OSCE Travel Document Security Update

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Overview

Passport Upgrades, Handling and Issuance

- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan
- ICAO PKD
- INTERPOL
 - Central Asia
- Forged Documents



Tajikistan - Background

- 2009: Last OSCE pS issuing passports not compliant with ICAO standards
- June/July 2010: OSCE-ICAO-IOM: Technical Assessment Visit
- ICBWG Dublin 2010: Technical Report
 > Recommendations, policy guidance, potential assistance projects



Main Findings of Technical Report

- Tajikistan: 2 passports plus a national passport → All are travel documents
- New ePassport: Limited enrolment options; low circulation; high costs for citizens
- Old international passport: Non-compliant; high circulation; low cost for citizen
- National ID document: main supporting document for international passport application; very limited security features;
- Outdated civil registration system \rightarrow Basis for national ID document



Conclusions

- Issuance of ePassports needs to be enhanced and old passports need phasing out
- Old international Passports valid beyond 2015 extends period of ICAO deadline
- Lack of computerized civil registration system provides insufficient assurance to establish an applicant's identity





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Module 1: IOM

Evidence of Identity

 Computerize civil registry systems

Create single national database

Data sharing agreement between relevant stakeholders

Module 2: OSCE

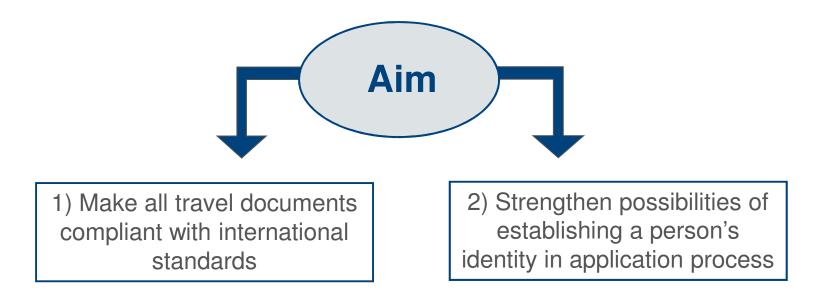
Travel Document Security

- Phase out old Passports
- Fully implement ePassport
- Introduce new ID document
- Interlink digital civil registry system with TDIS





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OSCE-IOM: Activities

- July 2011: Informative Meeting in Dushanbe; Fund raising
- July 2011: Technical Visit to passport enrolment centres in and around Dushanbe
 - → Travel Document Issuing System Reform Strategy
- August 2011: Official endorsement of programme development by Tajikistan
- 20 Sept 2011: Informative Meeting for OSCE pS, Vienna; Fund raising

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- Uzbekistan Activities
 - May 2011: study visit of Uzbek officials to North America
 - > Insights into travel document issuing processes
 - > Visit to ICAO Headquarters, MRTD programme
 - OSCE received official request to assist Uzbekistan in facilitating a Regional TDS Seminar; Status: currently under consideration.





ICAO PKD

Promoting the ICAO PKD

- October 2010: first awareness-raising workshop on PKD
- Additional national and sub-regional awareness raising activities planned
- Funds pledged for organization of 3 additional awareness-raising workshops over next 2 years



OSCE-INTERPOL Project

INTERPOL - Central Asia

- ePassports: vital to improved border inspection
- OSCE-IOM programme: link to INTERPOL projects
- 2008 needs assessment: OSCE-INTERPOL project for Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan
 - > Provide 20 border control points with real-time access to INTERPOL databases





OSCE-INTERPOL Project

INTERPOL - Central Asia

- October 2010: Technical Assessment Visit to Tajikistan
- October 2011: Technical Needs Assessment planned for Kyrgyzstan



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Forged Documents

Forged Document Trainings

- Training for border control officers
- 16 trainings conducted
 - > Latest: Afghan border officials at BMSC in Dushanbe, Kyrgyz officials in Bishkek
- Modules on printing techniques, document security features, forgery methods
- Masters Course planned for "top of the class" trainees from previous trainings

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Other Activities

LDS

 Evidence of Identity (EOI) / Towards Better Practice In National Identity Management



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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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