousand people (0.1%) and Pakistan - 0.3 thousand people (0.1%).
COVID-19 statistics from the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan as of October 26, 2020

• According to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, for the last 24 hours 43 new cases of COVID-19 have been registered in the country, and the total number of infected people in the country has reached 10819 people.

• In the last 24 hours, 62 people were discharged from their homes after treatment, and the total number of people cured of this disease in Tajikistan reached 9,951 (92.0%). The disease also killed 81 people.

• It should be noted that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection are currently taking all necessary measures to prevent and treat the new coronavirus COVID-19.
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Number of infected in the country: 10819
Number of cured from this disease: 9951
Number of deaths: 81
Number of infected in the country: 10819
Decree
of the REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN PRESIDENT
on prevention of the impact of the infectious disease COVID-19 on the socio-economic spheres of the Republic of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, June 5, 2020 № 1544

1. To the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with the established procedure:
- Take measures to provide certificate of incapacity and compensation to citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan who are under medical examination in connection with the infectious disease COVID-19;
- organize the care of citizens under medical examination and citizens infected with COVID-19 from earmarked State and extra-budgetary funds provided free of charge;
- at the expense of reserve funds of the state budget and extra-budgetary funds to render one-time assistance at a rate of the minimum wage to vulnerable groups of the population, including participants of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945, the citizens receiving social pensions, invalids, orphans, street children, poor families, families of labor migrants remaining without breadwinner;
- envisage and pay the premiums from the reserve funds of the state budget and extra-budgetary funds for the official salary of medical workers directly involved in the diagnosis and treatment of patients infected with COVID-19, until the situation stabilizes;
- till the end of 2020 in order to reduce production costs of enterprises, prevent the growth of prices for domestic products, paid services to the population and the inflation rate, to postpone the consideration of increase in service rates, including electricity, water, irrigation, communications and utilities;
- allocate earmarked funds from the reserve funds of the state budget and extrabudgetary funds for 2020 to purchase and replenish state material resources, including grain, crop seeds, pesticides and fuel;
- from April 1 to September 1, 2020 to provide for tax vacations for tourism facilities, hotels, catering organizations, health and sports centers, sanatoriums, international passenger transportation and air navigation and prohibit charging interest for late payment of taxes for this period;
- from May 1 to August 1, 2020 to exempt small and medium-sized businesses that have completely suspended their activities due to the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 from paying rent for public property;
- from May 1 to September 1, 2020 to prohibit the application of tax liability measures to business entities that have not paid social tax within the established term;
- from May 1 to August 1, 2020 to exempt individual entrepreneurs working under a patent in markets, shopping centers and community services, including hairdressers, beauty salons, fashion studios and sewing services from tax calculation and payment;
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• from May 1 to September 1, 2020 to establish tax vacations for individuals on immovable property;
  - from July 1 to September 1, 2020 to exempt from customs duties (value added tax, excise duties and duties) import of materials for the production of disinfectants, medicines and protective clothing, as well as equipment, instruments, equipment for medical laboratories and materials necessary to determine the infectious disease COVID-19;
  - to exempt from taxation the activities of medical institutions, hotels and sanatoriums related to free accommodation of citizens under medical examination or treatment of the infectious disease COVID-19 for the appropriate period of time;
  - in order to maintain the level of personal income from June 1 to December 31, 2020, to reduce the rate of income tax on interest on deposits of individuals from 12% to 6%;
  - regulate the prices of consumer goods, including medicines, medical supplies, masks, antiseptics, as well as flour and flour products, sugar, vegetable oil, pulses, potatoes, soap and fuel in the country;
  - at the expense of the state budget and extra-budgetary funds through the state institution "State Support Fund for Entrepreneurship under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan" to allocate soft loan funds to companies producing food and medical products, especially to women entrepreneurs;
  - give priority to domestic producers when purchasing government goods, works and services until the situation stabilizes;
  - to intensify the process of implementation of the e-Government in order to ensure remote operation of the state bodies;
• to provide all-round assistance in solving the problems of the citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan outside the country;
• to ensure that the relevant bodies provide visas and work permits and registration of foreign citizens employed in the Republic of Tajikistan as entrepreneurs or hired workers, provided that there are no epidemiological risks when they enter the Republic of Tajikistan;
• to extend the terms of visas for foreign citizens and individuals.
2. To the National Bank of Tajikistan:
• provide emergency credit funds to financial and credit organizations to maintain the level of liquidity of the banking system in cases of force majeure within the limits of the current legislation;
• jointly with the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan to take measures for timely implementation of international public payments within the existing capacities;
• to ensure the priority exchange of foreign currency to foreign economic entities engaged in import of goods of prime necessity, including medicines, grain, flour, vegetable oil, sugar and fuel, as well as those oriented to fulfil state financial obligations;
• to implement regulatory and legal measures to ensure the liquidity of financial institutions and to create favorable conditions for access of economic entities of the republic to credit funds, regulatory and legal measures by reviewing the refinancing rate and the norm of mandatory reserves;
• take measures within the existing capacities of credit organizations and taking into account the prevention of risks associated with the non-application of penalties by credit organizations to business entities and individuals who are unable to fulfill their debt obligations from May 1 to October 1, 2020 on term loans;
• together with state structures and financial credit organizations to take measures for remote use of electronic payment means, payment for state paid services, fines and other obligatory payments to the budget. 3. Regularly publish information in the media about measures taken to prevent the spread of infectious disease COVID-19.