

# Situational and Economical Analysis on Migration and HIV and TB Health Services in Azerbaijan

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

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For a Consultant to conduct a Study on provision of HIV services to migrants. We are looking for a **Coordinator of the Study**.

We are waiting for your applications, including CV and a financial proposal (financial proposal must be submitted as a separate annex indicating the total cost of work in US dollars and the cost for 1 hour / day) no later than **March 19, 2023, 18:00 CET**\_send via e-mail to: [abrosimova@gmail.com](mailto:abrosimova@gmail.com) indicating the subject "Study in Azerbaijan – Coordinator of the Study".

### ABOUT THE ORGANIZATOIN

**Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health (REG) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia** was established by civil society activists and researchers to develop an expert position that would help improve the quality of life of international migrants in the countries of the region. The aim of the group is to provide expertise to ensure continuous access of mobile populations to health services along the entire route from countries of origin to countries of destination in the EECA region.

- The goals of the Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health are the following:
- To conduct researches to assess the health situation of migrants and access to healthcare services;
- To present researches results to the public and discuss evidence-based arguments with decision-makers, representatives of civil society, the academic community, and international organizations;
- To initiate and support expert dialogue to foster cross-border cooperation between sending and receiving countries of migration, as well as creation of bilateral and multilateral agreements in the area of mobile populations health;
- To create a common information space for cross-border cooperation.

REG, registered in Georgia, is a public non-profit association consisting of individual expert members, an Advisory Council, country representatives, as well as an Executive Committee that coordinates the activities of the REG.

For details, pls. follow <http://migrationhealth.group/en/>

### RESEARCH RATIONALE

Migration Police Institute suggests that number of global migrants from Azerbaijan is 1 164 000<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Migration Policy Institute tabulation of data from the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, International Migrant Stock 2020. Available at :

According to UN Migrant Stocks, at mid-year 2020 Azerbaijan had an emigration rate of 10.6% of its entire population<sup>2</sup>. The Russian Federation has been and remains the country of destination hosting the largest number of migrants from Azerbaijan. Kazakhstan, Turkey, EU countries are also host countries.

According to RF's Ministry of Internal Affairs, in 2022 number of migration registration of Azerbaijan citizens is 492 839; work as a purpose of entry were indicated by 294 899 Azerbaijani<sup>3</sup>.

In the Russian Federation, in the structure of migrants, Azerbaijani citizens occupy the fifth largest group<sup>4</sup>. Studies suggest positive trends in the socio-economic situation of Azerbaijanis in Russia — in all labor areas, there are more prosperous positions of Azerbaijanis in comparison with ethno-cultural groups of migrants from Central Asia<sup>5</sup>.

However, migrants from all countries are equally vulnerable when it comes to providing HIV and TB services<sup>6</sup>.

Labor migration is associated with huge economic and social opportunities for the migrants. However, one area of particular concern is the growing vulnerability of migrants to HIV/TB and their lack of access to HIV/TB prevention, testing and treatment information. Migrants with HIV and TB are particularly vulnerable to discrimination and other negative factors that affect their physical and psychological well-being, as they live in conditions of legal uncertainty that deprives them of the opportunity to claim their right to health.

Taking into account the restrictions in receiving countries on access to HIV and TB services, it is important to determine whether citizens of Azerbaijan who have returned from migration face barriers in accessing HIV treatment and TB care.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY IN AZERBAIJAN

The proposed project aims to gain an understanding of the legal and institutional barriers to receive HIV/TB care and treatment the citizens of Azerbaijan face when they return home from migration.

To implement this study, it is planned to involve a **project coordinator** and two researchers — a **social researcher** and a **health economist**.

It is planned to collect and analyze national HIV/AIDS epidemiological surveillance data in the context of migration issues, to identify barriers at the legislative and law enforcement levels in access to HIV/TB services for returning migrants, to assess the burden on the national healthcare system in connection with the treatment of HIV infection and TB among returnees from migration of citizens of Azerbaijan, taking into account the possible interruption / late start of treatment due to the inability to receive HIV and TB services in migration. It is important to describe how such barriers affect the fate of people and their relatives.

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<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/immigrant-and-emigrant-populations-country-origin-and-destination?width=1000&height=850&iframe=true>

<sup>2</sup> Integral Human Development. Azerbaijan. 2022. Available online at: <https://migrants-refugees.va/country-profile/azerbaijan/>

<sup>3</sup> Russian Migration Statistics. 2022 Available online at: <https://мвд.рф/деятельность/statistics/migracionnaya/item/35074711/>

<sup>4</sup> Finexpertiza 2022. The number of labor migrants who entered Russia reached a six-year high <https://finexpertiza.ru/press-service/researches/2022/trud-migr-max/>

<sup>5</sup> Endryushko A.A. (2018) Social and economic potential of Azerbaijani migrants who entered Russia in 2014-2017. Monitoring of Public Opinion: Economic and Social Changes. No. 6. P. 216—233. <https://doi.org/10.14515/monitoring.2018.6.11>

Available at : <https://cyberleninka.ru/article/n/sotsialno-ekonomicheskij-potentsial-azerbaydzhanskih-migrantov-pribyvshih-v-rossiyu-v-2014-2017-gg/viewer>

<sup>6</sup> REG 2021. Situation analysis of HIV-related health services for foreign migrants in the Russian Federation. [https://migrationhealth.group/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SITUATION\\_ANALYSIS.pdf](https://migrationhealth.group/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SITUATION_ANALYSIS.pdf)

Special attention will be paid to the description of access to HIV and TB services among foreign citizens living in Azerbaijan.

#### **PROJECT COORDINATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- a) recommendation of candidates for a Study Tender - an Economist and a Social researcher to conduct a study "Situational and Economical Analysis on Migration and HIV and TB Health Services in Azerbaijan";
- b) coordination of research team, according to Terms of References No. 2 and No. 3, including holding two meetings of methodological group (a group of national experts) to review and approve the methodology and to validate results of the Study
- c) editing and preparation of the final version of the report written on the results of the study;
- d) translation of the text report from Russian/English into Azeri;
- e) preparation and holding of the National round table on migrant health in Azerbaijan aiming at presenting and discussing the data of the study and developing recommendations and an action plan.

#### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS:**

- Information about the Tender is disseminated, researchers are recommended;
- The work of researchers is coordinated in accordance with **Terms of Reference No. 2 and No. 3**, including holding two meetings of experts to discuss the research methodology and preliminary results of the work in a group of national experts;
- A report on the results of the study in Russian or English and translation of the text into Azerbaijan language. Report volume: 25-35 pages in WORD format, 12 size;

*The text must be written entirely by the authors of the Study.*

*According to the donor's request, the full text of the report will be checked for plagiarism when the work is accepted by the customer.*

- In cooperation with the Customer, a National Round Table on Migrant Health in Azerbaijan is prepared and held to present and discuss the data of the study, and to develop recommendations and an action plan;
- Recommendations from the Study is taken into account when writing the next country proposal to the Global Fund.

#### **PROPOSED TIMEFRAME**

**No later than April 1, 2023:** identification of Study team members

**April 2023 – June 10, 2023:** control over the completion of all stages of the study on time, including data collection, identification of experts, obtaining approval from an ethical commission, preparation and conduct of expert interviews, data analysis, preparation and submission to a Customer a primary version of the report, transcripts, or audio files of interviews

**No later than June 20, 2023:** receiving feedback from the Customer - the Regional Expert Group on the Health of Migrants

**June 20 – June 30 2023:** control over finalization of the text by the Study team based on comments received from the Customer - the Regional Expert Group on the Health of Migrants

**No later than June 30, 2023:** submission of the final version of the report with all supporting documents and taking into account the Customer's comments.

**No later than July 20, 2023:** translation of the text into Azerbaijan language

**No later than October 31, 2023:** Holding a National Round Table on migration health with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Health of the country and other relevant departments.

## **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

The payment is made in two parts after the provision of the developed methodology (50%) and the final text of the study approved by the customer and all related documents (50%).

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR TENDER PARTICIPANTS**

Professional interaction with representatives of the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan to organize a discussion of the results of the study - 20%;

Degree in medicine, epidemiology, healthcare management, project management - 20%;

Understanding of topics (public health, in particular, HIV / AIDS and TB, health of migrants) - 20%;

Experience in similar areas (experience in managing research projects in the field of healthcare is desirable) - 20%;

Experience in organizing events (forums, round tables, etc.) with the relevant state structures of Azerbaijan to present the results and jointly develop further decisions - 20%.

When receiving the same marks on quality criteria, preference is given to the applicant who declared the lowest cost of work.

## **ETHICAL PRINCIPLES**

All information and data collected in the course of the study should not be transferred to third parties or used in other studies or reviews until the publication of this report. After the publication, the use of data is possible only with a link to the report of the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

The authors of the report retain the right to the name; the rights to the report and the results of the study will belong to the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health (REG) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (dissemination, translations into other languages, etc.).

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Individuals, legal entities, self-employed who have the right to engage in relevant activities and are registered as single tax payers, can take part in the competition, by submitting tender proposals.

The deadline for submission of the proposals is **March 19, 2023, 18:00 CET**.

Please, submit a proposal by e-mail to Zinaida Abrosimova [abrosimova@gmail.com](mailto:abrosimova@gmail.com) (please, indicate in the subject of the email "Study in Azerbaijan – Coordinator").

The proposal should include:

- Description of the experience of the consultant/organization corresponding to the fulfillment of the terms of reference;
- CV;
- Price offer and the budget for the assignment, the cost of one day of the consultant's work (based on 8 working hours per day in USD), an indication of the number of days to complete the tasks required for the implementation of the Study.