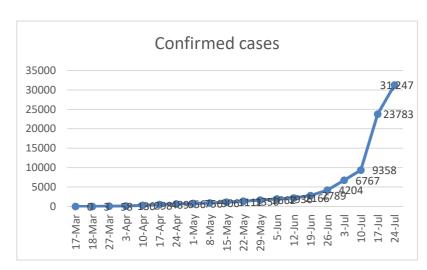
DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

Date: 24 July 2020

Key statistics As of 24 July 2020		
Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 U07.1 and U07.2	31,247	
New cases of COVID- 19 U07.1 and U07.2	921	
The number of human losses	1,211	
The number of recovered cases	18,038	



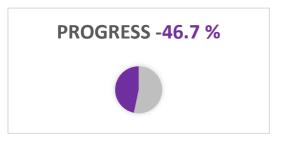
SITUATION UPDATE

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. Over the following weeks, the number of confirmed cases increased slowly by single-digit or lower double-digit figures per day. Strict quarantine ended in mid-May and facilities started to work. Since mid-June 2020, the daily rate of new cases and death rate have significantly increased. As of 24 July 2020, 31,247 cases of of COVID-19 U07.1 1 and U07.2 2 have been confirmed in Kyrgyzstan, of which 18,038 have recovered. 1,211 deaths have been registered. According Shtab as of 21 July, the number of patients who are in hospitals is 6,997 people. 141 people are in intensive care, 1,656 are in serious condition. The total number of medical staff diagnosed with COVID-19 is 2,580 cases, of which 74 medical workers have recovered per day. In total, 1,234 medical workers have recovered.

For a unified approach to the treatment of manifestations of coronavirus infection, the Ministry of Health issued an order according to which community-acquired pneumonia without PCR confirmation, but with clinical manifestations of viral etiology, belongs to the U07.2 code, thus statistically cases of community-acquired pneumonia are considered a manifestation of COVID-19.

FUNDING UPDATE

Priority sectors	Required (USD)	Received (USD)	% of funding
Health	15,800,000	15,800,000	100%
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	2,388,082	12.65%
Total	51,306,600	23,964,882	46.7%



¹ U07.1 — Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 (PCR positive).

² U07.2 — COVID-19, confirmed by clinical and epidemiological (community-acquired pneumonia).

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Government assistance

- OJSC "International Airport" Manas "provided financial assistance to the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic in the purchase of plasmapheresis" Gemos-PF "in the amount of 1,780,000 soms.
- 168-day hospitals were opened in Osh region. The new hospitals have 5,650 beds. Medical assistance will be provided by 394 hired health workers.
- 30 oxygen concentrators and PPE from the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic arrived in the Issyk-Kul region. Along with oxygen concentrators, 80 pulse oximeters, 200 respirator masks and 4,000 protective bones arrived, which will be distributed to the districts.
- The government plans urgently to build 2 hospitals in Bishkek and Osh. Hospitals will have about 100 beds, with 25-30 intensive care beds.
- A railway hospital was assigned to the Ministry of Transport. Thus, 1000 sets of personal protective equipment
 were purchased for the hospital inpatient at the expense of the State Enterprise "NK Kyrgyz Temir Zholu". Also,
 monthly sponsorship assistance in the amount of 160 thousand soms was provided to the hospital for the
 organization of compensatory additional payments to employees working during the spread of the epidemic in
 Bishkek, until the epidemiological situation stabilizes.
- On 23 July, the President of the Kyrgyz Republic handed over protective suits, protective equipment and medicines
 to the doctors of the Naryn region. 1400 protective suits and goggles, as well as the drug "Heparin" will be
 distributed by the commission to the districts.
- Taking into account the epidemiological situation and the decision of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and local authorities, the Ministry of Education and Science decided to start the first quarter of the new academic year in a distance learning format. In addition, in those regions where it is possible to organize the educational process without a threat to the life and health of students and teachers, on the basis of the conclusions of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision, studies can be organized in the traditional mode. They will have to ensure compliance with sanitary and epidemiological requirements (including thermal imagers, sanitizers, masks, disinfectants, air exchange in the premises, daily sanitation, etc.).

Name of Ministry	Received to date (KGS)	Spent to date (KGS)	Balance (KGS)
Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic	140,583,231	128,355,625	12,227,606
Ministry of Labor and Social Development of Kyrgyz Republic	17,427,047	16,139,996	1,287,051
Mayor`s Office of Bishkek city	11,358,234	6,320,373	5,037,861

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 conducted an assessment in the textile sector and presented it to sector members.
- Palladium and Helvetas conducted assessments in agriculture, and tourism sectors.
- Youth needs assessment 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 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 is preparing Readiness assessment of hospitals and medical mobile units to implement the healthcare waste management system

Activities

- Helvetas EU and EBRD implementing solid waste management activities in Bishkek and Osh
- 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 was done in urban and rural areas (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 is consolidating data of the WG4 and DRCU sector members
- UNDP and Early recovery sector partners conduct regular meetings
- UNDP has started to implement an inclusive and multi sectoral response to COVID-19 project (funded by Japan)

Gaps & Constraints:

- Rapid increasing cases of COVID-19 and greater need in the health sector
- Border disputes and limited cross border trade
- Reduction in remittance and lack of access to digital solutions to MSMEs
- Increasing returnees
- A wide range of negative impacts on the business including textile, tourism, SMEs, etc.

EDUCATION

Needs:

 Approx. 2.4 million children and young people were affected by the educational facility closure and in need of remote learning. This would probably continue for the first quarter of next school year which starts on 1 September 2020, as per the latest update from the Ministry of Education and Science on 21 July. 2.5M

People targeted

- 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.

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 more than 8,000 teachers 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 is underway. Approximately 75% of 3,900 pre-schools and schools have shared their response.
- Remote learning preparation plan for the next school year 2020-2021 has been developed. The development of video lessons is underway.

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 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.
- 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 tons of fertilizers, 24.5 tons 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 famers cooperative and 120,000 trout eggs to Toktogul fish farmers cooperative.
- FAO supports with provision of seeds for spring and winter sowing, seedlings, fertilizers, fuels, IT equipment; introduction of best practices (drip irrigation systems, mini-greenhouses, toolkit for family poultry farms) and technologies (soil protection, development of seed production and resource conservation), as well as trainings, assessments and consultations, including weekly online consultations to SHG on agricultural production to respond to the COVID-19 impact;
- FAO supports with introduction of best practices and technologies including relevant trainings in the field of agriculture; capacity building in the field of disaster risk reduction/ adaptation to climate change; and preparedness and emergency response to locust infestations;
- Anti-locust treatments were conducted since the beginning of the campaign to 360 960 ha on the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

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

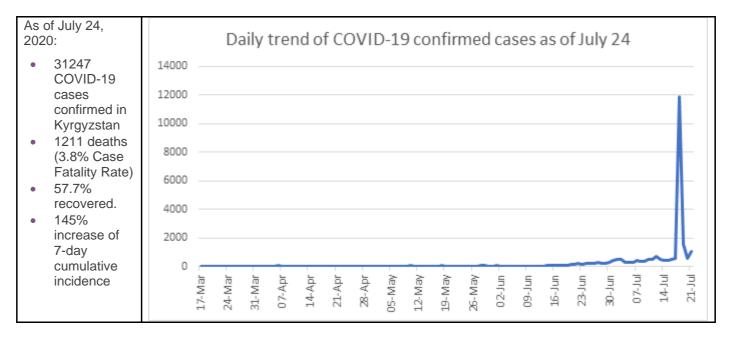
Progress:

- Budget for health sector increased from 15,8 to 46 million USD
- 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

MILLION
People targeted

- 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.
- Partners continue to support the provision of essential supplies and equipment. ICRC provided PPE to State border control service and PPE and body bags for Bishkek Forensic Bureau

Epidemiological update:



Needs:

- Provision of Laboratory supplies and regents
- 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.
- Continues support to children with disabilities affected by the lockdown.
- Continuous support to the promotion of prevention of violence against children and positive parenting campaigns.
- Continues monitoring the human rights situation with the special focus to access to medical care and other social and economic rights

Response:

- The Mayor Office approved the Regulation on Mobile Groups on emergency and multi-sectoral response to GBV
 cases among women and girls. The composition of the mobile groups, response algorithm and reporting rules
 have been approved.
- The draft Regulation on multi-sectoral response mechanism to SGBV between the service providers/state agencies was developed for the review of the Interagency Working Group under the leadership of the MLSD and Association of the Crisis Centres.
- The draft letter on amendments to the Decree of the Government #58 on civil protection about protection of women and girls was prepared and sent for review and approval to the member of the Inter-agency Working Group of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development.
- 4 women and 8 children are residing in the safe space in Bishkek city as of July 23, 2020.
- 4 more webinars are under planning to the MSR actors on crisis consultations, safety plan, multi-sectoral coordination, Istanbul protocol, etc.
- Three medical institutions in Issyk-Kul province supported by providing about 140 PPEs for medical workers. Health posts in Zharkynbayevo and Saruu villages, as well as the territorial hospital in Tup, were selected because of the extreme need for PPEs and the large number of vulnerable people living on their territory.



- Bid for support to the Child Hotline 111 in enhancement of the program "Oktell", an information-communication system for the operators of the hotline, has been finalized.
- The assessment of situation of children returned from the residential care institutions to their families is ongoing: an approximate of 4,000 children (almost half) were already assessed.
- New program of psycho-social support to children with disabilities countrywide has been signed and the program
 will start on July 28. This on-line support will be provided via psychologists and special pedagogues of 25 Day
 Care Centres that are now closed due to COVID. With this psycho-social support 4,000 children with disabilities
 will be reached.
- A new project aiming to provide psycho-social support to children left behind by migration is just getting started.
- Social workforce will be supported with PPEs that will be delivered to the Ministry of Social Labor and Development in the beginning of the next week. Additional activities and SOP on how to do family visits using PPE are under development.

Gaps and constraints:

- Due to the worsening epidemiological situation in Kyrgyzstan and the lack of access to medical care registered in some cases, an increase in dissatisfaction among the population with the government's handling of the pandemic has been monitored. This has been followed by calls for the dissolution of the government and impeachment of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic. On July 14, journalist Raushan Aitkulova wrote a petition to the Prosecutor General's Office and an online petition collecting signatures to request the president's resignations was created on the Change.org platform. On July 20, access to Change.org was lost by all operators in the Kyrgyz Republic; the authorities did not officially comment on this event.
- The practice of law enforcement agencies to question comedians, journalists and activists who made statements
 or published posts on social networks aimed at criticizing the authorities is a matter of concern. Such actions,
 which, in the opinion of law enforcement agencies, are aimed at reducing the heat of public opinion, may have
 exactly the opposite effect and only aggravate the situation, not to mention the risks of violating the right to
 freedom of speech.

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

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

500,000

Targeted people

COVID-19

- 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.