


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Russia
Project Name	Strategic Partnership in the Promotion of Rights and Enhancing Opportunities for Migrant Women in Russia			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Regional Public Organization Center for Migration Studies			Grant ID: 3282
Co-lead Org	Fund Tajikistan, Information and Legal Center "Migration and Law"			
Thematic Area(s)	Economic Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Gender Mainstreaming in sectoral policy (Migrants)			
Grant Amount	\$420,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$420,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	Public Council of the Federal Migration Service(FMS) of Russia; Ministry of of Social Development and Health; Commission on Women and Family/State Duma Committee on Women's Issues, Ombudsman's Administration; Russia Academy of State Service; Embassy of Tajikistan, Embassy of Uzbekistan, Embassy of Kyrgyzstan. State services on migration (Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan)
Civil Society	Women's Committees at the Central Asia expatriates part of the Network on Women-Migrants (members are FMS, Ministry of of Social Development and Health, Commission on Women and Family, women's groups, women's and migrants' organizations, universities, etc.

Programme Summary
The programme aims to improve the conditions of migrant women, as well as to provide complex informational, legal and social aid especially for those who migrate with children and those working in formal and informal/domestic services. In contrast to the overwhelming attention that has been focused on male migration, this programme offers an opportunity to address the specific needs of migrant women from Central Asia, often excluded on the basis of race and ethnicity in Russia's society.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Law on Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation	Law	2011	Gender Mainstreaming	High
Draft Russian Concept of Migration Policy 2011/	Policy	2011	Gender Mainstreaming	High
The Labor Law	Policy	2011	Gender Mainstreaming	High

General Programme Goal
Improve the situation of migrant women in Russia and develop legal, social, educational, public and economic opportunities for their integration.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Gender equality concept and gender approaches are incorporated effectively in migratory legislation (amendments to the Law on Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation needed and other changes in legal documents), policy making in the field of migration and national migratory statistics.
Outcome 2: Key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders (FMS, Ministry of Health, Commission on women and family, women's groups, women's and migrants' organizations, universities, etc.) network effectively, keep up information exchange and support common goals .
Outcome 3: Increased migrants' access to rights protection and improved delivering of adequate and relevant services to migrant women by NGOs and government officials.

Main Achievements

During the first year the programme has made progress towards achieving the programme's three outcomes:

- Baseline research on the status of women labor migrants in Russia and their access to legal, social and economic services took place with data collected from pilot regions (1200 respondents' interviews). The programme produced a draft report and executive summary with recommendations to for decision-makers and civil society. Research findings help target advocacy to recommend amendments to the Law on Legal Status of Foreign Citizens, the Labor Code, and engender law enforcement practices in Russia.
- The report on Gender Strategy in the Field of Migration Management, completed in 2010, includes a new set of gender-sensitive statistical indicators related to migration. In 2011 the Strategy is expected to get final approval and will become a tool to engender migration policies, legislation and practices.
- Partnership with UNESCO resulted in development of a study on Women's Migrant Workers Health. Partnership with IOM resulted in completion of a study on the Social Integration of Migrants from Central Asia in cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation.
- Fund Tajikistan is providing direct legal, social and referral services to migrant women within the model of complex support of migrant workers from Central Asia to Russian Federation; systematically collecting cases of state employees violating the rights of migrant women and conducting analysis on the root causes and violations perpetrated by public and commercial services (employers, mediators of public services), as well as the carrying out of analysis regarding the causes of the violations.
- The Network on Migrant Women established in 2010 has started focused education on the need for efficient and effective services for migrant women and the integration of gender equality in migration policies. A media campaign on tolerance, migrants' rights, and adequate interpretation of the role of women in migration is ongoing. Increasing the role of donor countries in problem solving regarding the issue of women migrants.

Key Highlights

- Establishment of Women's Committees or clubs within Diaspora organizations and providing aid for expatriate communities on self-organization. Identification of – champions in key governmental areas are considered effective development interventions.
- The Network on Migrant Women is considered for a grant.