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### OBSERVANCE OF WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN KAZAKHSTAN

*July 30 - World Day Against Human Trafficking.*

**24 July 2020** – The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency, calls on all partners, state and non-state organizations, international organizations, media and civil society to unite in the fight against human trafficking in Kazakhstan.

The UN General Assembly in its resolution 68/192 as of 18 December 2013 ("Improving the coordination of efforts against human trafficking") decided to observe the World Day against Trafficking in Persons on 30 July. On that day, 30 July 2010, the [UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons](#) was adopted. The first World Day against Trafficking in Persons has been observed in 2014.

From 26 to 30 July 2020, an information marathon will be launched under the motto "**Адам саудасы орын алуда. Тоқтат оны! Торговля людьми существует. Останови ее! Human trafficking does happen. Stop it!**" and in the framework of the project "Strengthening the fight against human trafficking and protection of vulnerable migrants in Central Asia in the context of regional and global challenges", implemented by IOM Kazakhstan with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway.

Representatives of the non-governmental sector in the cities of Nur-Sultan, Almaty, Aktau and Karaganda, as part of the IOM project's information campaign, will carry out online activities among the population in cooperation with city Akimats, police departments and other partner organizations. According to the announced programme, the following activities will be held:

- 26 July 2020, Sunday – Public Association "[Meyerim](#)", Aktau, Mangistau region, launches the first day of the marathon with the introductory theme "Together Against Human Trafficking";
- 27 July 2020, Monday - Public Foundation "[Kaisar](#)", Temirtau, Karaganda region, continues the marathon under the theme "We are against the worst forms of child labor";
- 28 July 2020, Tuesday - Public Foundation "Center of socio-psychological rehabilitation and adaptation for women and children [Rodnik](#)", Almaty, takes the baton and opens the theme "A shelter - a safe place to help victims of human trafficking".



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- 29 July 2020, Wednesday - Public Association "[Kadir-kasiyet](#)" in anticipation of the end of the action speaks with the theme "Questions of justice through the lens of human trafficking!"
- 30 July 2020, Thursday - all four IOM NGO partners in support of the UN global initiative "Show solidarity with victims of human trafficking" (Blue Heart), as well as to raise awareness on the problem of human trafficking will launch online campaigns, in which employees of public foundations will answer urgent questions, produce video clips, do live translations, launch relevant infographics, and present a thematic channel in the Telegram messenger and much more.

### For reference:

In Kazakhstan, IOM launched the programme to combat trafficking in persons in August 2002. The programme focuses on three classical directions: prevention of trafficking in persons, assistance to victims of human trafficking, and elimination of trafficking in persons.

In cooperation with our NGO partners we assist to victims of human trafficking. The assistance includes safe accommodation, medical and psychological support, development of professional skills, assistance in reintegration, and the possibility of voluntary, safe and dignified return to the country of origin.

Globally, IOM assisted to over 75,000 women, men, girls and boys, who were trafficked for further sexual and labour exploitation. In Kazakhstan, approximately 2,000 people have received assistance under the IOM programme.

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