

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

### **IRN AP26103509 «Gender aspect of external migration and adaptation of migrants in Kazakhstan»**

#### *INTRODUCTORY PART*

International migration is undergoing changes in its gender structure, characterized by increasing mobility of women. In contemporary international migration studies, growing attention is being paid to the role of gender, as well as to issues of gender adaptation. Migration transforms the position of women in modern society, providing them with opportunities for social, economic, and professional development in a globalizing world. At the same time, in the absence of an adequate regulatory and legal framework necessary to realize these opportunities, women migrants face challenges of adaptation and integration in host societies and become more vulnerable to discrimination and exploitation.

A key research priority is the study of migration behavior, motivations, and the factors that drive women to migrate. Furthermore, analyzing the adaptation challenges faced by women migrants will help inform society and relevant institutions about the measures required to improve the situation and to implement more gender-balanced migration policies. The study of this issue will contribute new insights to contemporary migration and gender research.

#### *PROJECT OBJECTIVE*

To study the gender aspect of external migration, to determine the role of gender in the implementation of migration policy in Kazakhstan, and to develop recommendations for improving the regulatory and legal framework and methodological guidelines for migrant adaptation with consideration of a gender-sensitive approach.

#### *PROJECT OBJECTIVES:*

1. To collect materials on the research topic; to study theoretical approaches to gender migration; to develop a theoretical and methodological framework and research tools based on the generalization and systematization of the gender approach in the study of migration processes.
2. To examine the national regulatory and legal framework of migration policy, as well as international experience in the development and implementation of gender policies regarding migrants.
3. To analyze external labor migration flows in Kazakhstan; to identify gender characteristics and development trends of external migration. To calculate the migration turnover intensity coefficient and the labor force growth coefficient (for the period 2010–2024). To study the factors and causes of migration behavior and motivations, as well as the adaptation challenges of women migrants in Kazakhstan.
4. To conduct a sociological survey among women migrants.
5. To identify the key challenges of adaptation of women migrants in Kazakhstan and to construct a “socio-demographic profile” of women migrants.

6. To develop recommendations for authorized bodies on improving migration policy and mechanisms for regulating external migration, taking into account a gender-sensitive approach.

#### *EXPECTED RESULTS*

1. Materials on the research topic have been collected. Theoretical approaches to gender migration have been studied. A theoretical and methodological framework has been developed. Research tools based on the generalization and systematization of the gender approach in migration studies have been created.

2. The national regulatory and legal framework of migration policy has been analyzed. The presence or absence of a gender approach in the regulation of external migration in Kazakhstan has been determined. International experience in developing gender policies regarding migrants has been studied and analyzed.

3. External labor migration flows in Kazakhstan have been examined. Gender characteristics and development trends of external migration have been identified. The migration turnover intensity coefficient and labor force growth coefficient (for 2010–2024) have been calculated. Factors and causes of migration behavior, as well as adaptation challenges of women migrants in Kazakhstan, have been studied.

4. A sociological survey among women migrants has been conducted. A monograph on the research topic has been written and published.

5. Determinants, causes, and factors of women's migration behavior have been identified. Key challenges and difficulties in the adaptation of women migrants in Kazakhstan have been revealed. Based on the sociological survey, a "socio-demographic profile" of women migrants has been constructed.

6. Recommendations for authorized bodies on improving migration policy with a gender-sensitive approach have been developed. The research results have been summarized and tested. A monograph on the research topic has been written and published.

#### *PUBLICATIONS:*

– 3 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals indexed in the Social Science Citation Index, Science Citation Index Expanded, Arts and Humanities Citation Index, and/or Web of Science databases, and/or with a CiteScore percentile of at least 35 in the Scopus database.

– 5 articles in peer-reviewed national journals recommended by CQASE (or equivalent authority), one of which must be categorized as "multidisciplinary."

Or:

– 2 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals indexed in the Social Science Citation Index and ranked in the 1st or 2nd quartile by impact factor in the Web of Science database, and/or with a CiteScore percentile of at least 50 in the Scopus database.

– 4 articles in peer-reviewed national journals recommended by CQASE, one of which must be categorized as "multidisciplinary."

– Training of 1 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with dissertation defense no later than 2 years after the completion of the project.