



Latest News

Officials from the World Health Organization and **Azerbaijan** have signed an agreement under which the Caspian nation will donate \$5 million toward the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says its board has approved an additional \$121.1 million in emergency assistance to **Kyrgyzstan** to meet urgent needs stemming from the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Croatia has donated protective medical gear to **Montenegro** consisting of 50,000 surgical masks, 2,000 litres of rubbing alcohol, 2,000 face shields and 1,000 protective goggles.

Russian authorities announced more than 10,000 new coronavirus infections across the country for a seventh straight day on May 9, with the number in Moscow now eclipsing 104,000.

On 8 May 2020 a temporary hospital in **Tajikistan's** capital Dushanbe was opened with 500 beds for treatment of COVID-19 infected patients by 150 doctors.

Shopping malls, barbershops and hair salons have been allowed to reopen across **Turkey** after a nearly two-month closure, with stepped-up safety and hygiene measures in place.

*References to Kosovo are in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244/1999



File photo of migrants stranded at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport. Photo: Kyrgyz State Migration Services

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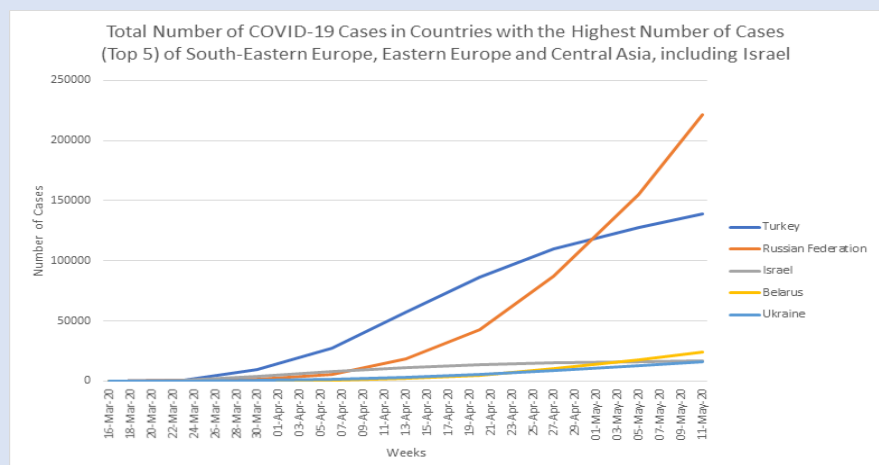
The IOM appeal for the South Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia region covering 20 countries totals almost USD 60 million. Total funding receives thus far is USD 10.6 million.

On 14 May, IOM virtually launched the sub-regional COVID-19 [Appeal for Russia and Central Asia](#), seeking USD 7 million. The event was attended by 108 participants and represented by all governments in the sub-region and a wide range of donors. *See photos on the next page.*

Data and Trends

While the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the SEECA region has increased by almost five times over the past month, last week we saw a decrease in the rate of infection by 15 per cent.

The Russian Federation continues to see a significant increase in cases daily and, within the region, has the highest number of cases reported (221,344), surpassing Turkey (138,370).





IOM Country-Specific Responses

In Albania:

IOM reached out to Albanian health professionals living in Italy to ask them to share their experiences through video and media interviews. These health professionals will provide information on the impact of COVID-19 and will showcase the support of the Albanian diaspora during the pandemic.

In Belarus:

IOM Belarus and the State Border Committee have created a leaflet for incoming migrants to promote COVID-19 prevention measures. It includes information on self-isolation and hygiene. About 1,500 leaflets will be distributed daily at all border points.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina:

IOM continues to work to increase capacity and enhance infrastructure of isolation areas in Temporary Reception Centres (TRCs). As of 11 May, 877 migrants are accommodated in the isolation areas set up in the TRCs and the Emergency Tent Camp in Lipa. In TRC Bira, the capacity in the isolation area has been increased to 291 beds.

In Georgia:

IOM supported the government of Georgia by hosting a live online consultation for Georgian migrants stranded abroad due to COVID-19. IOM responded to numerous questions on return opportunities and concerns about overstaying in the EU due to COVID-19.

In North Macedonia:

IOM Skopje received an award from the government for support provided in addressing the COVID-19 situation, including donation of personal protective equipment to the Border Police and support in printing and distribution of operational documents on COVID-19. IOM also provided hygienic items, assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations, medical support, education, and awareness raising on COVID-19 to migrants in reception centres.

In Turkey:

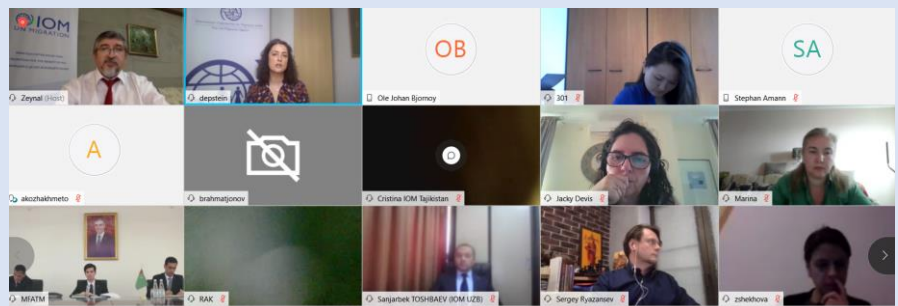
IOM Turkey provided 10,000 surgical gloves, 8,000 surgical masks, 1,000 sanitizers, 100 units of 5000ml hand sanitizers, and 500 face shields to Bornova Municipality in Izmir.

In Ukraine:

Personal Protective Equipment was distributed to the State Border Guard and the State Migration Service of Ukraine. 10,000 surgical masks, 2,550 respirators, 6,000 pairs of gloves, more than 100 litres of disinfection liquids, as well as 45 contactless thermometers and 386 protective visors were purchased with funding from the European Union.

In Central Asia and the Russian Federation:

IOM launched the COVID-19 sub-regional appeal on 15 May which was attended by 108 participants, including a wide range of governments and donors.



IOM Sub-Regional COVID-19 appeal launch for Central Asia and and Russian Federation, 14 May

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