# Tajik-Afghan Integration, Resilience and Reform Building Programme Financed by the UK Government

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## Objective: 2016-2020

**"Increased resilience to crime and conflict amongst migrants in communities near the Tajik/Afghan border".**

Outcome 1: Stronger border

Outcome 2: Increased employment and income

Outcome 3: Reduced grievances and better integration

Beneficiary 1: Border guards

Beneficiary 2: Returned and prospective migrants

Beneficiary 3: Migrations services staff
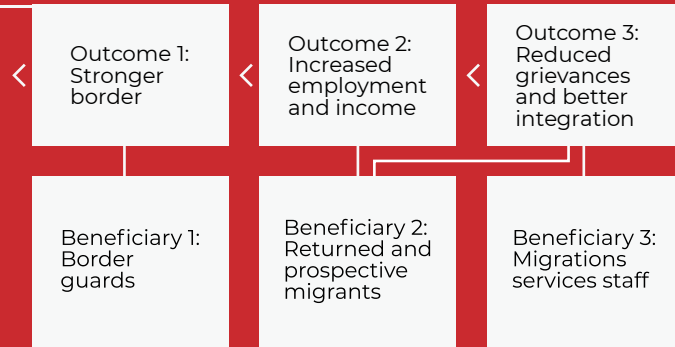
## 16 districts located along the Afghan border

Khatlon: Dusti, Qubodiyon, Shahrituz, N. Khusrav, Panj, Jayhun, Farkhor, Khamadoni, Sh. Shohin

GBAO: Darvoz, Vanj, Rushon, Shughnon, Khorugh, Roshtqala, Ishkoshim.

Tajikistan

Khatlon

GBAO

Afghanistan

## Beneficiary profile

Over 1 million entries of Tajik labour migrants recorded by Russia

Over 250,000 banned from re-enterng Russian

Every third migrant experiences intense stress and every fourth has serious health problems

## Stronger Border - Outcome 1

Border Forces and engagement with communities

### What measures have been taken

115 border guards (94 women) were trained

Meetings between community members and Border Guards in Khatlon

Young Friend of Border Guards' clubs

Construction of Border Management Coordination Councils facilities

### Result

Border service improvement experienced by 90% of Afghans crossing the border

Communities cooperating with border guards on warning and preventing crime issues

- Increased trust and respect
- Understanding of Border Guards' duties
- Enhanced cooperation and mutual understanding

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# Increased employment and income - Outcome 2

### What work has been done

Grants delivered to returned migrants and vulnerable community members in GBAO and Khatlon

Mentoring and coaching provided to grantees

Returned migrants certified on prior learning

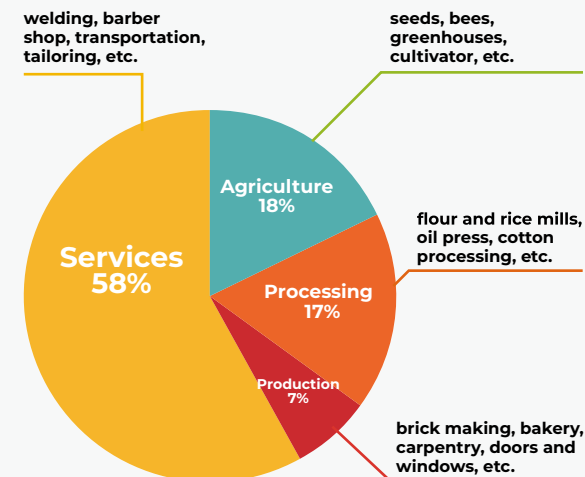Vocational trainings at Adult Training centres

### Result

176 grants distributed, 300 jobs created, more than 2400 vocational trainings

75% of grantees opened successful businesses,

Graduates found jobs or used obtained skills to earn a stable income

Distribution:

welding, barber shop, transportation, tailoring, etc.

seeds, bees, greenhouses, cultivator, etc.

flour and rice mills, oil press, cotton processing, etc.

brick making, bakery, carpentry, doors and windows, etc.

Services 58%
Agriculture 18%
Processing 17%
Production 7%

# Reduced grievances and better integration - Outcome 3

### What was done

reintegration planning sessions for returned migrants with re-entry bans

Referral support for legal advice, health support, RPL, psychological issues

Migration Services staff trained on case management and safe migration

Online engagement and awareness-raising on safe migration

### The Reintegration planning sessions

- gather re-entry banned migrants to exchange experiences, speak of difficulties and plan for their life in Tajikistan
- discussing jobs and income, health issues, being well upon return, planning for the future.

80% have now more hopes for the future

**80%**

69% improved their relationships with their family or community

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Migration Services' presence is strengthened in the community

- Direct discussions between MS staff and thousands of re-entry banned migrants in their villages

### Results in numbers

6005 participants to the sessions

Capacity building of 32 Migration Services staff, including 8 national specialists that improved case management and consultation skills.

8,607 migrants checked their re-entry bans between April 2019 to March 2020.

8 Mahallah sub-committees on migration facilitated, to address the issues raised by migration at the village level