

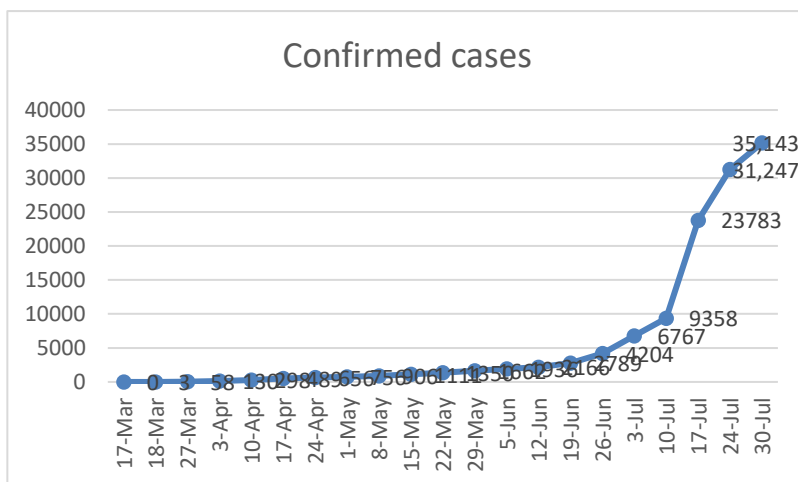
# DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

## Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

Date: 30 July 2020

| Key statistics<br>As of 30 July 2020                        |        |
|---|--------|
| Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 U07.1 and U07.2 | 35,143 |
| New cases of COVID-19 U07.1 and U07.2                       | 631    |
| The number of human losses                                  | 1,364  |
| The number of recovered cases                               | 24,474 |



## SITUATION UPDATE

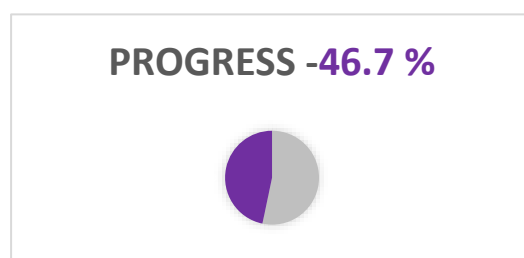
On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan's Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing 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 30 July 2020, 35,143 cases of COVID-19 U07.1 and U07.2 have been confirmed in Kyrgyzstan, of which 24,474 have recovered. 1,364 deaths have been registered. According to Shtab as of 29 July, the number of patients who are in hospitals is 9,830 people. The total number of medical staff diagnosed with COVID-19 is 2,743 cases, of which 69 medical workers have recovered per day. In total, 1,664 medical workers have recovered.

On 30 July 2020, according to the Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, a day of mourning will be held throughout the republic in memory of the victims of the COVID-19. As per decision of Government due to COVID-19 situation Kurman Ait Namaz on 31 July will not be held in squares and mosques.

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%       |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>51,306,600</b> | <b>23,964,882</b> | <b>46.7%</b> |



<sup>1</sup> U07.1 — Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 (PCR positive).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

### Government assistance

- On the basis of the agreement, the Mandatory Health Insurance Fund finances 231 health organizations, including: 99 hospitals, 30 General practice centers; 49 Family Medicine Centers and 17 Family Physician Groups; 34 dental clinics; 2 ambulance stations in Bishkek and Osh.
- In health care institutions, an information base has been introduced to record discharged patients, where the following data are collected: social status, age, clinical diagnosis, time spent in the hospital. The program works online.
- The Mandatory Health Insurance Fund allocated an additional 4 million 20 thousand soms for the purchase and formation of stocks for PPE for the National Hospital
- By the order of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic No. 264 thirty million KGS additionally allocated for compensation of medical staff from the republican budget to the Ministry of Health and the Mandatory Health Insurance Fund under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- New hospitals will be opened in seven regions.
  - In Bishkek city, construction of an infectious diseases hospital for 100 beds has begun. The hospital is located on the territory of the Republican Clinical Infectious Diseases Hospital and will be built with high-speed structures.
  - An infectious diseases hospital for 100 beds will be built in the city of Osh. On 25 July, a capsule was laid for construction. This hospital is located on the territory of the Infectious Disease Hospital in Osh and will be built with high-speed structures.
  - According to the Osh city administration, the new hospital will open its doors in September this year.
  - In the village of Bash-Bulak, Kara-Suu region, repair work has begun on an object redesigned for a hospital. Specific tasks were given.
  - In the village of Lenin, Suzak district, a 5-storey building of specialized lyceum No. 36 will be redesigned into a hospital with 304 beds.
  - In the city of Batken, the building of the old hospital was converted into a hospital with 90 beds.
  - In the village of Dmitrievka, Chui region, the building of a boarding school will be renovated for a hospital with 100 beds.
  - In Naryn, they are preparing to redesign the building of the military unit No. 93 546 of the Armed Forces, into a hospital with 120 beds.
  - In Talas, the building of the Family Medicine Center will be renovated into a 192-bed hospital.
- As of 29 July, in total 525 105 families in need received assistance in the form of food, of which the local budget - 64497, sponsorship - 285538, MTSD deposit account - 26616, Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (200 million soms) - 148454. All information on the receipt and distribution of funds is posted on the official website of the Ministry [www.mlsp.gov.kg](http://www.mlsp.gov.kg), as well as on [www.help.covid.kg](http://www.help.covid.kg)

| Name of Ministry  | Received to date (KGS) | Spent to date (KGS) | Balance (KGS) |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic                       | 140,931,573            | 132,254,425         | 8,677,148     |
| Ministry of Labor and Social Development of Kyrgyz Republic | 17,427,047             | 16,139,996          | 1,287,051     |
| Mayor`s Office of Bishkek city                              | 11,458,234             | 6,320,373           | 5,137,861     |

## 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
- UNDP is preparing market opportunity assessment

**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
- UNDP is planning to support safe elections by providing sanitizers and PPEs to poll workers and voters.

**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.
- 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 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.

## 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 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 farmers 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

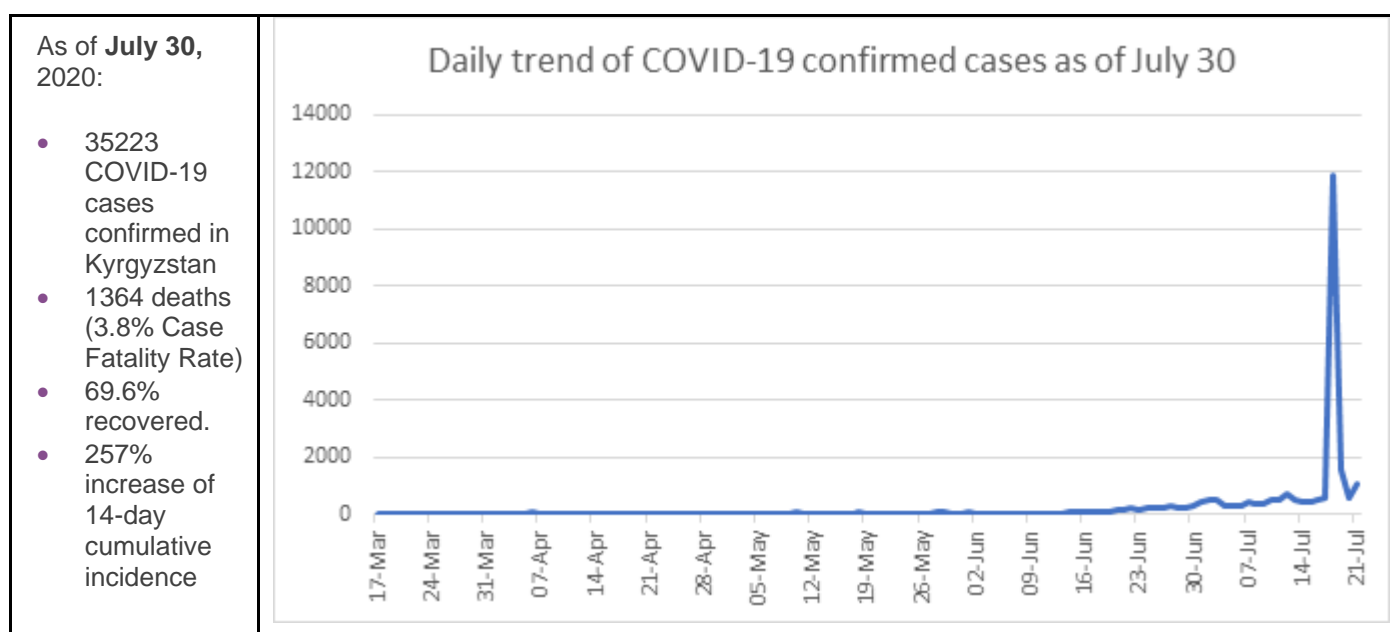
## HEALTH

### Progress:

- 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.
- 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.

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

### 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:

- 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

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

### Response:

- On 29 July, ROCA supported medical institutions Tokmok city by providing personal protective types of equipment for medical workers.

## COVID-19

- 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.
- 84 children left behind by migration and 31 families have been supported with the psycho-social support to children left behind by migration.
- 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.
- A project to raise the awareness of 20,000 vulnerable older people with and without disabilities in COVID-19-required safety behaviors through information campaigns via phone calls, WhatsApp group messages, live broadcasts, webinars, health clubs, and lectures in rural and urban areas started on July 15 and will be implemented until 15 December.
- Continuous support of legal, medical, social and psychosocial services is provided to GBV survivors in cooperation with the Association of crisis centers and Ministry of labor and social development. Expert was hired to record all GBV cases according to international standards of data-management and case-management Safety cameras for crisis center officers.
- The report on Youth and COVID-1 impact is now available Russian and will be available in English soon.
- Program targeted at development of services to SGBV survivors has been launched; it will assess availability and readiness of services from the perspectives of SGBV survivors among state agencies in law-enforcement, prosecution, health and social sectors of cities of Bishkek, Osh and 12 communities of three target provinces, Osh, Chui and Naryn.
- In light of pandemic, UNFPA will be utilizing assistance of call-centers and community supervisors in each targeted community. It will ensure equal representation and safety of participants connecting with the research team via internet and telephone platforms. Qualitative and quantitative data collection will be conducted with women and girls who experienced violence, including those with disabilities and intersecting forms of violence with the aim to produce SOPs, mechanisms and good practices. Implementation support will be provided in the form of practical trainings to service providers and development of practical guide that includes an Inter-agency coordination mechanism for responding to GBV in three provinces.
- UNFPA is supporting a rapid response mobile groups to GBV cases in Bishkek city and suburbs as per request of Bishkek mayor's office. The general rules were developed and approved by the mayor's office on mechanism of response to GBV cases.
- UNFPA has been working with the Ministry of Labor and Social Development to adapt referral pathways to COVID-19 response with the increased use of hotlines, tele operators. The existing 1227 hotline will be transformed into regular information support to provide information on social issues, humanitarian support and respond to GBV.
- 112 hotline, supported by UNDP, continues to provide legal aid and consultancy support.

### Gaps and constraints:

- The practice of law enforcement agencies to summon people for questioning and prosecute people who have expressed criticism of the authorities, using criminal law provisions to incite discord, continues to be a source of concern.

## WASH

### Needs:

- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Schools- done.
- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Health facilities ongoing.
- 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
- Provide IPC/WASH trainings across the country to the staff of most critical HCFs
- Provide additional toilets and showers in Maternity hospitals and in COVID-19 dedicated facilities.

**500,000**

Targeted people

### Response:

- UNICEF conducted school's assessment of all public schools are done. The private school are unassessed since are closed. It will be done until October and will be included in EMIS. 22% of the total number of schools are not assessed (mainly kindergarten)
- Health assessment process: The assessment has already started. 155 health facilities will be assessed and by mid-August there will be results.

- UNICEF delivered baby hygiene kits to #2 Maternity hospital in Bishkek-120 kits, Osh oblast maternity ward – 40 kits, Osh City Maternity hospital – 40 kits)
- UNICEF delivered Prefabricated Showers: 5 Prefabricated showers will be delivered early next week to Osh and Bishkek maternity hospitals as following;
  - for Osh oblast maternity ward- 2 showers and 2- Electric water heater (boiler) "Termeks" 80L
  - for Osh perinatal center- 2 showers and 2- Electric water heater (boiler) "Termeks" 80L
  - for Bishkek maternity ward #2- 1 shower and 1- Electric water heater (boiler) "Termeks" 80L
- UNICEF and IOM are planning to deliver 500 FHK for retiring migrants as soon as colleagues from IOM provide data on returned migrants and their needs.
- 500 FHK are stored in UNICEF warehouse in Osh for immediately request from the government
- UNICEF revised the request to rehabilitate the oxygen generators from Osh maternity hospital, however due to critical staff being sick the procedure is postponed for now.
- UNICEF 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
- Helvetas 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 implemented below activities:
  - A construction company prepares infrastructure of schools on the filed
  - 25 latrines are planned to build up at 25 schools- In progress
  - Other 50 latrines will be rehabilitated in other 50 public schools- In progress
  - 120 sanitation facilities including handwashing stations will be build up and be rehabilitated at targeted schools-In progress
  - 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-In progress
  - Improved handwashing capacity at 72-73 targeted schools – In progress
  - Work with MOH in terms of health education awareness messages, personal hygiene, standard hygiene at home for children and families- In progress

### **Gaps & Constraints:**

- WASH remains the most underfunded sector
- No constant or almost none information or requests for assistance is provided/coming from central Shtab.
- 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.
- No centralized approach for assistance request and distribution.

## **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.