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Modernizing Tajikistan`s Travel Documents and ID management Past, Present and Future

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About Tajikistan



- Since 1991 an independent country located in Central Asia;
- With territory of 143000 square km;
- With population more than 8 million;
- 93% of the territory covered by mountains.

First Tajikistan`s passports



- First national passports for internal use was introduced in 1996
- First foreign passports as travel documents was introduced in 1998

Tajikistan`s biometric passports



- Governmental Decree on implementation of biometric foreign passport from 2009;
- Starting from February 1st 2010, issuance of new biometric foreign passports started

Central system



- One Personalization Center in Tajikistan located in Dushanbe city;
- 5 Enrollment Offices (Pilot Project) within Tajikistan;
- Enrollment Offices connected to the Central system through the secure VPN channel, which enables securely transfer data from the regional Enrollment offices to the Personalization Center;
- Pilot Project was successfully implemented in 2010;
- By the end of 2011, the amount of Enrollment Offices within Tajikistan increased to 41;
- Today, there are 100 Enrollment Offices within Tajikistan, which are able to enroll citizens all around Tajikistan;
- Also, more than 15 Tajikistan`s foreign missions equipped with enrollment equipment which allows them to issue biometric passports



Tajikistan`s ID cards and replacement of National passports



- Governmental Decree on implementing of ID cards instead of National passports in 2013;
- Project implemented and ID card Issuance started on April 1st 2014;
- Necessity of creating of ID cards instead of National passports (since National passports was sufficient document) was because:
 - Absence of Central database;
 - Luck of communication;
 - Illegal migration processes;
 - Threat of preparing fraudulent and fake National passports, because of luck of security features in old type of passports etc.

Advantages of Central database for ID cards and Foreign passports



- The most important advantage for Government is to have unique database for all kind of ID documents;
- Most important advantage for the citizens of Tajikistan is to apply for both documents on the same time during one time enrollment;
- Also, Pre Fetch feature is available which allows to the Enrollment Officer to call citizens data from the Central database and allows to enroll citizens for all kind of passports in seconds.

International cooperation



- In 2009, the Government of Tajikistan called for International Technical Assessment of passport and civil registration acts system;
- IOM, OSCE and ICAO responded to the Government`s call and joint Technical assessment of the mentioned system was done;
- Several joint Projects on Passport and Civil Registration Acts was initiated by mentioned organizations, but unfortunately was not implemented



Future plans

- Implement the Project on Civil Registration documents;
- Connect Central database to the all Border crossing checkpoints in order to allow them to read e-passports and join INTERPOL database for lost and stolen passports;
- Implement AFIS system;
- Joining ICAO PKID;
- Implement e-travel Documents for refugees, stateless persons, asylum seekers and permanent residents of Tajikistan;
- Consider possibility of implementing of E-Gates system;
- Usage of e-passports and National ID cards as insurance cards, medical cards, transport cards etc.



Thank you for your attention

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