

DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

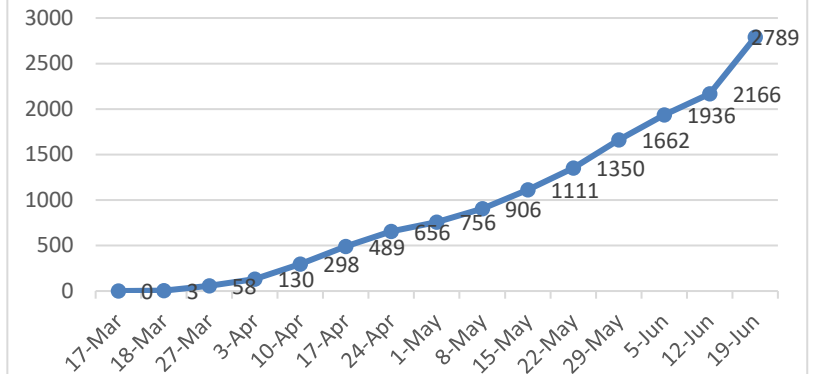
Date: 19 June 2020

Key statistics

As of 19 June 2020

Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19	2789
The number of new cases from total	132
The number of human losses	32
The number of recovered cases	1961

Confirmed cases



SITUATION UPDATE

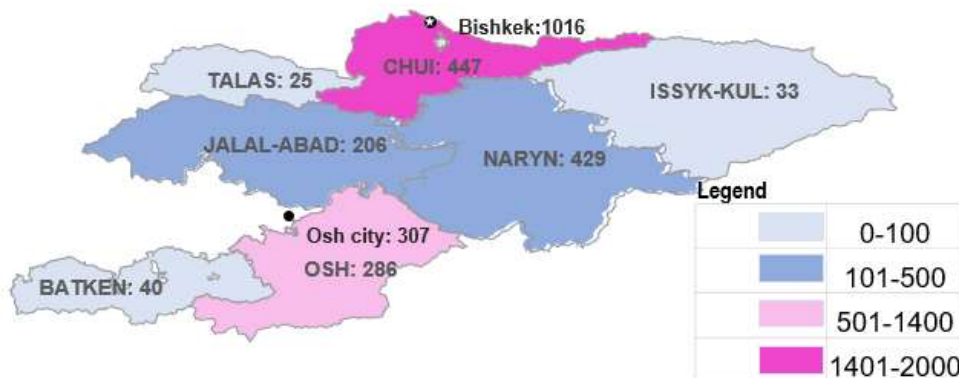
On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan's Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing 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 19 June 2020, 2,789 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Kyrgyz Republic and 32 deaths. Please also see in the table age disaggregation among the confirmed cases as of 19 June 2020. Out of total confirmed cases: cases among women- 1,457(52%), cases among men – 1,322(48%). Number of laboratory test in the last day – 4,534 . The number of contacts with laboratory-confirmed patients with covid-19 is 11,609 and 1,336people are on observation.

The emergency state was expired on 10 May, but it was decided to leave the emergency regime and quarantine in Bishkek and Osh cities, in At-Bashi district of the Naryn region and in the rural district of Kanysh-Kiya Chatkal district of the Jalal-Abad region.

Age group	Number	% from total
Under 15	333	11.9
From 16 to 19	110	3.9
From 20 to 35	1029	36.9
From 35 to 55	858	30.8
Above 55	459	16.4

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

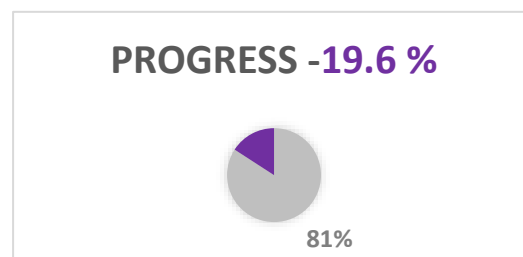


On 16 June the Republican Shtab decided that COVID-19 patients with no symptoms will be observed at home. At the same time, mobile teams will conduct a study of the living conditions of the patient in order to exclude possible risks of infection of others. Such measures will reduce the burden on medical institutions and, most importantly, on medical workers.

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Sources: Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

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%
Total	51,306,600	10,059,685	19.6%



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

- As of 16 June 2020, the following persons may enter the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic: accredited or appointed employees of diplomatic missions and consular posts of foreign states in the Kyrgyz Republic; accredited or appointed employees of international organizations and their missions located in the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as family members of the specified persons (to inform in advance through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic); citizens of foreign states and stateless persons on the basis of an official request from the diplomatic mission and consular post of a foreign state in the Kyrgyz Republic or the diplomatic mission and consular post of the Kyrgyz Republic (inform in advance through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic); members of delegations of foreign states and international organizations traveling to the Kyrgyz Republic on invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic; employees of the State Enterprise "National Company Kyrgyz Temir Zholu ", ensuring the daily operation of the railway in the territory of neighboring states (Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Uzbekistan); foreign specialists - citizens of foreign states and stateless persons with labor visas of the Kyrgyz Republic (type "W1" and "W2"); citizens of foreign states and stateless persons who are members of families of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic (subject to documentary confirmation of the fact of close family ties - spouse, parents, children); foreign specialists - citizens of the EAEU member states on official application of state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic; international freight drivers, crews and flight crews of aircraft, train and locomotive brigades of international railway traffic.
- As of 16 June 2020, the following may leave the Kyrgyz Republic: There are no restrictions on leaving the Kyrgyz Republic regarding citizens. There are no restrictions on the exit from the Kyrgyz Republic of foreign citizens, stateless persons.
- On 13 June, the Aeroflot-Russian Airline`s board arrived in Kyrgyzstan, which returned 355 citizens from Moscow to Kyrgyzstan and on 14 June, the Aeroflot-Russian Airline board arrived in Osh. 437 citizens were returned to Kyrgyzstan from Russia, including young children. 16 June, 3 citizens of Kyrgyzstan returned to Bishkek from Korea. On 17 June, Manas International Airport met a charter flight of the Aviatraffic Company airline along the Kazan-Bishkek route, which returned students studying in Russia and Kyrgyz citizens to their homeland. On 17 June, Manas International Airport met a charter flight of Pakistan International Airlines along the route Islamabad-Bishkek-Islamabad. 100 Kyrgyz citizens returned to Kyrgyzstan from Pakistan.

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:

Activities

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 tools for MOES's Covid-19 response and 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
- 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)
- UNDP is procuring sets of video conferencing equipment funded by KOICA for MOES's COVID-19 response and emergency management
- 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
- Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan joined the sector and is planning early recovery projects(planning to run Cash Assistance)
- Next Early Recovery partner meeting will be 15th June with findings of socio-economic impact assessment(UNDP) and textile(Palladium)

Gaps & Constraints:

- Increased prices of commodities (foods, fuel, and medicines)
- Reduction in remittance
- 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 in Chui, Osh and Issyk-Kul as of today (the planned number is 8,000 across the country) to build their capacity in prior to pre-school reopening.
- WASH in pre-schools and schools needs assessment checklist development is underway.
- Plan for the preparation of video lessons for the next school year 2020-2021 is currently under development.

Gaps & Constraints:

- At the Sector meeting held on 22 May, H.E. Minister Kanybek Isakov requested the Sector's support especially in the following areas:
 - a) Reopening of preschools by disinfecting the premises (447 kindergartens for 7,542 children and more), providing thermography cameras, disinfectant tunnels, disinfectants for daily sanitation and PPE for children and teachers;
 - b) Completion of 2019-2020 school year by supporting the implementation of learning outcome assessment for part of the graduating students (1,300 people), university admission exams and Olympiad the student competition in different subjects;
 - c) Preparation of video lessons for the next school year 2020-2021, in preparation to the potential preschool and school closure after September.
- In addition, the Sector will be supporting the Ministry with preparation of safe return to schools.

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 is expected at the end June 2020.
- WFP is finalizing a Rapid Household Food Security Assessment which aims 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

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.

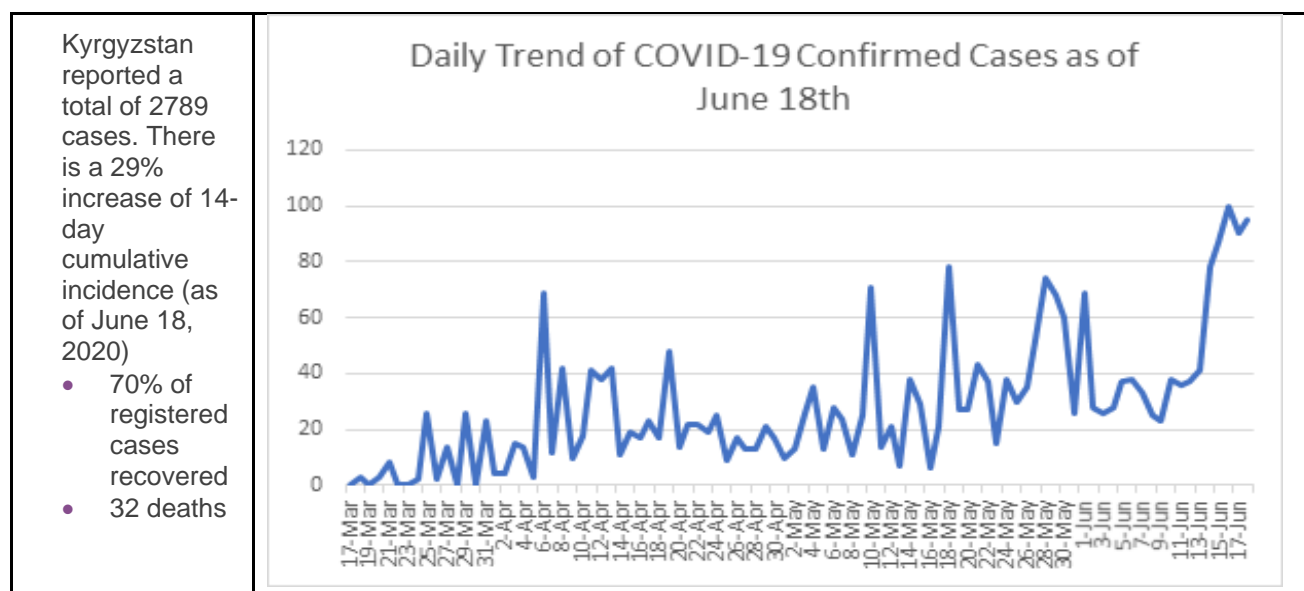
HEALTH

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
- 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, serological study, and behavioral insight study.
- Provision of essential supplies and equipment.
- Provision of tools and guidelines to strengthen preparedness at Ports of Entry

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MILLION
People targeted

Epidemiological update:



Needs:

- Laboratory tests
- Strengthening national capacity to address infection among health workers.
- Awareness raising of the community and need for the support of key influencer to promote prevention measures (including physical distancing and avoiding mass gathering)

Needs:

- Provision of additional support to the hotline service 118; two additional psychologists need to be hired until the end of the year.
- Media campaign to address lack of recognition of COVID -19 Emergency.
- 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.
- The population needs to be informed about changes in regimes, especially in regions where the state of emergency has been lifted, but the emergency (quarantine) regime remains active.
- Provision of direct support to survivors of GBV and domestic violence, such as safe spaces, social/psychosocial support and access to service points (medical and legal).
- Support the prevention and response to cases of GBV and domestic violence through existing hotlines.
- Continuous monitoring of children in residential institutions and provision of necessary support to safeguard their wellbeing and prevent spreading the COVID-19.
- Need to increase support to social workforce in reaching out to most vulnerable cases and children affected by violence after the end of the lockdown.
- Informatization process of children and families in difficult life situations.
- Analysis of socio-economic impact of the current emergency on children needs to be conducted.
- Continuous support to the promotion of prevention of violence against children and positive parenting campaigns.
- Public awareness campaigns on GBV/ domestic violence issues, especially at the local level.

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MILLION
People targeted

Response:

- On June 13, the National Gender Council conducted ad hoc meeting with the Government, civil society organizations and international organizations working in GBV sector. The meeting, facilitated by the Vice Prime Minister Aida Ismailova and Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Development Aliza Soltonbekova, was devoted to the recent case of GBV in Suzak rayon and GBV in general. As a result of the meeting, the state service providers and local self-government were reprimanded, and the case was taken under control of Vice Prime Minister and Prosecutor.
- Parliament has established a Council on Women's rights and countering gender-based violence to be chaired by a vice-speaker (details will be shared next week).
- UNITE is developing messages and adapting its communication strategy to respond to emerging cases of GBV (not related to COVID-9)
- USAID supported crisis center Kaniet to provide legal and psychological support to GBV survivor in Suzak.
- By the end of June, Safe spaces for GBV survivors arranged by UNFPA will stop receiving women. Currently, UNFP is supporting the Association of Crisis Centers to develop further strategies to support women at emergency. Currently, 6 women and 10 children are living in the safe space of Bishkek.
- Equipment and technical support will be provided to Ministry of Labor and Social Development to adapt existing 1227 Hotline (temporarily established to provide support in relation to COVID19) to regular online service to respond to social issues, domestic violence and GBV.

Gaps and constraints:

- Some shelters and crisis centers to service GBV survivors are not able to operate.
- The rate of GBV remains high and there is no official appeal in place from the government to address the issues.
- The lack of access to information on GBV, domestic violence prevention and response among vulnerable groups is of major concern.
- Now that the restrictions on employment and entrepreneurship have been lifted, many individuals face problems in getting back to work. This problem particularly affects persons employed on daily earnings as well as persons who were dismissed during the pandemic.
- Along with the Government, Kyrgyz citizens returning from foreign countries become targets of hate speech.
- Lack of centralized and electronic data on vulnerable children remains a major concern.
- Scarce State inclusion of youth in the emergency response.
- Unavailability of sufficient pool of quality psychosocial support .

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:

- UNICEF is looking into possibilities to procure 500 family hygiene kits to support the returning migrants' families with critical WASH items.
- As an immediate response, UNICEF will procure 200 baby hygiene kits for newborn children and their mothers stranded in hospitals or maternity centers as a result of positive test on COVID-19
- UNICEF is planning to do the assessment of WASH condition in school facilities and health facilities due to a better understand the risk associated with children's comeback to school and tailored intervention in health facilities to prevent further spread of the virus among health workers
- As part of the WASH crisis communication, we will support the Osh Mayor's office with banners and other messaging in public spaces to promote basic rules such as social distance, wearing masks, etc. The details are being discussed with colleagues and mayor's office.
- Helvetas:
 - Support local budget subsidies line for services
 - Provide protective equipment for service providers
 - Communicate with the citizens for COVID-19 measures, the current crisis, potential second wave, etc.
 - Work with the citizens and municipalities as soon as possible re-establish the necessary level of payment
- Mercy Corps:
 - Related to WASH interventions in Schools the funding was approved, and the total would be around one million USD
 - Funds will be used for Intensive sanitation and hygiene related interventions at all targeted schools with installations of additional handwashing stations
 - 50 new latrines will be constructed at 50 schools and 50 more latrines will be repaired and improved in other 50 public schools
 - New handwashing stations with liquid sops, disposable towels, etc. will be installed in 35 schools (these items already purchased but have not been delivered due to restriction of movement)
 - All activities should be completed until the end of the summer holidays or before the beginning of the school year Family hygiene kit will be distributed for three villages in Jalal-bad oblast at the request of the private company (budget came from the private sector)
- 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
- The Red Crescent Society provided family hygiene kits to 17 044 vulnerable families in all 7 provinces of Kyrgyz Republic and Bishkek city between period of March – June 2020
- 50 health facilities in Chui, Osh, Batken, Issyk Kul and Jalal Abad provinces received WASH items provided by RCSK between period of April -June 2020

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.

COMMUNICATION

Based on the request of the Republican Shtab, UN agencies deployed communication specialists to the Press Center of the Republican Shtab to increase an effectiveness of risk communication activities through regular press briefings and timely dissemination of information through digital means:

- UNICEF has deployed three consultants - social media manager, designer and animation designer for two months, with potential extension of service to June 2020;
- UNDP has provided two sign language translators for three months;
- WHO together with the Ministry of Health produced 22 short videos as well as 1 documentary film to raise public awareness about myths around COVID-19 and to highlight the importance of basic protective measures against the new coronavirus;
- WHO in a close collaboration with the Centre of Health Promotion and Mass communication and Mayor of Bishkek city is developing risk communication materials (posters and flyers) on basic protective measures for public transports, main entrance of malls, and other crowded places in Bishkek city;
- WHO is continuing to conduct a series of online webinars for various target audiences on various topics related to the COVID-19 risk communication. Recordings and materials are available via <http://bit.ly/2vifQjj>
- WHO is planning to launch behavioral insights (BI) research across the country to assess to understand public levels of trust, people's perceptions of risk, and the barriers they may face in following recommended actions;
- WHO in partnership with UNICEF in Kyrgyzstan launched a chatbot so-called "HealthBuddy" <https://healthbuddy.info/> to the Health Ministry's website in Kyrgyz, Russian, and English language. It will include useful local information like the national hotlines, essential guidance, WHO recommendations. The chatbot will provide answers to questions relevant to citizens of Kyrgyzstan and will help the Ministry of Health to manage rumors more effectively. Citizens can report via the chatbot any fake news and rumors they have come across, and these can be clarified with facts and evidence.
- UNICEF has produced eight videos on preventive measures and hygiene during COVID-19 targeting children and adolescents. Videos are disseminated in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek in social media and TV channels.
- UNDP has produced a series of videos on social distancing, mental health and free legal aid through 112 hotline
- WFP has produced a video, printing materials and arranged online consultations on COVID-19 preventive measures for the personnel of social inpatient institutions
- In support of MLSD and 111 Helpline, UNICEF has produced 8 videos on how to maintain a healthy and pleasant environment in family during the quarantine, how to talk with children and adolescents about COVID-19 targeting parents. Videos are disseminated in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek in social media and TV channels
- To support families during the quarantine, UNICEF has organized weekly online consultations with psychologists in social media for parents and adolescents.
- To promote principles of positive parenting and help to decrease level of pressure during the quarantine, UNICEF continuously is organizing social media challenges for parents on good parenting. Average coverage of these challenges is about 500K social media users.
- UNDP with UNICEF in partnership with the High Technology Park organized the e-Hackathon to find digital solutions to mitigate and address consequences for women and children in isolation. 53 applicants formed teams and produced 18 solutions. First three winners got financial prizes.
- Jointly with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF has produced a series of videos on remote learning for school children and preschoolers' parents.
- Media partnerships with KLOOP and Azattyk within Spotlight initiative has been launched
- UNICEF is providing support to the communication team of Ministry of Education - consultant hired, continuously supporting in content development for MoES social media
- UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women within Spotlight project jointly with MLSD have produced leaflets for victims of domestic violence. Hard copies in Russian and Kyrgyz will be widely disseminated in regions. Online versions are available at UN and MLSD websites, social media pages;
- UNICEF jointly with the Government of Kyrgyz Republic organized the First online summit of children of Kyrgyzstan (one of the key topics - what positive lessons has been learnt from the quarantine);
- UNDP in cooperation with the State Committee on ICT announced a call for innovators to come up with solutions to help those who are in isolation in main four areas: online learning, e-health, contactless economy and socializing. 73 applications have been received. Two solutions have been financially supported: an app for pre-school children with hearing impairments and telemedical service during COVID-19.
- UN Crisis Communication Team has organized coordination and knowledge-sharing platform for non-UN international partners on communications during the COVID-19 outbreak

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.