Project Partners

- Project HOPE Central Asia
- International Organization for Migration
- Kazakhstan National Tuberculosis Institute

Populations served

- Uzbek labor migrants in Kazakhstan

Project Timeframe

- Data analysis: ongoing
Project Goals

- Assess the level of TB awareness among Uzbek labor migrants in Kazakhstan
- Understand migrant experiences in accessing health care in Kazakhstan
- Identify the barriers in access to health services and TB treatment in particular

Expected Outcome

- Provide recommendations to Ministry of Health on legislation to improve access to TB services for labor migrants
Progress to date

• Conducted 12 focus group discussions with Uzbek labor migrants in Kazakhstan and returned migrants in Uzbekistan

• Conducted 10 in-depth interviews with Uzbek TB patients in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

• Conducted 13 in-depth interviews with health care workers in Kazakhstan

Next steps

• Analyze data and provide recommendations to MOH

• Implement larger study to investigate TB among all Central Asian migrant groups in Kazakhstan and in Russia
Desertification of the Aral Sea: ecological disaster responsible for a resurgence of TB and widespread migration from Uzbekistan’s autonomous republic of Karakalpakstan