

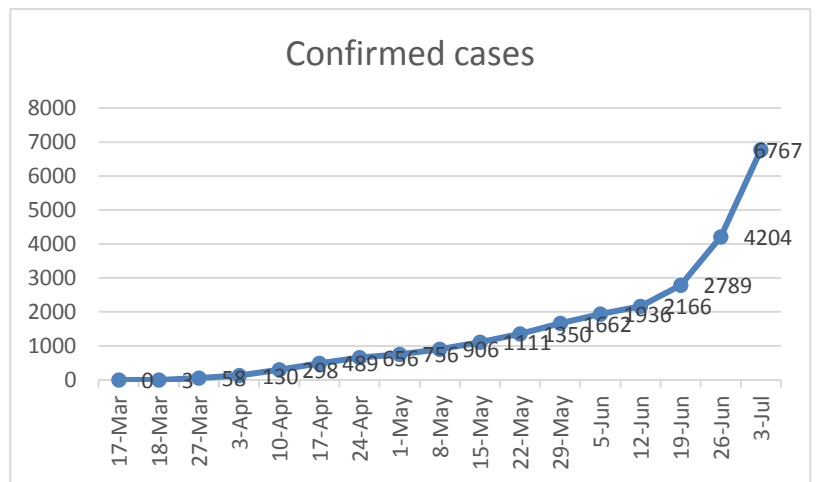
# DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

## Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

Date: 10 July 2020

Key statistics As of 10 July 2020	
Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19	9358
The number of new cases from total	511
The number of human losses	122
The number of recovered cases	3134



## SITUATION UPDATE

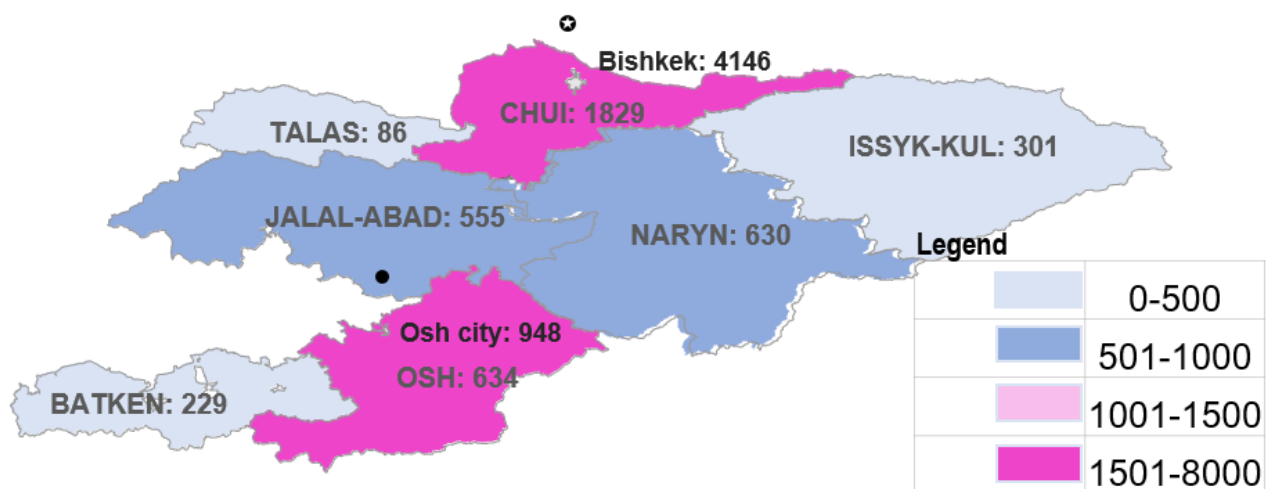
On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan's Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing 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 10 July 2020, 9,358 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Kyrgyz Republic and 122 deaths. Among patients with confirmed cases 4,809 (51%) -female, 4,549 (49%) -male.

There is rapid increase of pneumonia cases (negative COVID-19). As of July 10, 40 people died from pneumonia last day. In total, 350 people have died since March.

In all oblasts, on 9 July 2020, the work of public transport carrying passengers on regular intercity bus routes of interregional communication is suspended.

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

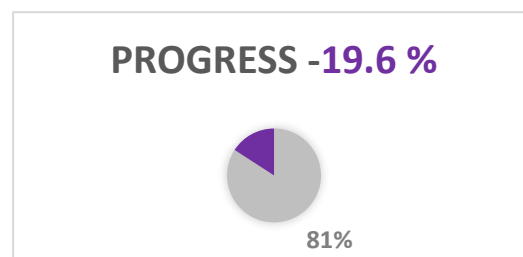


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Sources: Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

## 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%
<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 to National Shtab information below assistance was provided by Government and via bilateral channels.

### Government assistance

- In Bishkek, 4 centers were opened for daytime treatment of mild and moderate forms of acute respiratory viral infections and pneumonia. The centers serve up to 700 people per hour. The centers are opened in four districts of the capital.
- The number of paid allowances to salaries was increased by 25-30% for medical workers and employees of medical organizations.
- On 7 July, another 15 doctors of Batken region headed to the capital to help colleagues in the fight against coronavirus infection.
- The “green corridor” has been extended for citizens of foreign states and stateless persons residing in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic. Foreign citizens, as well as stateless persons who are currently in the territory of Kyrgyzstan in a visa and visa-free order, will be able to leave the country without issuing exit visas and requiring registration at the place of stay until the cancellation of the order.
- In Kyrgyzstan, the birge.pro platform has been launched to coordinate the assistance of volunteers to medical institutions.

On 4 July, Pegasus Airlines charter flight on the Istanbul-Bishkek route was met at Manas International Airport. 237 Kyrgyz citizens including young children are returned from Turkey to Kyrgyzstan. On 4 July, at Osh International Airport a charter flight of the Aviatrafik Company airline on the Moscow-Osh route was met. 148 Kyrgyz citizens returned from Russia to Kyrgyzstan. On 5 July, Osh International Airport met a charter flight of Aeroflot airline on the Moscow-Osh route. 336 Kyrgyz citizens were returned from Russia to Kyrgyzstan. On 5 July, Manas International Airport met a charter flight of Aeroflot Airlines on the Moscow-Bishkek route. 424 Kyrgyz citizens were returned from Russia to Kyrgyzstan, including 26 young children. The second convoy of buses with 533 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic arrived. So, on 6 July, from the Sol-Iletsk city of the Orenburg region of the Russian Federation, 1,496 citizens returned to their homeland in 32 buses provided by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. On 7 July, Manas International Airport met a charter flight of Ural Airlines on the Yekaterinburg-Bishkek route. 218 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic returned, including young children. On 8 July, at Osh International Airport, a charter flight of S7 Airlines along the Novosibirsk-Osh route was met. On 8 July, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the arrival of a 182 citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic from the Republic of Belarus on an Avia Traffic Company airline flight on the Minsk-Bishkek route. On 8 July, S7 Airlines charter flight arrived in Kyrgyzstan, following the Moscow-Osh route, which returned to Kyrgyzstan 221 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic from Russia, including young children. On 8 July, 326 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic returned to Kyrgyzstan from the Republic of Turkey, including young children. On 8 July, the Siberia Airlines (S7) arrived in Kyrgyzstan on the Novosibirsk-Bishkek route, to which 213 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic returned from Russia. On 9 July, Osh International Airport met a charter flight of Ural Airlines on the route St. Petersburg-Osh. On 10 July, the airline Aviatrafik arrived in Kyrgyzstan along the Novosibirsk-Bishkek route, 192 citizens, including young children, returned from Russia.

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 are finalizing assessments in the 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 leads will discuss to harmonize data between the WG4 and DRCU sector members
- UNDP and Early recovery sector partners conduct regular meetings. The upcoming meeting will be held 2nd July with findings of socio-economic impact assessment(UNDP) and Tourism(Helvetas)

#### Gaps & Constraints:

- Increased prices of commodities (foods, fuel, and medicines)
- Restricting public bus, minibuses, and taxis in Bishkek
- 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 shifted to the 1st week of July 2020.
- WFP conducted a Rapid Household Food Security Assessment to provide a snapshot of household's 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.

## COVID-19

- 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.
- 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 (Zhumgal, 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 (Zhumgal, Naryn, At-Bashy and Ak-Talaa rayons). (JP ARWEE)
- FAO is providing support for preparedness and emergency response to locust infestations in the Kyrgyz Republic. Currently, pesticide procurement is being finalized. Procurement of Test-mate ChE Cholinesterase Test System and AChE Erythrocyte Cholinesterase Assay kit is under process. Briefing sessions to spraying staff on spraying operations and pesticide risk reduction as well as Monitoring missions on the impact of locust control are being conducted in the fields.
- FAO provided support in carp production season mentoring / training: 31.4 million common carp eggs produced;
- FAO supplied 50,000 trout eggs to Typ fish farmers cooperative and 120,000 trout eggs to Toktogul fish farmers cooperative.

### 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 digitalized technology applications (ZOOM, skype including smartphones) to participate in online trainings as well as consultations

## HEALTH

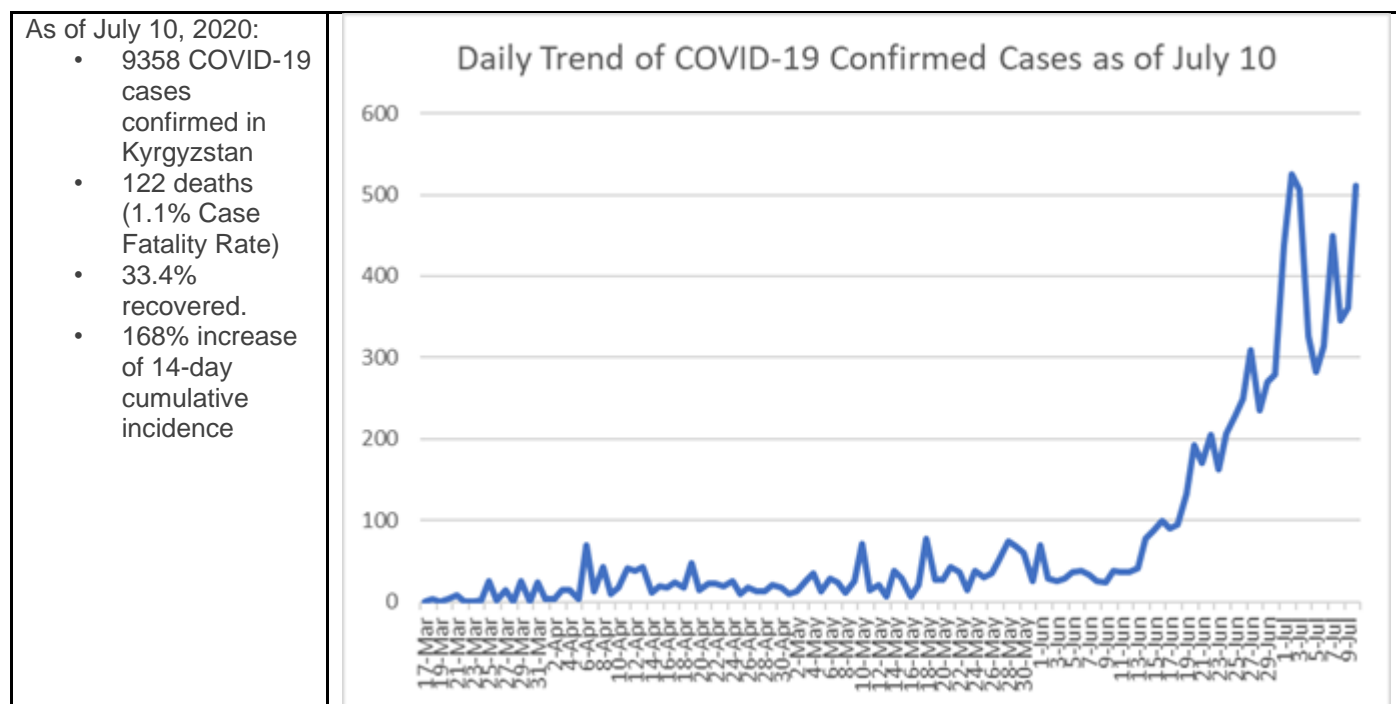
### Progress:

- 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.
- WHO supporting MoH to conduct trainings for epidemiologists, public health specialists and point of entry staff to respond to COVID-19.
- 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.

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

- Qatar charity will provide 420 Oxygen Concentrator to Ministry of Health
- Partners continue to support the provision of essential supplies and equipment. Discussed with MoFA means to advance coordination and address priority needs. Presented UN procurement platform to MoFA and MoH.

**Epidemiological update:**



**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.

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

**Response:**

- Informative leaflets on the psychosocial support distributed to the Ministry of Labor and Social development for local branches.
- An analysis of crimes committed by and against children in the first five months of the year has been conducted.

**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.

## COVID-19

- Cases of restriction of the right to health and access to medical care were identified during the monitoring. Due to the worsening epidemiological situation in Kyrgyzstan and the growth of identified individuals, more and more cases of restricted access to medical services have been recorded. Given that the State has focused its efforts on combating the COVID, persons suffering from other diseases have had limited access to medical care; cases of death of persons who had been refused hospitalization because of a negative coronavirus test were monitored.

## WASH

### 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), Jumgal 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.