

TAJIKISTAN

PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment of Population; Committee on Women and Family Affairs; Ministry of Health and Social Protection; Migration Services; Department of Women and Family Affairs; Department of Agriculture (DoA)

College on Disabilities; Local Authorities; Media Partners; National Association of Small and Medium Business; Selected Non-Governmental Organizations

BUDGET (USD)

2,200,000

DURATION (MONTHS)

24

MOST RELEVANT SDG GOALS



STATUS

Joint Programme funded



SUMMARY

This joint programme aims at reducing the vulnerabilities of families adversely affected by migration in one of the most remittance-dependant countries in the world.

Approximately 10% of the Tajik working age population have migrated to Russia; 85% of this group are men. Many of them gradually cease sending remittances and opt to build a new life in Russia, leaving behind an extremely vulnerable and marginalized group in Tajik society, the “abandoned families” of migrant workers. Conservative societal values and understandings of gender roles contribute to a strong dependence on men, leaving abandoned women more vulnerable, facing dispossession and lacking equal access to property, land, and credit. They can also lack access to legal remedies and often face discrimination in the application of law.

The joint programme will address vulnerabilities of these ‘families left behind’ in the following areas: 1) Wellbeing – the joint programme ensure that women and children left behind have access to capacitated and coordinated psychosocial services; 2) Economic resilience and inclusion – the joint programme will strengthen land and water resources utilisation, and increased access to value chains through farming, small scale processing initiatives, retail and marketing; 3) Protection of rights – the joint programme will strengthen capacity of government and NGO services, collaborate on joint advocacy and awareness campaigns, and ensure adolescents strengthen life competencies; 4) Evidence-based response – the joint programme will work closely with national /regional /local government to ensure evidence is available to guide policy planning, raise awareness among policy makers at national and district levels, and ensure support the development of a ‘families left behind’ section of the National Migration Concept through technical and drafting support.