

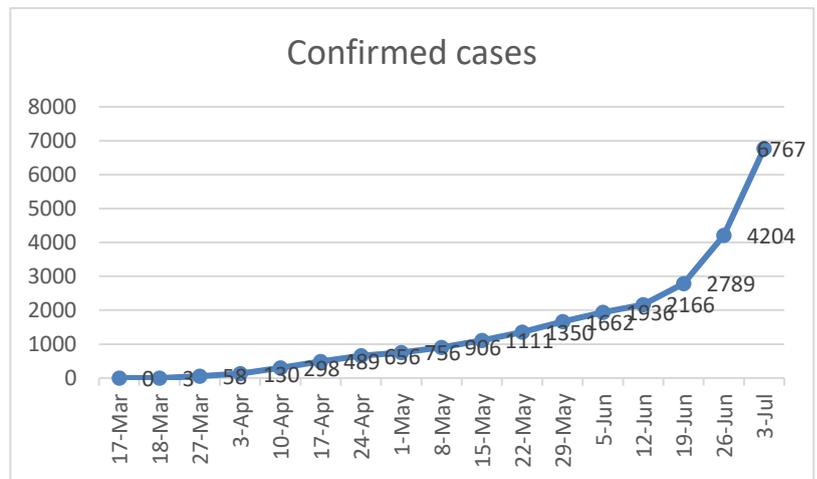
# DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

## Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

Date: 3 July 2020

| Key statistics<br>As of 3 July 2020         |      |
|---|------|
| Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 | 6767 |
| The number of new cases from total          | 506  |
| The number of human losses                  | 76   |
| The number of recovered cases               | 2655 |



## SITUATION UPDATE

On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan's Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing checkpoints in every region and city, and shutting down facilities (cafes, cinemas, shopping malls, and other entertainment places), leaving only grocery stores, food markets, pharmacies, and medical facilities.

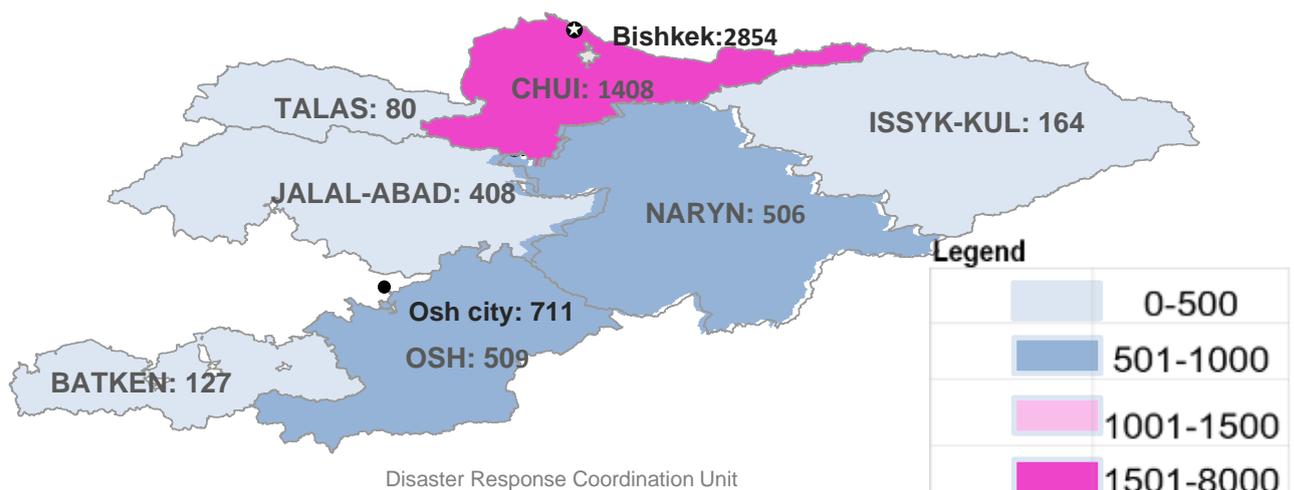
As of 3 July 2020, 6,767 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Kyrgyz Republic and 76 deaths. Among patients with confirmed cases 3,446 (51%) -female, 3,321 (49%) -male. Number of laboratory test in the last day – 2,955. The number of contacts with laboratory-confirmed patients with covid-19 is 23,019.

There is rapid increase of pneumonia cases (negative COVID-19). As of July 3, the number of patients with community-acquired pneumonia (negative COVID-19) who are in hospitals is 1724 people. 112 people are in intensive care, 337 are in serious condition. 23 people died from pneumonia last day. In total, 120 people have died since March, of which 66 in the last 5 days.

Government introduced stricter regime in Bishkek and Chui oblast. On the territory of the city of Bishkek, the following operation mode is established: public passenger transport will work on weekdays from 07.00 to 10.00 and from 17.00 to 21.00, and will not run on Saturdays and Sundays; cafes, restaurants, catering points are allowed to work only from 10.00 in the morning until 20.00 in the evening; supermarkets, shopping centers should change their opening hours daily from 9.00 a.m. to 8 p.m. All markets in the city will operate daily from 5.00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

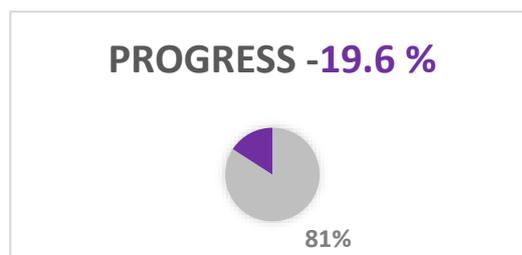
The following activities are prohibited: bike rental points, playgrounds and trampolines, nightclubs, bars, karaoke clubs and other entertainment venues regardless of the number of visitors, children's entertainment venues, football fields and playgrounds. City Hall restricts visits to parks, squares, boulevards, squares and other places of mass concentration and recreation of people.

### OVERVIEW AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL: COVID-19 total cases confirmed (people)



## FUNDING UPDATE

| Priority sectors            | Required (USD)    | Received (USD)    | % of funding |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Health                      | 15,800,000        | 3,278,885         | 20.75%       |
| Food security and Logistics | 13,429,000        | 4,449,000         | 33.13%       |
| WASH and NFI                | 1,400,000         | 67,000            | 4.78%        |
| Protection                  | 1,187,000         | 607,000           | 51.14%       |
| Education                   | 661,600           | 653,800           | 98.82%       |
| Early Recovery              | 18,864,000        | 1,004,000         | 5.32%        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>51,306,600</b> | <b>10,059,685</b> | <b>19.6%</b> |



## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period according National Shtab information below assistance was provided by Government and via bilateral channels.

### Government assistance



- On 30 June, Manas International Airport met a charter flight of Jazeera Airways on the Kuwait-Bishkek route, which returned to Kyrgyzstan 102 Kyrgyz citizens from Kuwait. On 1 July 2020, a charter flight of Flynas Airlines on the Dammam-Bishkek route was met. 121 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic from Saudi Arabia returned to their homeland, most of them students studying in educational institutions. On 3 July a charter flight of the Aviatraffic Company airline along the Novosibirsk-Bishkek route landed. 186 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic, including young children, returned to Kyrgyzstan from Russia. On 2 July a charter flight of the Aviatraffic Company airline on the Bishkek-Dhaka-Bishkek route. 103 Kyrgyz citizens from Bangladesh returned to Kyrgyzstan. On 2 July, a Pegasus Airlines charter flight on the Istanbul-Bishkek route was met. 232 Kyrgyz citizens from Turkey, including small children, returned to Kyrgyzstan.
- About 100 volunteer doctors from the regions will help Bishkek city doctors. This was announced at a meeting of the Republican Shtab, which was held by the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Kubatbek Boronov. Tonight, medical workers from Talas, Issyk-Kul and Naryn regions will depart. The arrival of doctors from Batken and Jalal-Abad regions is expected tomorrow. All of them will be distributed to hospitals where there is a lack of medical personnel, some of them will be involved in the work of the service 118.

| Name of Ministry  | Received to date (KGS) | Spent to date (KGS) | Balance (KGS) |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic                       | 138,865,348            | 128,162,125         | 10,703,223    |
| Ministry of Labor and Social Development of Kyrgyz Republic | 17,425,952             | 16,139,996          | 1,285,956     |
| Mayor's Office of Bishkek city                              | 7,096,326              | 5,920,373           | 1,175,953     |

## SECTORS RESPONSE

### EARLY RECOVERY

#### Needs:

- Support 620,100 vulnerable population
- Restore livelihoods and employment.
- Resolve border conflict and social cohesion in border areas
- Support returning migrants

**620,100**

People targeted

#### Response:

##### Assessments and researches

- UNDP in cooperation with ADB and the Ministry of Economy is finalizing Socio-economic impact assessment results. The results have been shared with national partners.

- Palladium has conducted an assessment in the textile sector and presented it to sector members.
- Palladium and Helvetas conducting assessments in agriculture, and tourism sectors.
- Youth needs assessment survey is completed by UN Youth thematic group members (UNFPA, UNICEF, RCO, UNDP, FAO, UNHCHR, UNESCO, ILO)
- IOM conducted an assessment on Migrant and remittances related to COVID-19 showing that labor migrant facing difficult conditions(living condition, access to basic services)
- WFP and the World Bank has shared findings of Rapid Household food security and vulnerability impact respectively
- ACTED/UNDP Needs assessments on MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) in rural and urban areas completed, showing 94% of MSMEs took a phone survey report a negative impact in sales decrease, discontinue of business and export goods.
- UNDP is preparing a development finance assessment to support governments and partners to take a more integrated approach to SDG financing along with recovery of the impact of COVID-19.

**Activities**

- UNDP handed over 25,000 surgical masks funded by KOICA to the Ministry of Emergency Situation for COVID-19 response.
- UNDP is procuring sets of video conferencing equipment funded by KOICA for MOES’s COVID-19 response and emergency management
- UNDP and UNICEF completed the first online hackathon in Kyrgyzstan to support entrepreneurs. 3 projects announced as winners of, the projects provide solutions for domestic violence, psychological support, and education for children
- Implementing activity of improvement of water and wastewater systems (EU/EBRD)
- Humanitarian Cash Transfers(Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent)
- Implementing Advance Passenger Information Systems (APIS) to monitor passengers arriving(IOM)
- UNDP in partnership with the State ICT Agency and High Technology Park completed innovation competition to address the negative effect of COVID-19. A total of 71 ideas were submitted and 2 ideas will be supported by UNDP(1. Involving hearing-impaired children to digital learning systems 2. telemedicine on-demand service for online-appointments with experienced doctor)
- Helvetas will start to implement activities in the service of waste management and water. The detailed project progress will be shared with Early recovery partners.
- Early Recovery partners will continue to support affected communities and national partners in basic services, livelihood, Migrant and social cohesion

**Programming and coordination**

- UNDP and UNCT in coordination with RC are preparing the joint UN socioeconomic response and recovery framework
- DPCC, DRCU, and an Early Recovery sector lead will discuss to harmonize data between the WG4 and DRCU sector members
- UNDP and Early recovery sector partners conduct regular meetings
- Next Early Recovery partner meeting will be 6th July with findings of socio-economic impact assessment(UNDP) and tourism(Helvetas)

**Gaps & Constraints:**

- Rapid increasing cases of COVI-19 and greater need in the health
- Increased prices of commodities (foods, fuel, and medicines) and some depreciation
- Reduction in remittance and lack of access to digital solutions to MSMEs
- A wide range of negative impacts on the business including textile, tourism, SMEs, etc.

**EDUCATION**

**Needs:**

- Approx. 2.4 million children and young people are affected by the educational facility closure and in need of remote learning. This may continue for the first quarter of next school year which starts on 1 September 2020.
- More than 100,000 teachers are in need of clear instructions and capacity for providing and monitoring remote learning.
- Approx. 500,000 parents/caregivers are in need of recommendations on how to effectively spend time with and support learning of children at home.

**2.5M**  
People targeted

**Response:**

- Reopening guideline for pre-schools has been developed in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Health. Based on the guideline, online trainings have been provided to 6,000 teachers as of today (the planned number is 8,000 across the country) to build their capacity in prior to pre-school reopening.
- Accessibility and equity analysis of remote learning for the previous school year (April – May 2020) is underway.
- WASH in pre-schools and schools needs assessment checklist development is underway.
- Remote learning preparation plan for the next school year 2020-2021 has been developed.

**Gaps & Constraints:**

- 6,000 video lessons need to be produced for the next school year and teacher capacity needs to be strengthened. >> Funding gap: approx. US\$ 650,000
- Based on the WASH needs assessment results, reopening guideline for schools need to be developed and necessary WASH and PPE equipment/supplies are planned to be procured. >> Funding gap: TBC

**FOOD SECURITY AND LOGISTICS****Needs:**

- 500,000 require immediate direct food assistance. It is estimated that about 1.83 million people will require food or cash assistance
- 400,000 smallholder farmers in need of support to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020

**500,000**

People targeted

**Response:**

- During April and May 2020, WFP in coordination with Ministry of Labour and Social Development distributed 2,041.4 metric tons of food assistance to 63,998 beneficiaries through regular asset creation and training programmes.
- In May, WFP provided emergency food assistance to social inpatient institutions which was delivered in two shipments including 59 metric tons (20-days ration for 3,203 beneficiaries in 22 social inpatient institutions for elderly, people with disabilities and orphans) between 7-12 May 2020 and 207 metric tons (70-day ration) between 27-29 May 2020. Food distributions were following with online training and consultations of COVID-19 preventive measures.
- In May, WFP re-distributed the wheat flour from its school meals programme, which was suspended due to school closures, to over 53,000 primary school children from rural families to ensure their food security during the pandemic.
- In June, WFP is planning to reprioritize another 565 tons of food assistance to reach people living in extreme poverty. Delivery and distribution shifted to the 1st week of July 2020.
- WFP conducted a Rapid Household Food Security Assessment to provide a snapshot of households exposure to shocks and stresses.
- Government is reported to allocate KGS 200 million to provide food assistance to low-income families.
- Development Partners Coordination Country group on Food Security and Nutrition conducted regular meeting to finalize the anti-crisis plan to address the emerging needs to maintain food security and nutrition of the population. Measures include support to private sector to stabilize the markets, stockpiling food as part of state material reserve and cash transfers to the population economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
- Recommendations on appropriate breastfeeding and complementary feeding developed, approved by the Experts Council of the MoH on 6, April, 2020 and delivered to regional health coordinators for further dissemination (210,000 copies) to maternal and new-born facilities, and health promotion units of the family medicine centres country-wide
- Support on continuation of existing essential nutrition services, including procurement of essential nutrition supplies to vulnerable children and pregnant women. Funding request submitted to the WB
- WFP Global Passenger Service provision in the Middle East and CIS region. The 1st passenger flight from the designated hub in Sharjah, UAE to Manas International Airport and back is tentatively scheduled for the 6th July 2020 (TBC). WFP planning to organize 1-hour webinar on this service to UNCT and respective technical focal points on the 29th June 2020 at 15.00 pm via Teams. Invitation was circulated by WFP DCD/OiC already.
- In May-June, FAO provided technical assistance to MoA in development of road map as well as action plan for the new national import substitution program to ensure food security and to be less dependent on foreign food imports.
- In June, FAO in partnership with WFP completed online agronomic consultations for selected agronomists from the 4 rayons (Batken, Suzak, Kara-Suu and Kochkor) affected from COVID-19 and climate shocks.

## COVID-19

- Upon the Government's requests, FAO provided support to vulnerable farmers and households in provision with 134 tones of fertilizers, 24.5 tones of fuel, seeds, plants, poultry development, procurement of IT-equipment.
- In June, FAO delivered 300 mini-plastic tunnel greenhouses, set of vegetable seeds for 300 beneficiaries in Naryn oblast (Zhungal, Naryn, At-Bashy and Ak-Talaa rayons) and 30 kgs of sweet corn for more than 300 beneficiaries in Suzak, Nookat and Kadamjai rayons affected by COVID-19 in the south region within the UN Joint Programme on ARWEE (UN Women, WFP, IFAD and FAO)
- FAO conducts weekly online consultations with SHGs jointly with UN Women and FAO continued to provide field and on-line consultancy services (through WhatsApp groups) and technical (agronomic) support for beneficiaries during the growing season. (JP ARWEE)
- In May-June FAO conducted agronomic trainings on vegetable production technologies for the selected SHGs (300 beneficiaries) from 12 pilot villages in Naryn oblast (Zhungal, Naryn, At-Bashy and Ak-Talaa rayons). (JP ARWEE)

### Gaps & Constraints:

- There is an urgent need to raise 8.4 million USD to cover the two months food requirement of about 500,000 most poor and vulnerable in the country during June-July 2020.
- There is urgent need to mobilize 2.5 million USD in support of smallholder farmers to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020 with a focus on ensuring their access to seeds, labor, fertilizer and livelihood care due to restrictions set during this crisis.
- UNICEF re-programmed some funds to meet immediate covid19 related needs and planning implementation with cooperating partners. While this will meet some urgent needs, however, the activities still face 530,000 USD gap.
- Provision of extension services (trainings and consultations) via online have been prioritized in times of crises, systematic approach should be applied at national level
- Not all smallholder farmers have adequate access to the digitalised technology&applications (ZOOM, skype including smartphones) to participate in online trainings as well as consultations

## HEALTH

### Progress:

- Health partners continue to support capacity building interventions to strengthen COVID response and support the maintenance of essential health services including immunization, non-communicable disease management, reproductive health, mental health and psychosocial support
- WHO supporting Kyrgyzstan to implement and conduct sero-epidemiological study.
- Partners continue support to strengthen communication, awareness raising at facility and community level. Support to production of tailored material to address priority risks.
- Support MoH participation in the solidarity trail.
- Partners continue to support the provision of essential supplies and equipment.

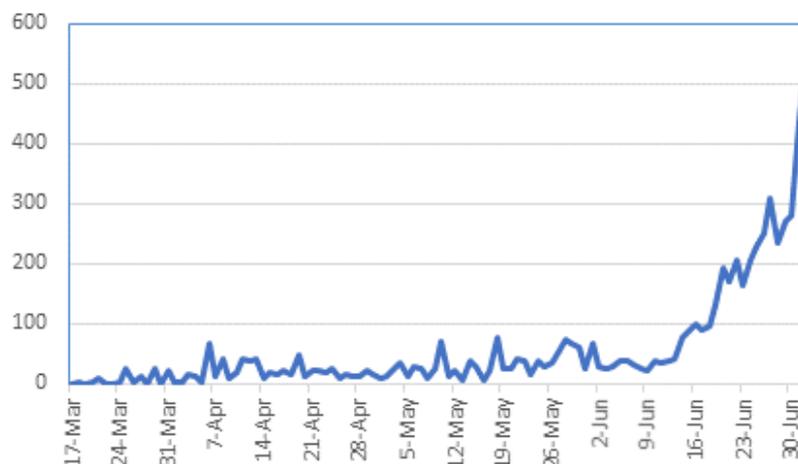
**6.2**  
**MILLION**  
People targeted

### Epidemiological update:

As of July 2, 2020:

- 6261 COVID-19 cases confirmed in Kyrgyzstan
- 66 deaths (1.05% Case Fatality Rate)
- 40.4% recovered.
- 359% increase of 14-day cumulative incidence

**Daily trend of COVID19 confirmed cases as July 2**



### Needs:

- Provision of Laboratory supplies and reagents

- Delivery of Ventilators and oxygen concentrators
- Continue Trainings of health specialists
- Update forecasting for critical needs (oxygen concentrators and PPE)
- Community awareness and adherence to public health measures

## PROTECTION

### Needs:

- Continuous monitoring of children in residential institutions and provision of necessary support to safeguard their wellbeing and prevent spreading the COVID-19.
- Increased support to social workforce in reaching out to most vulnerable cases and children affected by violence after the end of the lockdown including provision of additional PPE equipment.
- Informatization process of children and families in difficult life situations.
- Analysis of socio-economic impact of the current emergency on children.
- Continuous support to the promotion of prevention of violence against children and positive parenting campaigns.
- Need of media campaign to address lack of recognition of COVID -19 emergency among the population.

**1.5**  
**MILLION**  
People targeted

### Response:

- The support to the legal aid Hotline 112 will be extended until the end of October 2020. Between 1 May and 30 June 2020, a total 479 legal consultations were provided through the Hotline with the support of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic. 327 inhabitants of the Bishkek city, 152 citizens from the regions. Out of the 479 calls, 291 were from women and 188 from men; the request for legal consultations were on the following topics: Labour rights protection (58); family law (63); criminal law (40) and Domestic violence (20)
- Guidelines for law enforcement agencies during the emergency have been finalized and will be adopted soon by the Expert Working Group established under MIA. UNDP will then immediately start orientation and trainings for police.
- GBV sub-sector is contributing to the implementation of recommendation of the National Council on women development and gender.
- Webinar promoting consultation and support skills for operators and psychologists of 111, 112 and other relevant partners have been conducted.
- Follow up discussion on sustainable development of Crises Centers in the current situation.
- Data collection for the rapid impact assessment of COVID-19 on youth is now complete. Of the 800 respondents in the age between 15-29, 67,9% were from rural area and 32,1% were living in towns and cities. Some trends from preliminary results: during the quarantine, an increase in alcohol and cigarette consumption among youth has been registered. Teenage girls between the ages of 15-18 were more exposed to online bullying and sexual harassment and were most likely to harm themselves during the pandemic. Data shows that more than half of the respondents were ready to ask for help to the police and prosecutors. The trust of vulnerable groups in the police much lower and this gap was filled by confidence in crisis centers. A high level of anxiety (about 60%) among youth has been also reported, especially for the health of family members and friends. Anxiety among women were higher and they were more worried about future. On education, almost 90% of respondents reported that they continued their studies online and WhatsApp / Viber / Telegram were the most popular means for communication with teachers and classes. Video tutorials on TV, the Internet, and webinars and online classes were considered most effective methods of online learning. Moreover, data shows that the most effective way by which organizations can share information and provide support in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic is through social networks such as Facebook, Instagram and any other virtual networks.

### Gaps and constraints:

- Shortage of staff in various ministries and organizations.
- Lack of centralized and electronic data on vulnerable children.
- Unavailability of sufficient pool of quality psychosocial support.
- Cases of restriction of access to medical care were identified during the monitoring.

**Needs:**

- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Schools
- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Health facilities
- Provide Support to local services (waste, water) to maintain the operations
- Support the major cities with the public awareness on COVID-19 related measures
- Strengthen IPC related activities in health, public and school facilities

**500,000**

Targeted people

**Response:**

- Ministry of Education is on the process to finalize the WASH assessment in education facilities (pre-schools and schools) the whole country; next week will be launched
- Procurement of 1000 FHK (family hygiene kit) and 200 BHK (baby hygiene kit) will be delivered for pregnant women after giving birth who COVID-19 positive and to support the quarantine period
- UNICEF and IOM are planning to deliver 500 FHK for retiring migrants
- 500 FHK will be store in UNICEF warehouse in Osh for immediately request from the government
- UNICEF plans to implement the WASH assessment in health facilities the whole country with MOH. It will be launch ed ASAP
- UNICEF revised the request to rehabilitate the oxygen generators from Osh maternity hospital
- Applied to donors the funding 500,000 EURO for rehabilitating WASH infrastructures of maternity hospitals in Osh and Bishkek
- UNICEF plans training and to provide equipment for IPC (infection prevention control)
- Helvetas
- Implements COVID-19 response public service improvement project such as financial support (drinking water providers, waste management providers) for 40 municipalities
- Starts communication activities between the municipalities and citizens related to health protection measures and the need services for citizens
- Red Crescent provided FHK (1 kit: for two adults and three children) to 50 families for the last week
- AKF secured funds from Global Affairs Canada to support COVID-response in the country. Relevant activities for this working group are 1) the provision of personal sanitizing/WASH packages to 3,000 vulnerable families in 10 districts (Alai, Chong-Alai, Kara-Kulja, Ala-Buka, Aksy, At-Bashi, Ak-Talaa, Naryn (incl. Naryn town), Jungal and Kochkor) and 2) working with village health committees and other local CSOs to disseminate messages related to COVID-19, inclusion WASH practices, in their communities in the same 10 districts
- Mercy Corps
- A construction company prepares infrastructure of schools on the filed on the field
- 25 latrines are planned to build up at 25 schools
- Other 50 latrines will be rehabilitated in other 50 public schools
- 120 sanitation facilities including handwashing stations will be build up and be rehabilitated at targeted schools
- Handwashing intervention will be implemented in 50 schools for students, teachers and school cooks
- A minimum sanitation standard (improve handwashing/ sanitation places) required for kitchen and canteen areas during hot meal preparation process by re-opening school
- Hot meals will be able to provide for students at targeted schools when school re-opened in September
- Improved handwashing capacity at 72-73 targeted schools
- Work with MOH in terms of health education awareness messages, personal hygiene, standard hygiene at home for children and families
- Video clips which broadcasted on regional TV stations in terms of a minimum standard and requirement of family latrines at home with cost effective-way. This video posted on Facebook

**Gaps & Constraints:**

- WASH remains the most underfunded sector
- No constant or almost none information or requests for assistance is provided/coming from MES last couple of weeks
- No analysis/studies/assessments available on WASH in Schools and Health facilities at the country level
- The support will be provided based on immediate funding availability and through reprogramming of ongoing projects where appropriate.

## GENERAL COORDINATION

The Government established in January 2020 a special stab (coordination center) under the Prime Minister. The Republican Shtab supported by two shtabs on health and socio-economic response. The Republican stab consists of all line ministries responsible for COVID-19 response. To develop proposals for implementation of measures aimed at attracting external assistance to overcome the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic established expert working groups in the four areas.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic (MoES) is the operational branch for the Government's Republican stab to coordinate all kinds of emergencies. MoES operates in collaboration with other line ministries, the territorial government bodies, local authorities, international and non-governmental organizations, directly and through subordinate bodies.

Even before the first COVID-19 cases were recorded, the Government has taken a number of measures to mitigate the spread of the disease. Following the confirmation of the first confirmed cases, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic introduced a state of emergency in the country from 22 March 2020.

**On 16 March 2020 Government requested activation of Disaster Response Coordination Unit (DRCU) Council.**

In small and medium scale emergencies, DRCU takes the responsibility to coordinate and plan the multisector response. Under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator the international humanitarian community in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan has established DRCU, which comprises the heads of the UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, international organizations and NGOs. UN OCHA National Disaster Response Advisor supports DRCU as Secretariat, DRCU is a consultative-deliberative mechanism whose main purpose is to coordinate humanitarian response to emergencies welcomed and/or upon the Kyrgyz Government relevant request and enhance collaboration among DRCU partners and other key actors.

On May 2020 Government endorsed Response and Recovery Plan and on 20 June Vice Prime Minister Ismailova sign it.