

Brief information about the project

Name of the project	AP09058370 “Social integration of internal migrants into the local community of large cities: social networks, social capital and urban space development”
Relevance	<p>This project analyzes the phenomenon of social integration of internal migrants into the urban society of Kazakhstan. The need to study the issues of integration of internal migrants in the Kazakh context is due to the continuous urbanization of the population and the increasing intensity of internal migration in the country. Analysis of the structure of internal migration indicates that intraregional migration prevails over interregional migration, which indicates a continuing trend of migration from rural areas to cities. In modern scientific literature, issues of social integration of immigrants in developed countries have been widely studied, while the social integration of internal migrants in developing countries has received much less attention from researchers. Immigration as a social phenomenon is accompanied by several significant differences between immigrants and the local population, including differences in legal status, language of communication, religious beliefs, and ethnicity, which creates certain obstacles to successful social integration. However, every change of place of residence, including within national borders, is usually associated with difficulties in adapting to the new social environment. Although in many ways rural-urban and urban migrants in Kazakhstan have much in common with urban residents, they are forced to overcome institutional, socio-structural and socio-cultural barriers caused by historical and ongoing inequalities in development of rural and urban areas. Institutional barriers may be reflected in documentation, registration, access to social services and other benefits, creating the conditions for the emergence of a “migration industry”. Limited employment opportunities and low-income levels hinder the economic integration of internal migrants. In addition, low socioeconomic status reduces internal migrants' social interaction with urban residents, affecting their urban identity, civic engagement, and social engagement. At the same time, an important reason for exclusion from social relations is residential segregation. At the same time, rural-urban migrants are stigmatized in the urban space despite their contribution to urban development.</p>
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this scientific project is to comprehensively study the social conditions and practices of social integration of internal migrants into the local society of large Kazakhstani cities, their interaction with the host urban society, the development and use of urban social infrastructure from the perspective of their total capital (economic, cultural and social) and social networks. The object of the study is internal migrants (including rural-urban and urban) living in large Kazakhstani cities.</p>
Objectives	Main objectives of the project:

	<p>Drawing up a social portrait of internal migrants in a large city based on their motives for moving, lifestyle, identity, socio-economic status;</p> <p>Measuring urban residents' perceptions of internal migrants;</p> <p>Determination of media discourse that contributes to the formation of attitudes towards internal migrants in urban society;</p> <p>Comparative analysis of international and national policies for the integration of internal migrants;</p> <p>Studying the strategy and practice of social integration of internal migrants into urban society.</p>
<p>Expected and achieved results</p>	<p>As a result of comparative sociological analysis, the socio-demographic characteristics of internal migrants in 3 large cities of the country (Nur-Sultan, Almaty and Shymkent) were determined. The motives of internal migrants are determined by their socio-economic status. Based on a bidirectional model, the social identity of migrants is identified in the context of “rural-urban”, “small town-city”.</p> <p>As a result of a comprehensive analysis, the use of the spatial dimension of social integration of internal migrants is justified. The features of the settlement of internal migrants and the places of their residential concentration are revealed. The image of the three largest cities in the country was constructed based on the perceptions and ideas of internal migrants.</p> <p>As a result of a comprehensive analysis of the international and national policies for the integration of internal migrants in the context of urbanization, the use of a three-phase model of the integration of internal migrants, covering the sequence of the following phases “circular migration - urban settlement - urban integration”, is justified. In addition, in addition to existing programs for structural (economic) integration, the need to help internal migrants to accelerate cultural and identification integration into mainstream urban society is justified.</p> <p>As a result of a comprehensive study of the social actions of internal migrants to integrate into urban society, particularly their awareness, two main strategies were identified - adaptation and integration. This classification assumes that in the first case, migrants take actions that are not related to integration, but which have consequences for this phenomenon. In other words, the basis of a survival strategy is reflexive action. In the second case, goal-oriented actions are taken to manage the integration. Thus, the adaptation/survival strategy is associated with structural integration, while the integration/implementation strategy is associated with complex integration. The study substantiated that structural integration does not always lead to complex integration. In addition, the conditions and directions in which internal migrants use social connections that form the core of their social capital are identified: “connections-ties”, “connections-bridges” and “connections-links”.</p>
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<p>Patents</p>	<p>-</p>