



Press Release

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The 5th of May, 2011 at 9:00 in front of the House of the Culture in the town of Isfara, Association "Woman and Society" (AWS) will hold a forum for Mutual Support Teams (MSTs) implemented by the project "Social Mobilization of Families of Migrant Workers" in the framework of the regional program on migration in Central Asia.

The purpose of the Forum is: summing semi-annual project activity, development of a plan of action to strengthen the capacity of existing MSTs. During the Forum will be organized an exhibition of products of MST, stands, mobile theatres and children's drawings on labor migration, as well as fair of workplaces.

In order to exchange experiences on the establishment and operation of a MST in the Forum there will be a round table to be attended by the leaders of MST, coordinators and representatives of State Regulations, mobilizatory, international organizations and MFI.

The goals of the Roundtable are to identify solutions to the problems and difficulties that currently MSTs are facing to carry out their work. At the roundtable will be provided recommendations to improve their activities through increasing their potentials and achievements of their sustainability in the future, by unifying the MSTs in the networks and cooperatives.

The forum is planned to be organized also in B. Gafurov district, Sogd region, the 7th of May, 2011 at the Museum of B. Gafurov

Regional program on migration in Central Asia is implemented by IOM, UN-Women and the World Bank with the support of the Department of development of the British Government (DFID). This program is to contribute to poverty reduction in Central Asia by improving the living conditions of migrant workers.

Starting October 2010 in Isfara, Gonchi and B. Gafurov districts, PO Association "Woman and society" in the framework of Regional Program on Migration have begun to implement activities on social mobilization and community creation of Mutual Support Teams (MST). For the meantime 11 Djamoats of three targeted districts created 91 MST which consist of 525 members of worker migrants. To enhance the potentials of the MST Association "Woman and Society" has established trainings on the following topics:

- Institutional development of MST
- Savings accountant in MST
- Business Planning
- Generation of business ideas
- Basics of entrepreneurship
- Planning family budget
- How to obtain and manage loans
- The use of remittances
- Taxes and taxation in REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN
- Myths and realities abroad

As a result of past training sessions the most active members have the opportunity to obtain unsecured loans from the local micro-finance institutions and start their own businesses. Also for members of MST are given mobile consultations and informational meetings to enhance their knowledge and skills in economics, and institutional development of MST.

To provide quality services to MST, AWS entered into a memorandum of cooperation with LLC MFI IMON International, with the Center for Human Rights and with PO "Jovid".

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