



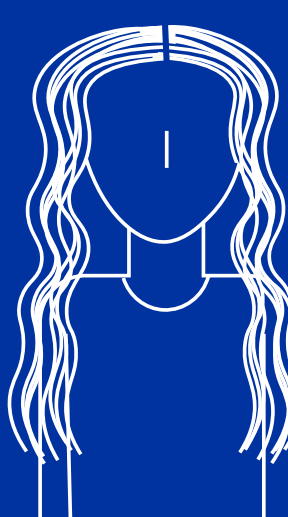
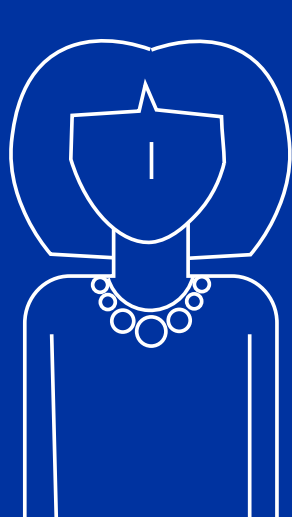
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IOM SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



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Dear partners and friends: with this edition of the IOM Georgia Newsletter, we highlight our activities this year, marking International Migrants Day in Georgia under the theme “Harnessing the Potential of Human Mobility”. We also bring to you our major achievements and most recent publications from October to December 2021. Like you, we are more than ready to leave 2021 behind with the hope of a better year ahead.

HIGHLIGHTS

Georgia Marks International Migrants Day



[View a video message](#) from Sanja Celebic Lukovac, IOM Georgia Chief of Mission, for International Migrants Day.

IOM's Outdoor Exhibition – Faces of Migration to Mark International Migrants Day



Location: [Vake Park, Tbilisi, Georgia](#)

Duration: 18 December 2021 - 10 January 2022

IOM Georgia in 2020: Year in Review

View the [Annual Report of IOM Georgia in 2021: Year in Review](#), in which we proudly share with you our achievements generated throughout this year, along with our findings and thoughts on how to utilize the benefits of migration for the further development of Georgia and the empowerment of migrants.



IOM Dedicate Online Screening for Global Migration Film Festival and International Migrants Day



IOM Georgia collaborated with the director Moku Teraoka and [organized an online screening and discussion](#) around his fascinating film “From Tokyo to the Morava River”, within the framework of the 18 December International Migrants Day celebration.

NEWS



IOM Organizes IOM Diaspora Business Forum

[IOM conducted the Diaspora Business Forum](#) on 10-12 December, with an aim to facilitate networking between local businesses and diaspora. IOM Georgia, with its partner agencies in the government and the private sector, continues to work towards empowering Georgian Diaspora as agents for Georgia's economic advancement.



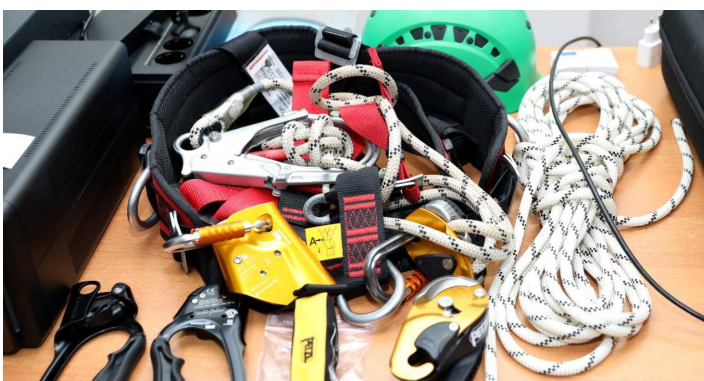
High-Level Conference on COVID-19 and Migration Patterns

[IOM organized a high-level conference](#) about the dramatical impact of COVID-19 on migration patterns. The conference gathered senior government officials from Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Moldova, Nepal, and Romania.



IOM Conducts Training About Effective Communication with Exploited Children

In close coordination with the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, [IOM conducted a training course on effective practices of communication with exploited children](#) living and working in the street.



Strengthening Capacity of Georgia Border Police

Border Police of Georgia will [strengthen its capacities in e-learning and improve outreach to public and border communities](#) through EUR 70,000 worth of equipment donated by IOM with EU support.



IOM Opens Isolation Facilities for Sick Travelers

IOM [opened isolation facilities](#) for suspected sick travelers at 4 border crossing points – Sadakhlo, Sarpi, Red Bridge and Tbilisi International Airport to ensure passenger safety and adhere to international health regulations.

Support for the Patrol Police Department

With EU support, [IOM has donated passport readers to the Patrol Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Customs Department of the Revenue Service](#). IOM also donated advanced document inspection devices with a total value of 70,000 EUR, deployed in the Kutaisi laboratory of the Forensic-Criminalistic Department.





With IOM Georgia's support, [nine local civil society organizations](#) established the [Advocacy Network for Migration Issues \(ANMI\)](#) and met with Armenian NGOs to discuss promotion of migrants' rights.

Contributing to Local Development in Georgia through Diaspora

On 12 November 2021, IOM Georgia [organized a training on "Contributing to Local Development in Georgia through Diaspora"](#).



IOM Georgia Highlights the 15th European Anti-Trafficking Day



IOM Georgia marked the [15th European Anti-Trafficking Day](#) by conducting outdoor and social media campaign to raise awareness on trafficking in children through their engagement in forced begging and use of social media by traffickers to lure vulnerable children into conditions of exploitation.

IOM Joins Partner Agencies in Commemorating UN Day 2021

On 24 October, IOM Georgia [joined its partner UN Agencies in the country in marking UN Day](#) under the theme "Together for Global Goals", underlining the need to continue joint efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges.



The International Organization for Migration has been working in Georgia on defining comprehensive migration solution to the evolving challenges, has been providing humanitarian assistance to foreign stranded migrants in Georgia and in general has been supporting migrants with information and with access to services - both in Georgia and abroad.

Sanja Celebic Lukovac
IOM Chief of Mission

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 #UNDAY2021

FACES OF MIGRATION



Meet Miracle, a Nigerian student with a medical degree living in Kutaisi and read about this migration experience [here](#).
[Read all migrant stories.](#)



[Story of Return from Ireland to Georgia](#)



In 2021, IOM assisted **141** stranded migrants to return from Georgia to their countries of origin. Thirty percent of the beneficiaries consisted of women and girls. IOM support typically includes assisted voluntary return, coupled with pre-departure humanitarian assistance, mediation for consular assistance for those migrants not possessing valid travel documents and post-return reintegration assistance. The top five countries where stranded migrants returned to in 2021 were India, Uzbekistan, Iran, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

Between October and December 2021, IOM supported the return of **525** Georgian nationals (253 male, 272 female) including 102 minors from Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Poland, Spain, and Estonia.



In the same period, **198** persons received different types of post-arrival assistance. These include small business start-ups, medical assistance, vocational training, employment support, assistance with accommodation, livelihood, and financial assistance to cover immediate needs, as well as reception/secondary transportation assistance.

That's it for this issue. We will be back with more updates in three months. Until then, we take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year.

— IOM Georgia Team

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PUBLICATIONS

[SUSTAINING BORDER MANAGEMENT AND
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[SOCIETAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS MIGRANTS AND
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