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U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan (6 April 2020)

Ashgabat

The U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, with the cooperation of the Government of Turkmenistan, has assisted dozens of U.S. citizens in Turkmenistan in returning to the United States.

On March 28, the U.S. Embassy facilitated the repatriation of U.S. citizens from Turkmenistan to Washington, DC, via a charter flight. The flight took place as part of a global effort by the U.S. Department of State to assist American citizens worldwide to return home, which has repatriated more than 43,100 U.S. citizens aboard more than 360 flights from 78 countries since January 29, 2020.

In addition to supporting U.S. citizens, the United States remains a committed partner of Turkmenistan as it takes steps to protect itself against the COVID-19 pandemic. The United States has made available more than \$920,000 in health assistance for Turkmenistan to help prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, bolster risk communication, and more. The United States has invested approximately \$21 million in healthcare, and more than \$201 million in total assistance to Turkmenistan over the past 20 years.

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