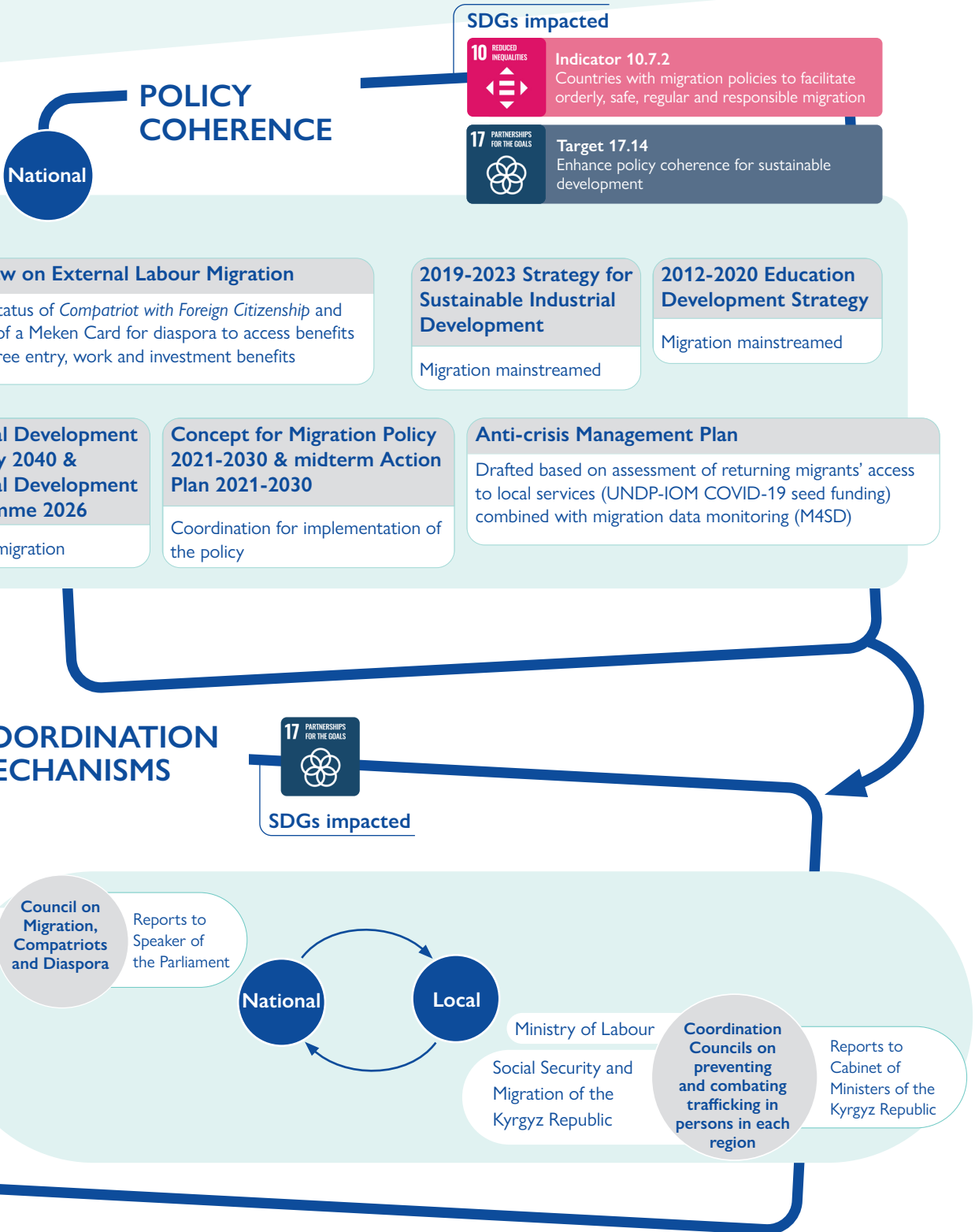


MAKING MIGRATION WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT KYRGYZSTAN

2019 - 2023

According to the National Statistics Committee, there are almost 1 million Kyrgyz migrant workers abroad, accounting for 40 per cent of Kyrgyzstan's economically active population. Of these, more than 60 per cent are women who face specific vulnerabilities and risks. Migrant workers send much of the 2.5 billion USD Kyrgyzstan receives in remittances. On the other hand, since mountains occupy about 90 per cent of the country, many communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and are at risk of losing their livelihoods and homes, leading to climate-induced displacement and internal migration.

The **M4SD Programme** has helped the highest levels of government to consider migration and its impacts on Kyrgyzstan's development. In particular, M4SD support led to deeper diaspora engagement, more developed migration and sustainable development policies inspired by exchange and visits with the Republic of Moldova and a strengthened understanding of the relationship between migration, environment, climate change and development. Coaching and guidance to government stakeholders mainstreamed migration in sectoral policies, improved knowledge on migration including national trends and statistics and identified main priorities.



PUTTING POLICIES INTO PRACTICE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WELLBEING

National

SDGs impacted



1 mobile app "IshtApp" (Search for Job) where people search for jobs, focusing on most vulnerable groups (incl. informal workers) in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Russia (UNDP initiative)

Information campaign conducted by the Kyrgyz diaspora in Germany and Switzerland to promote the engagement of diaspora in development, gender, safe migration and green projects. Includes 6 podcasts from diaspora and environment experts to mobilize diaspora to combat climate change

Target 13.3
Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change

Local

Bishkek & Osh cities

Centers for Employment Abroad (Bishkek, Osh) provide safe migration and employment info services to returning and prospective migrants. Center provided with:

- Technical guidance
- Staff training
- Server equipment
- Support to maintain migration database to inform evidence-based policy

8,610 people (7.1k men, 1.4k women) supported by centers

Naryn and Batken regions

Two projects developed in close partnership with community leaders and posted on [Ashar fundraising platform](#)

Crowdfunding initiative aims to address environmental and climate change issues by supporting 2 local community projects (1) Tourism in Naryn; 2) Reducing carbon footprint by expanding technology on dry rice in Batken

Luzern, Switzerland and online

2022 International Forum with diaspora: "Challenges of the Digital Age as a Chance for the Development of Kyrgyzstan"

50+ skilled IT experts in the Kyrgyz diaspora in Germany, Italy, Switzerland, USA and other countries expanded skills, networked and identified solutions to draw green tech investments to and facilitate tourism in Kyrgyzstan

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Target 8.9
Policies to promote sustainable tourism

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Target 11.6
Reduce environmental impact of cities

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
Target 16.10
Ensure public access to info, protect fundamental freedoms

SDGs impacted



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MAKING A REAL AND MEASURABLE IMPACT IN COMMUNITIES OF KYRGYZSTAN

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