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KYRGYZSTAN**



Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent staff and volunteers promptly respond to the mudslides, delivering necessary tents and aid to the affected families.



Asanchev village, Kara-Suu district,
Osh region
July 2024



Photo by: Samidabonu Abdilkhadieva

*We are always there,
where you need us
the most!*



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



Osh region
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POPULATION COVERAGE FOR 2024

During 2024, the Red Crescent assisted 752,997 people in need in the following directions:

752,997

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

227,954

HEALTH

432,309

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

32,238

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

60,496

ЕАИИСТБО

HISTORY OF KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT

The history of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent dates back to 1926, when the National Society was part of the larger Red Cross system of the Soviet Union. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and the country's independence, the National Society was recognised by a decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic. Since 1997, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent has been a full-fledged member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (RCSK) is an auxiliary link of the state in the decision of various social needs of the population of the country, as well as cooperates with many international, non-governmental organizations to provide assistance to the most vulnerable groups of the population.

The RCSK Overarching Goal

To contribute to the improvement of the quality of life and sustainable development of socially vulnerable groups by providing comprehensive psychosocial and economic support tailored to the individual needs of persons from different population categories.

KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT HAS A COUNTRYWIDE NETWORK OF BRANCHES, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, WHICH ALLOWS THE ORGANISATION TO CARRY OUT ANY HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- 1 head office
- 7 regional branches
- 38 district offices
- Around 5,000 volunteers across the country
- Over 200 employees across the country



HISTORY OF KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT

1926

Establishment of the Red Cross Society of the Kyrgyz ASSR

1992

renamed to 'National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic'.

1997

Recognised as a fledged member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

2000

the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic 'On the Use and Protection of the Red Crescent and Red Cross Emblem'



2017

On 17 June the law
“On International
Emergency
Assistance” was
adopted

2018

On 03 February,
the President of
the Kyrgyz
Republic signed
the Law “On the
National Red
Crescent Society
of the Kyrgyz
Republic”

2023

On 31 March the
law “On Volunteer
Activity” was
adopted



COMPONENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

The **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to **protect the life and dignity of victims of war and violence at home and to provide them with assistance**. It leads and coordinates the Movement's international relief activities in situations of conflict. The ICRC seeks to prevent human suffering by upholding humanitarian law, universal humanitarian principles and disseminating knowledge of them. It was established in 1863 and was the founder of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



ICRC

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES

The **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** builds on the Fundamental Principles of the Movement by organizing, supporting and developing the humanitarian work of its Member National Societies to improve the situation of the most vulnerable groups. The International Federation **was established in 1919**. It leads and coordinates the Movement's international assistance to victims of natural and man-made disasters, refugees, and health authorities in emergency situations. The International Federation acts as the official representative of the Member Societies in the international arena, develops cooperation between National Societies and promotes their preparedness for emergency situations, social and medical programmes.



NATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies give substance and practice to the work and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 192 countries. The National Societies act as humanitarian auxiliaries to their national authorities and provide a range of services, including emergency relief, medical and social programmes. In addition, in times of war, they assist affected civilians and support military medical services as needed.

HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY

Humanitarian diplomacy is an integral part of our work to achieve humanitarian goals. It includes advocacy, negotiation, communication, formal agreements and other measures that help provide protection and support to those in need.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

 HUMANITY	<p>The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.</p>
 IMPARTIALITY	<p>It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.</p>
 NEUTRALITY	<p>In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.</p>
 INDEPENDENCE	<p>The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.</p>
 VOLUNTARY SERVICE	<p>It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain</p>
 UNITY	<p>There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.</p>
 UNIVERSALITY	<p>The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide</p>

Humanitarian aid for population affected by mudflows.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS: KITCHEN SET TYPE "A"

Contents & Quantity:

- 1 x Cooking Pot, 7L with lid / 7L cooking pot
- 1 x Frying Pan, 2.5L, lid for 17cm
- 1 x Cooking Pot, 5L with lid
- 5 x Bowls, 1L metallic
- 5 x Plates, 0.75L metallic
- 5 x Cups, 0.3L plastic
- 5 x Table Spoon 15 ml / 5 x "
- 1 x Kitchen Knife, 15cm stainless steel blade
- 1 x Wooden Spoon, stirring

Gross weight: 5.1 kg

Dimensions: 283mm x 283mm x 203mm

HUMANITARIAN AID NO COMMERCIAL VALUE

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Osh region
July 2024

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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

HUMANITARIAN AID NO COMMERCIAL VALUE

A close-up photograph of a white envelope. On the left, a large red cross is visible. On the right, a red crescent moon is partially shown. A white, textured vertical strip, possibly a piece of tape or a label, runs across the center of the envelope, partially obscuring the symbols. The envelope appears to be made of a slightly textured paper.

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DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

MITIGATION WORKS

In Kyrgyzstan in the area of disaster preparedness and response, the National Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan (RCSK) annually organizes meetings with local authorities, MES and other concerned parties to discuss disaster-related issues and develop action plans. In 2024, meetings were held in 7 regions where communities most vulnerable to disasters were identified and mitigation plans were developed.

As a result of cooperation between RCSK, MES KR and local communities, mitigation works have been carried out in about 40 communities. It is noteworthy that while RCSK supported most of the costs in the past, local authorities are now also investing heavily through local funds.

THE KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT SUPPORTED CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: THIS INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND TRANSPORTATION BRIDGES, MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER CHANNELS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF BANK PROTECTION AND MUDFLOW CONTROL STRUCTURES.

Issyk-Kul region:

- **Kadzhi-Sai village, Ton district:** A 15.5 meter long pedestrian bridge was built. As a result, 275 people had access to safe passage through the ravine.
- **Zhyлуу-Bulak village, Tiup district:** The mudflow channel was cleared and deepened, and a water distribution sluice was installed. To reduce disaster risk, a 950-meter long ditch was deepened and a water distribution sluice was installed. These activities protected 180 people living in 36 households on this street.
- **Cholpon-Ata city:** RCSK carried out work to reinforce the banks of the canal. Since 2016, due to rising water levels, the canal flowing along Frunze Street began to erode its banks, threatening nearby structures. The situation worsened on September 20, 2023, when heavy rains caused mudflows. Forty-five concrete slabs were used to reinforce 250 meters of the bank.

The total cost of the works amounted to more than 700,000 soms.

Batken region, Leilek district:

- **Zhany Zher village council:** construction of an 18-meter-long bank protection structure was completed. The project directly improves the living conditions of more than 15,500 people.
- **Ak-Terek village:** a 300-meter-long mudflow protection structure was installed, providing protection for more than 1,600 residents. The project also cleared the mudflow canals, which further reduces the risk of flooding.

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MITIGATION WORKS

ZHALAL-ABAD REGION

BAZAR-KORGON DISTRICT

Kyzyl-Alma village:

The construction of the new bridge has been completed.

Arkalyk village:

clearing a 1,500x3.5x2 meter mudflow canal, protected 250 people and 350 ha of land.

Chet-Zhangaak village:

A 50-meter-long and 4-meter-high protective mudflow barrier was erected. This structure is designed to minimize the risks associated with debris flows by protecting residential houses and outbuildings from destruction. The barrier also protects the existing bridge, preventing its collapse, which could have isolated 1,500 families.

SUZAK DISTRICT

Chymchyk village:

clearing a 650x4x2 meter mudflow canal that protected 40 families, 45 hectares of land and 5 km of road.

Kotkor village:

A 3,000-meter-long mudflow canal was cleared, protecting 120 families and 60 hectares of land.

Zhar-Kyshtak and Kuruk-Sai villages:

clearing 300x4x2 , 600x4x2 meter mudflow canal, protected 420 people, 55 hectares of land and 1.5 km of road.

Achy-Sai village:

Clearing a 650x4x2 meter mudflow canal, protected 225 people, 30 hectares of land, 500 meter of road and a bridge.

NOOKEN DISTRICT

Kyzyl-Tuu village:

A 2,500-meter-long mudflow canal was cleared, protecting 80 families and 30 hectares of land area.

CHUI REGION

SOKULUK DISTRICT

Tash-Bulak village:

The bank protection works protected 150 people, 15 outbuildings and 90 hectares of land.

ZHAIYL DISTRICT

Alekseevka village:

Work was carried out on the Chaldavar-Kara-Balta road to rehabilitate the bridge, clear the 2,000-meter ditch and 40-meter dike, and clear the drainage canals. The threat of flooding was reduced, traffic on the road was restored, 295 people, 13 koshars and 58 ha of agricultural land were protected.

ALAMUDUN DISTRICT

Baitik village:

The Duker Bridge was restored, 1,000 meters of ditch on the side of the Bishkek-Baitik road was cleared, and a 40-meter flood dam at the foot of Boz-Boltek Mountain was cleared. 43 families and 147 hectares of land were protected

MOSKOVSKY DISTRICT

Ak-Suu village:

Bank protection works have been carried out, The site is 400m long on each side and 3m deep. 28 families, 80 hectares of land plot have been protected..

NARYN REGION:

ZHERGETAL DISTRICT

Zhalgyz-Terek village:

clearing of a 300 meter long dangerous section of the Zhalgyz-Terek canal, threatening 8 households and 30 hectares of cropland.

Kulanak village:

Works on clearing and bank stabilization of the dangerous section of the canal were carried out. 30 families and 70 hectares of land plot were protected.

ALL ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH SUPPORT OF SWISS RED CROSS

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MITIGATION WORKS

OSH REGION

KARASUU DISTRICT

Toloikon village:

A canal 500 m long, 2 m wide, 2 m high, 1 m clear with a volume of 1,500 m cubic meters was cleared.

CHON-ALAI DISTRICT

Daroot-Korgon village:

A 1,000-meter-long irrigation canal was cleared, protecting 85 families and 30 hectares of land area.

ARAVAN DISTRICT

Chogom village:

A mudslide trap was installed, protecting 10 families and 8 hectares of land area.

Zhosholu village:

A 1,500m cubic meter drainage canals was cleared, protecting 54 families, 1 kindergarten and 7 hectares of land plot.

ALAI DISTRICT

Tilektesh village:

The mudflow canal has been cleared, which will protect 15 hectares of irrigation systems from flooding. This in turn will ensure the safety of 4 hectares of tamarisk plantations, 40 houses and one school. This canal has not been cleared for the last two years.

BATKEN REGION

KADAMZHAI DISTRICT

Kadamzhai city:

Clearing of mudflow dams, total volume of works was 3,880m³.

Samarkandek village:

We cleared 2,520 m³ of mudflow dams, protecting 85 families and 55 hectares.

Orukzar village:

Debris removal cleanup protected 3,285 people.

Sovetskoe village:

Mechanized clearing of mudflow-prone areas (2,000 m) made it possible to protect 1,985 people.

Leilek district

Ak-Suu village:

Mudflow dams were cleared, the scope of work done was 2,520 cubic meters, protecting 140 families and 70 hectares of land area.

Razzakov town:

Mechanized clearing of mudflow-prone areas (441 m) protected 250 people.

TALAS REGION

BAKAI-ATA DISTRICT

Kok-Tash village:

A mudflow control structure that protected 20 families and 300 hectares of land was cleared.

Kok-Tash village:

RCSK carried out work to clear the mudflow control structure, which protected 20 families and 300 hectares of land. In addition, work was carried out to clear the mudflow storage facility and reinforce the breach site. These measures protected 100 people and their households, 300 hectares of irrigated land, an old machine and tractor farm (MTF) and two irrigation canals.

TALAS DISTRICT

Kyzyl-Tuu village:

Clearing the drainage canals protected 300 people, a school and a mosque.

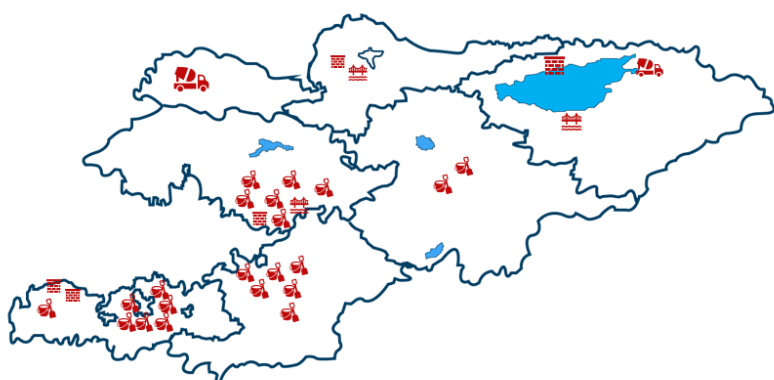
THE KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT ALSO HELPED BY PROVIDING FUEL AND LUBRICANTS FOR REHABILITATION AND CLEARING OF EXISTING SYSTEMS TO PREVENT MUDFLOWS.

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RCSK EARLY EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AND MITIGATIONS FOR 2024

In 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic allocated 4,536,290 KG soms for disaster mitigation. This support protected thousands of people, vast agricultural lands and critical infrastructure from the devastating effects of natural disasters.



Region and amount:

Talas - 1 site - KGS 100,000
 Chui - 2 sites - KGS 100,000
 Issyk-Kul - 3 sites - KGS 637,120
 Zhalal-Abad - 8 sites - KGS 1,279,650
 Naryn - 2 sites - KGS 100,000
 Batken - 9 sites - KGS 1,322,370
 Osh - 6 sites - KGS 663,150
 Total - 31 sites

Symbol:

clearing work



dam construction



protective works



bridge construction



THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED WAS:

4,536,290 KGS





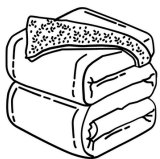

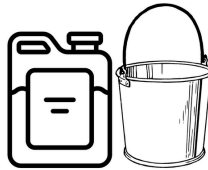
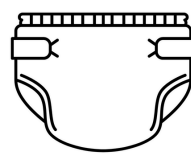
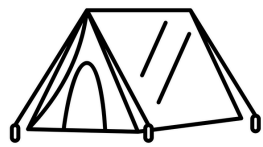


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RESPONSE TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF MUDFLOWS

A record number of mudflows occurred in Kyrgyzstan in 2024. Since the beginning of the year, according to the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic, more than 331 cases of mudflows have been recorded, which is the highest number in the last 30 years. As a result, **5,354 houses were affected**.

The National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent began responding from the first hours in all regions and provided assistance according to identified needs in coordination with the Ministry of Emergency Situations and local authorities. Assistance targeted those affected in Issyk-Kul, Osh, Batken, Zhalal-Abad, Naryn and Talas regions. During the response, special attention was paid to elderly people living alone, people with disabilities and large families. **As part of the assistance RCSK provided:**

HYGIENE KITS FOR 1,259 FAMILIES 	KITCHEN SETS FOR 853 FAMILIES 	MATTRESSES FOR 615 FAMILIES 	DRINKING WATER 150L 
BLANKETS FOR 285 FAMILIES 	FOR CHILDREN 150 COLOURING BOOKS 138 COLOURED PENCILS 	57 BUCKETS 136 CANISTERS 	NAPPIES 71 PACKS 
Information sessions on psychosocial support, health and hygiene were organized in the affected villages. RCSK specialists helped people to cope with the trauma and anxiety caused by the loss of their homes and family members.			7 TENTS AND YURTS 

RCSK also provided cash and voucher assistance to 2,517 families.

Priority in providing assistance was given to the most vulnerable groups of the population, including:

- Elderly people;
- People with disabilities;
- Families with one care-giver;
- Large families;
- Internally displaced persons.

This operation was supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) under the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) and Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) programmes

“Accelerating local action in humanitarian and health crises (ECHO PPP).

The provided funds enabled the victims to partially rebuild their homes and meet basic needs

The total amount of assistance provided was 61,229,160 KC soms

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ECO-MOVEMENT

Republican forest planting initiative within the scope of the “Zhashyl Muras” initiative

From March to May 2024, a large-scale national forest planting took place in Kyrgyzstan, organized within the scope of the national campaign “Zhashyl Muras” (“Green Heritage”), launched by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov in March 2022.

The event was held by the organizing committee represented by RCSK and “Students of Kyrgyzstan for Green Economy” in cooperation with the Forest Service under the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

This initiative is being implemented in accordance with the Forest Development Concept 2040 and the UN Resolution on Sustainable Mountain Development, as well as within the scope of the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development and the Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Resilience.

The afforestation was an important step in protecting the country's natural resources, improving the environmental situation and raising public awareness of the importance of green spaces for the sustainable future of Kyrgyzstan.

More than 1,000 people, including Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent volunteers from 7 regions, took part in planting more than 10,000 seedlings in hard-to-reach mountainous areas of Kyrgyzstan.

Thanks to the Zhashyl Muras campaign, it was possible not only to increase the forest cover, but also:

- To raise environmental awareness and engage youth in environmental issues and sustainable forestry;
- To create partnerships between youth organizations working in the area of ecology and nature management;
- To develop research competencies of youth in the area of forestry and ecology;
- To motivate Red Crescent volunteers to actively participate in the decision to solve environmental problems.



Republican forest planting within the scope of the
“Zhashyl Muras” initiative



Zhalal-Abad region
April 2024

Photo by: Meerim
Maksatova,
“Zherdin Baldary”

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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CAMPAIGN

In 2024, a large-scale action supported by Swiss Red Cross was held across the country with the participation of 746 volunteers. The initiative was aimed at cleaning up territories and creating a culture of cleanliness and responsibility among citizens.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the participants it was possible to clean many public spaces, parks and natural areas, reminding about the importance of respect for the environment.



THE PICTURE SHOWS THE SIZE OF THE BAG (45-50 KG)

**QUANTITY OF
GARBAGE
COLLECTED**

**1,147
bags**

BISHKEK

121 volunteers
142 bags

OSH

137 volunteers
247 bags

CHUI

81 volunteers
47 bags

ISSYK-KUL

32 volunteers
47 bags

TALAS

110 volunteers
223 bags

BATKEN

54 volunteers
56 bags

ZHALAL-ABAD

83 volunteers
68 bags

NARYN

304 volunteers
317 bags



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STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS

In 2024, RCSK made significant efforts to improve the skills and preparedness of its staff to respond quickly to emergencies. RCSK focussed on practical training and skills development.

1. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE:

In order to strengthen disaster response skills, simulation exercises were conducted in all RCSK branches. More than 200 employees had the opportunity to practise their actions in various emergency scenarios. During the exercises, the following were done:

- The serviceability and expiration date of firefighting equipment were checked.
- Evacuation plans were updated and practiced.
- The work of early warning systems was tested.
- Role plays were conducted to improve first aid and evacuation skills.
- Practical training on the use of fire extinguishers was organized.



2. INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (RCSK):

In November 2024, a training for 40 NDRT staff and volunteers was held in Osh to develop disaster response skills. Participants learned the principles of deploying tent camps, organizing aid points, restoring family links and psychosocial support.

The practical part took place in Papan village, Osh region, where a camp was organized and assistance was provided to mudflow victims - 51 hygiene kits and 225 blankets were distributed. The training improved teamwork and responsiveness, and facilitated the implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to improve the efficiency of NDRT.



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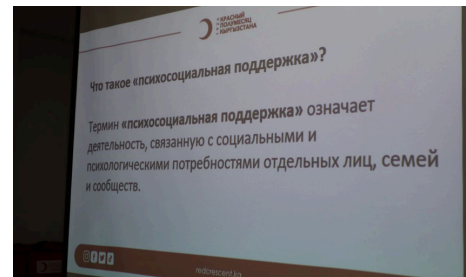
STRENGTHENING DISASTER RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS

3. TRAININGS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND BURNOUT PREVENTION:

In September 2024, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent conducted trainings on psychological support to the population and burnout prevention for its staff and volunteers.

The trainings were attended by 144 people (36 participants from each regional branch).

The trainings were aimed at practical development of skills of rendering psychological support to people affected by emergency situations and at prevention of professional burnout, which often occurs among specialists working in such conditions. The participants acquired practical knowledge and skills necessary for effective work in difficult situations. These trainings are an important part of caring for the well-being of Red Crescent staff and volunteers, ensuring their readiness to provide quality assistance in the future.



EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE THROUGH TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

In 2024, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent conducted comprehensive exercises in Osh, Zhalal-Abad, Batken, Talas and Chui regional branches to improve volunteer preparedness for emergencies.

In each branch, 12 to 15 volunteers underwent a four-day training programme that included intensive theoretical training and practical exercises, supplemented by simulation exercises.

This allowed them to practice their skills in conditions close to realistic situations.

After the training, volunteers from Osh, Zhalal-Abad, Batken and Talas branches, having demonstrated their readiness, were involved in real work on mudflow consequences, working side by side with Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent staff.



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MORE THAN 6,500 PEOPLE IN KYRGYZSTAN RECEIVED INFORMATION ON HYGIENE IN EMERGENCIES

From 1 July to 30 September 2024, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent conducted a large-scale information campaign in Talas, Zhalal-Abad, Osh and Batken regions, aimed at raising public awareness on hygiene and health rules in emergency situations. A total of 6,520 people participated in the campaign activities.

Regional residents received information on disease prevention measures, the importance of sanitation and hygiene in resource-limited settings and natural disasters.

The campaign aims to reduce the risks of spreading infectious diseases and ensure public safety during and after emergencies.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION ACTIONS IN COMMUNITIES

In 2024, the Red Crescent undertook a number of activities to strengthen community disaster risk management systems to increase awareness and practical skills of the population.

TRAINING AND SIMULATIONS:

- About 500 schoolchildren and 350 members of the local committees for emergency situations in Talas region and Osh city were trained in first aid, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
- In Osh city, simulation exercises were conducted among target schools, with the participation of about 700 students.

COMPETITIONS AMONG YOUNG RESCUERS:

- First aid competitions among young rescuers were held in 7 regions of Kyrgyzstan to improve their knowledge and skills in safety.
- A creative competition on disaster risk reduction was organized for elementary school students.

The activities have contributed to improving community preparedness for emergencies by strengthening community disaster risk management systems.



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COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCIES IN OSH REGION

A comprehensive training programme for schoolchildren was implemented as part of an initiative to increase the capacity of schools in Osh region and surrounding communities in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA). It included both theoretical trainings and practical simulation exercises.

A total of 3,000 students, 105 teachers and 100 partners participated in the trainings.

To reinforce the knowledge gained, RCSK conducted simulation exercises in two schools - Aman Egenov School in Mangyt village and an inclusive school in Osh city. They were attended by MES staff and rescuers who demonstrated specialized equipment and emergency response methods. Schoolchildren practiced evacuation skills, first aid, as well as responding to earthquakes and fires.

Joint efforts in education and practical training have contributed to improving children's safety, their preparedness to act in emergency situations, and the resilience of communities in Osh region.



RESTORING FAMILY LINKS

During 32 years, RCSK has been continuing to implement the RFL Programme, assisting families who have lost contact with family members as a result of armed conflict, violence, arrest, detention, natural disasters, and migration. The programme facilitates the reunification of families separated by these tragic events and also assists in the search for missing persons. Special attention is given to vulnerable separated persons in need of early family reunification.

In 2024, the Red Crescent conducted the work below:

Accepted requests

27

Counseling on migration and protection of family links

72

Providing ethnic Kyrgyz from the Pamirs with a telephone connection to contact their family members

40

Family reunification (returned from Russia and Turkmenistan)

3

Video calls for beneficiaries from Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, UAE, Turkey, USA, Mexico, Russia and the Czech Republic

21

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PROTECTION FROM EXTREME HEAT

In 2024, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent undertook a number of large-scale initiatives to protect the population from the effects of extreme heat, reaching out to various groups, including children and vulnerable categories of citizens.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS:

RCSK held information sessions across the country from May to July, where more than 6,500 people learned how to protect themselves from the heat. Special attention was paid to vulnerable groups such as the elderly and people with chronic diseases. The participants received information on symptoms of heat stroke, prevention methods and behavioral rules in the heat, as well as informational brochures.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY:

In support of these efforts, a nationwide celebration combining World Children's Day and Heat Action Day was organized on 1-2 June 2024. More than 10,000 people took part in information and entertainment activities, including master classes and quizzes. All participants received informational materials and incentive gifts.



EDUCATING STUDENTS ON SAFETY MEASURES:

From September to October 2024, RCSK held information sessions on safety measures in conditions of extreme heat for schoolchildren in seven regions of Kyrgyzstan. In total, more than 5,000 children were trained.

As part of the sessions, schoolchildren received information on the risks associated with extreme heat, underwent master classes on first aid for heat stroke and other consequences of heat, and learned about measures to prepare for extreme weather conditions. In addition, the previous sessions were monitored and the assimilation of the acquired knowledge was checked.

As a result, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent carried out extensive work to protect the population from the abnormal heat wave, raising awareness of risks and precautions among various groups, including schoolchildren and vulnerable segments of society.

A LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT THE EXTREME HEAT WAVE:

From 15 July to 05 August the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent conducted a large-scale campaign to combat the extreme heat, which covered all regions of Kyrgyzstan and attracted about 10,000 participants. As part of this campaign, RCSK distributed informational materials, held contests and quizzes in social networks with valuable prizes for the winners.

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

CEA/PGI COMPONENTS

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent is introducing a comprehensive approach to working with target population by applying CEA/PGI components.

CEA (Community engagement and accountability) means community involvement and accountability and implies active participation of local communities in all stages of the project, from planning to implementation, ensuring transparency and responsibility for all actions.

PGI (Protection, Gender and Inclusion) aims to ensure the safety of all project participants, especially women and girls, as well as equal opportunities for all community members.

To ensure that these principles are effectively implemented, a demonstration training for staff with focus groups was conducted in all regions of the country. Focal points, being key staff who train other staff and volunteers, play an important role in disseminating knowledge about the CEA/PGI components. A total of 89 people took part in the training.

Following the focus group training, a large-scale campaign was conducted across the

country to train volunteers, local team members and the public. Coverage: 1,000 people.

PGI SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT

RCSK continues to actively work on strengthening security measures and protection of vulnerable groups. As part of this activity, a Safeguarding assessment was conducted with 20 RCSK staff.

This activity, as part of the PGI assessment, is designed to ensure the safety of employees and beneficiaries.

The training covered the 16 IFRC safeguarding standards, with a focus on their practical application in the RCSK. The participants studied:

- Basic principles of protection from exploitation, abuse and neglect.
- The role of staff in preventing and responding to abuse.
- The importance of management support.
- Procedures for responding to incidents.
- A victim-centered approach.

As a result, the RCSK protection system was assessed, recommendations were made and an improvement plan was developed. The organization will continue to improve the system in accordance with international standards.



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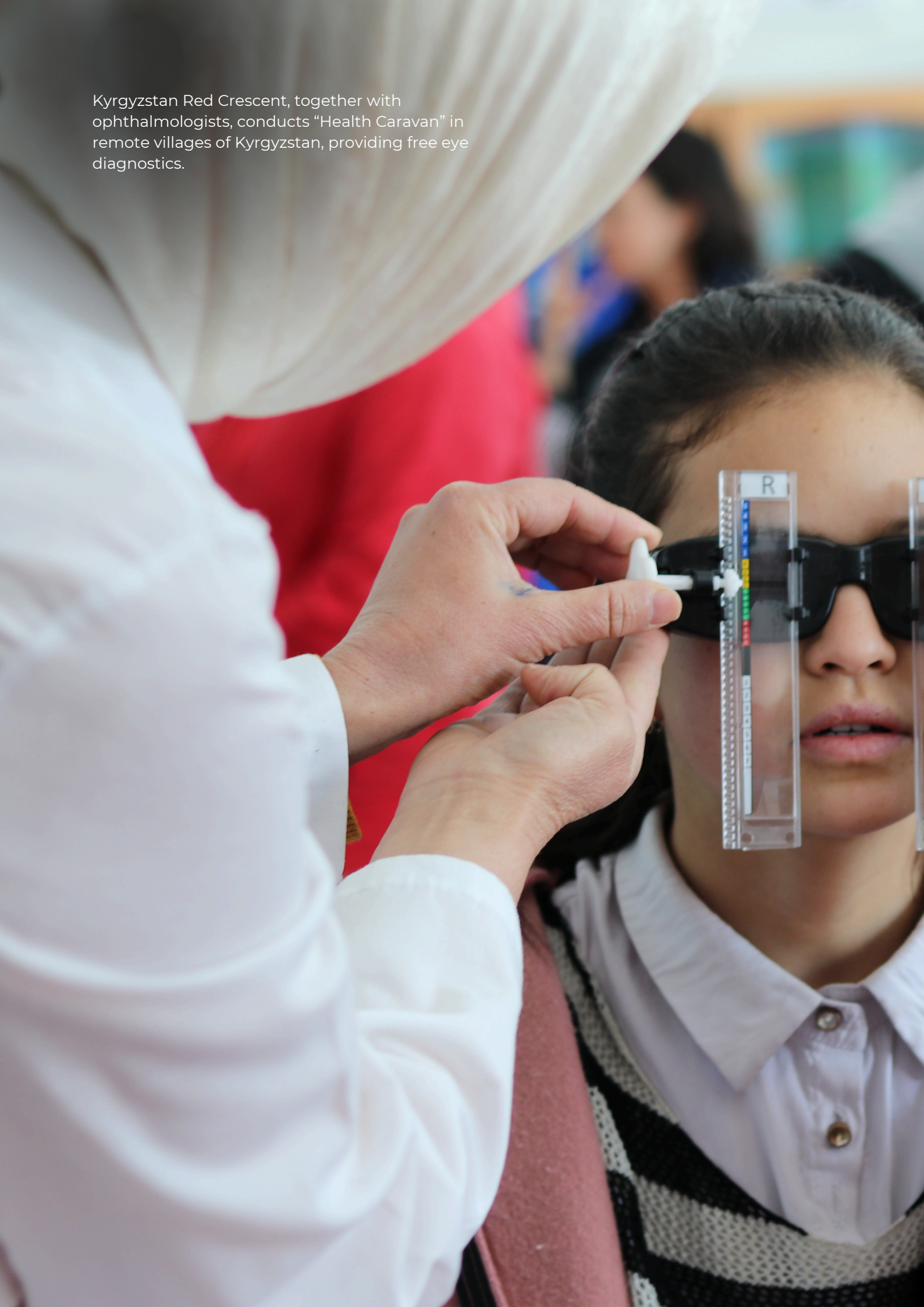
RCSK RAISES QUALIFICATION: OUR SPECIALISTS HAVE UNDERGONE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

RCSK consistently strives to improve its skills, which is a key factor for effective work in crisis situations. RCSK staff successfully completed the international training PECT (Practical Emergencies Cash Transfers) held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This training, organized in accordance with the strategy of the Cash Peer Working Group (CPWG) of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It was an important step in strengthening the capacity of RCSK. The training was attended by representatives of National Societies, IFRC and ICRC from 18 countries, which emphasizes the international character and significance of this event. Among the participating countries were Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Germany, Iraq, Finland, Austria, the UK, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Malawi, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Maldives, Poland and Indonesia. The purpose of the training was to introduce cash transfers into disaster response work, which requires qualified personnel and appropriate tools. The main objectives of the training were: to complement theoretical knowledge on cash and voucher assistance (CVA), to gain a clear understanding of the expectations and results associated with CVA design and implementation, and to

familiarize with Red Cross and Red Crescent tools related to cash transfers in emergencies. Over the course of five days, the participants worked actively in groups, shared their experiences and practiced what they had learned, ensuring a deep immersion in the topic. Successful completion of the training means that participants are admitted to the Rapid Response Management System (RRMS) and receive coordination from the IFRC Emergency Response Team. This opens the door for participation in international missions where the knowledge and skills gained can be applied and allows RCSK to act as an international partner. With the knowledge and skills gained, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent staff will be able to provide more effective assistance to victims and ensure sustainable development in crisis situations in Kyrgyzstan.



Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent, together with ophthalmologists, conducts “Health Caravan” in remote villages of Kyrgyzstan, providing free eye diagnostics.





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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BUILDING TRUST DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

The National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (RCSK) conducted a number of activities to build confidence in vaccination, promote healthy lifestyles, routine childhood immunization and measles control in 2024 as part of the "Building Trust during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Humanitarian Settings" programme. These efforts included outreach to parents, health care providers and religious leaders, as well as unique approaches to information dissemination.

WORK WITH PARENTS:

In January-February 2024, a campaign to raise parents' awareness about routine immunisation was organised jointly with health promotion offices and the Family Medicine Center (FMC). The activities reached 4,120 parents in Bishkek, Chui, Osh and Zhalal-Abad regions. As a result of this work, 2006 children were immunised.

INFORMING VIA TEZTAP:

A unique information campaign was conducted in Bishkek in cooperation with Teztap. 206,000 households received brochures about the National Vaccination Calendar enclosed in envelopes with utility bills. This method made it possible to reach a wide audience in the city and effectively disseminate important information about vaccination.

TRAINING FOR HEALTH WORKERS ON MEASLES CONTROL:

A training for health workers on measles control was held in February 2024. It brought together 25 specialists from various medical institutions of the country, including the

Republican Centre for Immunoprophylaxis, infectious disease physicians, immunologists, etc., to improve coordination and information sharing to combat the epidemic.

TRAINING FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON IMMUNISATION:

On 14 February 2024, a training was held for 35 religious leaders, including representatives of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Kyrgyzstan, the Kazyat of Bishkek and the Republican Center for Health Promotion and Mass Communication, to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and its role in combating epidemics. The participants received information on the epidemiological situation, consequences of diseases, vaccination schedule and debunking myths about the composition of vaccines.

These initiatives have not only raised public awareness of the importance of vaccination, but also built trust in it.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

INCREASING CONFIDENCE IN VACCINATION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF BISHKEK

In July 2024, the project 'Engaging the public to reduce barriers to vaccination of children in 5 residential areas of Bishkek city', implemented with the support of UNICEF, was launched in Bishkek.

The project aims to increase trust in vaccination in Ak-Bata, Ak-Zhar, Altyn Kazyk, Bakai-Ata and Kelechek residential areas.

The initiative aims to reduce the risk of infectious diseases among children and strengthen the public health system.

LEADER AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

A workshop and training for 34 community leaders and volunteers was organised. The participants learnt about the vaccination calendar, vaccine composition and strategies to combat misinformation so that they could disseminate this knowledge to the population.

residential area	UNVACCINATED CHILDREN DUE TO PARENTAL REFUSAL	VACCINATED CHILDREN
Ak-Bata	58	6
Ak-Zhar	149	51
Altyn-Kazyk	3	0
Bakai-Ata	15	5
Kelechek	21	9



VACCINATION PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS:

In Ak-Zhar and Ak-Bata residential areas, campaigns were held to mark the World Polio Day. 90 families and 130 children participated in the events. Thanks to information work, 11 children who had previously refused vaccinations were vaccinated against measles and rubella. Parents received humanitarian aid, and entertainment programmes were organised for children.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS

Community leaders and volunteers conducted visits in five neighbourhoods, reaching more than 500 families. As a result of outreach, 71 of 246 children whose families had previously refused vaccination were vaccinated.

Community outreach has been shown to be effective in providing a strong background for the development of sustainable decisions to prevent infectious diseases.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HIV PREVENTION IN CHUI REGION

In 2024, a comprehensive programme on HIV prevention, care and treatment in the Kyrgyz Republic was implemented in Chui region (Zhail, Panfilov and Moskovsky districts).

THE MAIN GOAL OF THE ACTIVITY WAS HIV PREVENTION, REDUCE MORTALITY AMONG PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV) AND IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

The programme included various activities aimed at identifying new HIV cases, early treatment initiation, social support for people living with HIV (PLHIV), psychological support, and assistance with violence.

During the period of the programme implementation, rapid **testing was carried among out 895 participants and 18 new HIV cases were identified.** Testing was conducted using different approaches: active outreach, index testing (for sexual partners of people with confirmed HIV status). All 18 HIV-positive people underwent confirmatory testing and were referred to the General Medical Practice Centre (GMPC) for registration, where 12 of them started antiretroviral treatment.

In addition, **221 people living with HIV underwent a social support programme** where each participant was assisted by a specially trained volunteer Peer Navigator. The follow-up programme lasted 6 months and resulted in 19 people achieving an undetectable viral load (reduced risk of transmission).

RCSK paid special attention to self-help groups.

During the period of the programme, 89 meetings with participants were held, covering 5-8 people in each group. During these meetings, peer counselling, adherence to treatment, experience sharing, prevention of gender-based violence and support for survivors of violence were provided.

The programme also included the distribution of HIV self-testing kits.

373 people received these kits, which could be picked up at pharmacies of the NEMAN-Pharm network. To receive a kit, it is necessary to register on the epictest.live website, which guarantees confidentiality and allows you to choose a convenient method of receipt. This approach makes the process of receiving a self-test convenient and also ensures that personal privacy is maintained.

The programme provided pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) counselling for people at risk of HIV transmission. 878 people were counselled, of whom 14 were linked to PrEP at the GPMC.

To prevent violence among the project's clients, violence screening was conducted. 774 people were screened. The programme contributed to controlling the HIV epidemic, reducing the number of new cases and preventing further spread of the virus. It increased treatment adherence, reduced stigma and discrimination, and helped achieve the U=U goal (undetectable = untransmittable). An important outcome has been improved access to health and social services, psycho-emotional support and a more tolerant environment for people living with HIV.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES IN REGIONS

In 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (RCSK) demonstrated significant progress in implementing the programme 'Improving Access to and Quality of Ophthalmological Services' (supported by the Swiss Red Cross), expanding its activities not only in the southern regions but also in the northern regions.

The mobile 'Health Caravan' became a key element of this initiative, providing access to necessary medical services for vulnerable populations. Ophthalmologists and volunteers actively travelled to Issyk-Kul, Osh, Zhalal-Abad and Batken regions, conducting free check-ups and information sessions on the importance of eye care.

IN 2024, 62,888 PEOPLE WERE SCREENED AS PART OF THE HEALTH CARAVAN IN REMOTE AREAS OF KYRGYZSTAN.

EQUIPPING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

RCSK donated modern ophthalmological equipment to the regional FMCs to improve the quality of diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases in the regions:



TRANSFER OF I-CARE IC100, IC200 TONOMETERS:

Medical institutions across the country received I-CARE IC100 tonometers - highly accurate devices for measuring intraocular pressure. These tonometers were provided to the Nookat, Uzgen, Aravan, Leilek, Ala-Buka, Aksy, Toguz-Toruu, Kara-Kul and Kochkor-Ata GMPCs, as well as to the Kyzyl-Kiia Territorial Hospital, Zhalal-Abad and Osh Regional Children's Hospitals, Karakol Regional Hospital and the National Center for Maternal and Child Welfare.

These tonometers measure intraocular pressure in a variety of positions and are fast and accurate, which is critical for early diagnosis of glaucoma.

RETINOPATHY DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT:

Keeler Vantage Plus LED indirect frontal ophthalmoscopes and VOLK 28D lenses for ocular fundus examination were provided to diagnose retinopathy, especially in newborns. Zhalal-Abad, Issyk-Kul, Naryn and Talas regional hospitals, as well as Kyzyl-Kiia GMPC received this equipment. Physicians will now be able to detect retinopathy in a timely manner, preventing possible vision loss in newborns.

Thanks to this project, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent provides residents of remote regions with access to quality eye care, helping to preserve their eyesight and improve their quality of life.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PROMOTION OF NEW CLINICAL STANDARDS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent actively supports the development of clinical standards of ophthalmological care. On 25 December 2024, the Ministry of Health approved two new guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of senile cataract and retinopathy of prematurity.

The evidence-based documents were developed in collaboration with leading ophthalmologists and aim to improve the quality of care and reduce complications. Work is ongoing: guidelines on glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and other diseases are planned. Measures to improve the diagnosis of retinopathy of prematurity are also being implemented, including equipping clinics and training specialists.

INTERNATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY SYMPOSIUMS

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent together with the United Society of Ophthalmologists held two international symposiums for ophthalmologists. The events were aimed at sharing experience, discussing modern treatment methods and improving the qualifications of specialists.

An online broadcast was organised to cover all regions, allowing physicians from remote areas to participate in the discussions and learn from the best practices.

DRAFTING THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICE IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

In 2024, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent, with the active participation of key concerned parties, held a series of four online meetings and a roundtable on the development of a National Strategy for the Development of Ophthalmological Services in the Kyrgyz Republic. These important events were attended by Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent staff, representatives of the Ministry of Health, WHO focal points for non-communicable diseases, and leading ophthalmologists from the country.

As a result of fruitful joint activities, a draft version of the National Strategy for the Development of the Ophthalmological Service of the Kyrgyz Republic for the period 2024-2035 was developed. This strategic programme is designed to address the pressing problems of the sector, including the lack of qualified specialists in the regions, limited access to modern ophthalmological equipment and low awareness of the population about the prevention of eye diseases.

It is expected that the implementation of the strategy will create a comprehensive system providing access to quality eye care for all citizens of Kyrgyzstan. The new programme will be an important step in improving eye health and the overall quality of life of the country's population, aimed at preventing blindness and visual impairment.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT RETINOPATHY

TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS:

Seven physicians from different regions of Kyrgyzstan (two ophthalmologists and one neonatologist from the National Center for Maternal and Child Welfare, as well as one ophthalmologist each from Zhalal-Abad and Issyk-Kul regions and two ophthalmologists from Naryn region) were trained at the 'PROFESSIONAL' National Centre for Continuing Education (Almaty). This initiative has been implemented with support of Swiss Red Cross.

- All seven physicians gained knowledge and skills in retinopathy screening, enabling them to perform early diagnosis directly in the regions, eliminating the need for long-distance travel.
- Two ophthalmologists and one neonatologist from the National Center for Maternal and Child Welfare have mastered laser retinal coagulation techniques and modern approaches to nursing premature babies according to international standards.

THE FIRST LASER RETINOPATHY SURGERIES:

Thanks to the knowledge gained, for the first time in the history of Kyrgyzstan, local physicians from the National Center for Maternal and Child Welfare were able to independently perform laser surgeries for the treatment of retinopathy of prematurity. A consultant, Sharipova Asel Usenbaevna, a leading specialist in RN treatment, was invited to support them in the first stages.

Previously, such treatment required travelling abroad, which often resulted in wasted time and poorer prognosis. Today, the situation has changed: treatment is now available in the country.

SHARING THE EXPERIENCE OF OPHTHALMIC MICROSURGEONS IN CATARACT TREATMENT

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent initiated an experience exchange programme among ophthalmic microsurgeons.

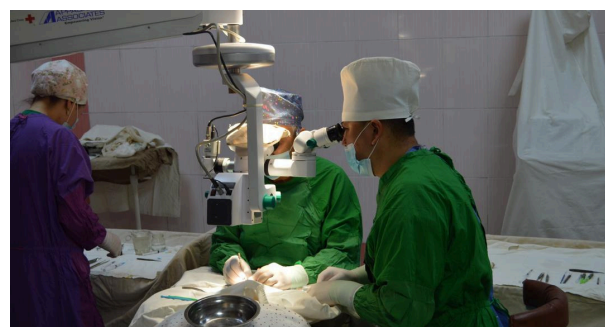
Over two years, nine ophthalmologists were trained at the Tilganga Institute (Nepal), mastering modern methods of cataract treatment. Now, specialists in phacoemulsification (PHACO) and tunneled cataract extraction (TCE) are working in regional medical centres.

An experience exchange programme has been launched for the effective application of knowledge. The programme includes:

✓ Kurmanbek Dzheembaev (Zhalal-Abad-) performed 4 TCE surgeries at Osh hospital.

✓ Uulutai Arapbaeva (Osh) together with colleagues, she performed 15 PHACO surgeries in Kyzyl-Kiia.

This exchange increases both the quantity and quality of surgeries, helping more patients regain their sight.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST FROM ZHALAL-ABAD HAS MASTERED ADVANCED CATARACT TREATMENT IN NEPAL

Aida Taalaibek, an ophthalmologist from Kochkor-Ata, successfully completed phacoemulsification of cataract (PHACO) training in Nepal. The training, which took place from 15 July to 15 August, taught her how to use a modern and minimally invasive method of cataract removal.

PHACO allows the lens to be split using ultrasound and an artificial lens to be implanted, providing faster vision restoration and better results than traditional methods.

Previously, PHACO surgery in state hospitals in Kyrgyzstan was practised only in Bishkek, Osh and Kyzyl-Kiia. Aida Taalaibek's training was an important event for Zhalal-Abad region, where this technique had not been used before. She will now be able to perform cataract surgery at the highest level, significantly improving the quality of ophthalmological care in the region and increasing the availability of quality medical care for the residents of Zhalal-Abad region. Such trainings for improving qualification of ophthalmologists has been realized with support of Swiss Red Cross.



Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LARGE-SCALE TRAINING OF FAS MEDICAL WORKERS IN PRIMARY OPHTHALMOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTICS WAS CONDUCTED IN KYRGYZSTAN

About 300 FAS workers from different regions of the country were trained to improve the availability and quality of ophthalmological care in remote communities.

The training programme included key aspects of prevention and early detection of cataract and glaucoma, as well as training in first aid for eye injuries. Special attention was paid to diagnostic methods using the Golovin–Sivtsev table to determine visual acuity. Each participant of the training was provided with Golovin–Sivtsev table for further work. Special attention was paid to the topic of retinopathy of prematurity.

This training is an important step in the development of ophthalmological service in Kyrgyzstan and will allow timely detection and treatment of eye diseases, especially in vulnerable groups living in remote regions.



INCREASING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EYE HEALTH

In Kyrgyzstan, ophthalmological care is actively developed thanks to volunteers. During the year, volunteer training sessions were held in Issyk-Kul, Osh, Zhalal-Abad and Batken regions. The participants learnt about eye hygiene, prevention of eye diseases, methods of conducting information sessions and door-to-door visits, as well as how to deliver information to the population taking into account local conditions.

The final event was a three-day training in Cholpon-Ata from 8-10 September, where 24 volunteers from these areas shared their experience gained over the year. They analysed successful practices of Health Caravans and information sessions, discussed problems and ways of their solution, as well as effective methods of communication with the population.

At the training in Cholpon-Ata, volunteers learnt how to use the USee portable refractometer, which improves the accuracy of vision diagnostics in the field.

- More than 127,866 people received information about vision health at information sessions.
- 5,762 door-to-door visits were conducted to provide information on the prevention of eye diseases.

Through the training and work of volunteers, thousands of people have gained important knowledge about vision care. Volunteers are agents of positive change, providing access to eye care even in remote areas and demonstrating how working together can make a difference in health care.

All activities related to 'Improving Access to and Quality of Ophthalmological Services programme' has been supported by the Swiss Red Cross.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE TB PATIENTS

The RCSK is actively fighting TB, with a special focus on vulnerable groups such as migrants, ex-prisoners, homeless people, injecting drug users and alcoholics. These groups face difficulties in adhering to treatment, which increases the risk of interruption of therapy and loss of contact with health care providers.

◆ Patient retention on treatment: In 2024, 390 TB patients were provided with case management services. Of these, 251 patients were taken on follow-up during the reporting period and 139 patients continued treatment from the previous year, demonstrating continuity of care. Also, 31 patients who had previously lost adherence to treatment and 342 patients at risk of therapy interruption were returned to the treatment programme.

◆ Support for children: Since the beginning of 2023, 96 children undergoing treatment or chemoprophylaxis have received patronage. Of these, 64 children have successfully completed their treatment, confirming the importance of the psychosocial support organised for young patients.

◆ Detection of new TB cases: out of 640 contacts tested, 21 new TB cases (3.2%) were identified after interviewing 1,415 people for symptoms.

◆ Zheil Dem AI education programme: 113 patients from Naryn and Zhalal-Abad regions were trained, increasing treatment adherence by 88% and reducing anxiety by 90%.

TB AWARENESS MONTH

In March-April 2024, the TB Awareness Month was successfully held, uniting the efforts of medical professionals, the public and the population in the fight against this dangerous disease.

The key objective of the event was to raise awareness of tuberculosis and its prevention, as well as early detection of the disease. During the Month, 202,964 people received information on the importance of immunoprophylaxis, early symptoms of tuberculosis and the need to see a doctor in a timely manner.

Large-scale events in Osh, Batken, Zhalal-Abad and Naryn regions drew attention to the problem. Relay races, tournaments, flash mobs, races and processions became colourful events and platforms for promoting healthy lifestyles and TB prevention.

As part of the TB Awareness Month, screening activities were carried out among risk groups, which made it possible to identify 3 cases of tuberculosis in Naryn region.

The TB Awareness Month demonstrated the effectiveness of a comprehensive approach: awareness, prevention and early detection are key factors in the fight against TB.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADVANCES IN OVERCOMING STIGMA AND CONTROLLING TUBERCULOSIS

The RCSK has a targeted approach to TB control, with a particular focus on supporting vulnerable groups: migrants, ex-prisoners, homeless people, injecting drug users and people with alcohol dependence. These categories of patients are at high risk of treatment interruption, which makes a comprehensive approach important.

Patient retention in treatment

✓ Patient support: 390 patients received management services, 251 patients were taken under follow-up in the reporting period, and 139 patients continued treatment from the previous year.

✓ Patronage of at-risk groups: 31 patients who lost adherence to treatment, 17 who refused and 342 at-risk patients were returned to the programme.

✓ Children: 96 children received foster care services (47 - chemoprophylaxis, 49 - chemotherapy) and 64 successfully completed treatment.

Detection of new cases

✓ 1,415 contacts interviewed, 640 referred for testing, 21 cases (3.2%) identified.

Zhenil Dem AI educational programme

✓ 113 patients received education on treatment, nutrition, physical activity and anxiety management.

✓ 88% of participants improved adherence to treatment.

✓ 90% reported a decrease in anxiety.

The integrated approach - patronage, detection and education - has strengthened patient retention in treatment, new case detection and improved quality of life.

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH TB AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

From October 2023 to September 2024, Kyrgyzstan carried out extensive work to reduce stigma and discrimination against TB patients. A comprehensive approach included work with the patients' environment, medical staff and the patients themselves.

Working with the patient environment

✓ 379 outreach sessions were conducted to educate patients' family members about TB, dispel myths and create a supportive environment for recovery.

✓ A final assessment of stigma has been conducted in four regions, which will allow for further strategy adjustments.

Support for medical staff

✓ 861 mentoring visits to health facilities, including Assessment Fund, FDGs, FMCs and hospitals.

✓ Zhalal-Abad region received the most visits (347 visits), followed by Batken (188), Osh (175) and Naryn (151).

✓ Mentoring contributes to improving the quality of medical services and fostering tolerant attitudes towards patients.

These measures contribute to reducing discrimination, improving treatment conditions and increasing support for TB patients.



Bishkek
2023

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A VIRTUAL PSYCHOLOGIST HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP TB PATIENTS

An artificial intelligence (AI)-based virtual psychologist has been launched in Kyrgyzstan to support TB patients. This innovative chatbot, available at tbc.kg, helps reduce anxiety, motivates treatment and becomes a virtual friend.

✓ Available 24/7 - support anytime, anywhere.

✓ Personalised approach - adapting to the needs of the user.

✓ Proven effectiveness - reduces anxiety and increases treatment adherence.

The service is now in Russian language, and it is planned to add Kyrgyz in the future.

THE ROLE OF MEN IN SUPPORTING WOMEN WITH TUBERCULOSIS: RESULTS OF A STUDY

Within the scope of the project 'Support for TB Patients', a study 'Level of Male Support for Women with TB' was conducted with 240 men from four regions of Kyrgyzstan.

One third of respondents show a high level of care: they help in everyday life, monitor compliance with treatment and provide financial and moral support.

The results show an increased awareness of the importance of supporting women with TB, which contributes to their successful recovery and improved quality of life.

A STUDY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH OF TB PATIENTS

A study to assess the mental health and needs of TB patients was conducted in four regions of Kyrgyzstan from July to September 2024. It involved 456 participants, including patients, their relatives and health care providers.

The results showed high level of anxiety and depression among patients due to the disease, prolonged treatment, side effects and social stigmatisation. Financial difficulties and lack of information about therapy were also identified.

Targeted psychosocial support programmes will be developed based on the data, as well as recommendations for health care providers to improve practice with patients.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN WITH CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE IN KYRGYZSTAN

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent together with partners is implementing a programme to provide high quality medical care to children with congenital heart disease from vulnerable families. The programme focuses on children aged 6 to 18 years old, as treatment of children under 6 years old is provided by state quotas.

Priority is given to children from the following socially vulnerable categories:

- Low-income families experiencing difficulties in meeting basic needs.
- Large families in need of additional support.
- Single-parent families facing economic and social difficulties.
- Families with disabled or ill members requiring additional resources.
- Families that have experienced crisis situations such as job loss, natural disasters, etc.

In 2024, 11 children with congenital heart disease across Kyrgyzstan were successfully operated as part of this work. Each child received comprehensive medical care and support, including:

- Preoperative examination and preparation.
- Surgical intervention.
- Postoperative care and rehabilitation, including medical supervision and psychological support.

The length of recovery is individualised, but all children showed significant improvements in health.

Since the launch of the programme in 2012, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent has helped 143 children with congenital heart disease to get the medical care they need, saving their lives and improving their quality of life.



Salvation Army representatives meet with children who have been assisted with heart defect surgeries

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First Aid training
Bishkek, 2024

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT SUCCESSFULLY PASSED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION ON FIRST AID

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies undergo International First Aid Accreditation every five years. Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent (RCSK) successfully passed the International First Aid Certification, held from 11 to 15 November. The certification, held every five years, confirmed that RCSK programmes comply with international standards and recommendations of the Global Reference Centre for First Aid.

As part of the certification, RCSK submitted two first aid programmes for evaluation: 8-hour and 16-hour programmes. Successful completion of the Global First Aid Reference Centre International Certification confirms the high quality of first aid training provided by the RCSK and provides international recognition of its programmes. Twelve RCSK representatives participated in the certification. This enables the organisation to continue to provide high quality first aid training in line with international best practices.

25,415 PEOPLE TRAINED IN FIRST AID SKILLS

<div>2,780</div> <div>people received commercial trainings</div>	<div>22,635</div> <div>people received non-profit trainings</div>
<div>25</div> <div>number of trainers</div>	<div>63</div> <div>number of instructors</div>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

YOUNG RESCUERS SHOWED THEIR SKILLS AT THE REPUBLICAN COMPETITIONS

As part of the Disaster Risk Reduction Month, the National Young Rescuers Competition was held. The participants from all regions, including Osh and Bishkek, demonstrated skills of formation and physical training, first aid and emergency response.

CASCADE TRAININGS ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (PSS) AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID FOR VOLUNTEERS

RCSK conducted cascade trainings on psychosocial support (PSS) and psychological first aid for 140 volunteers from all regional branches in April 2024.

The aim of the large-scale programme was to strengthen the capacity of RCSK to provide psychosocial support to the population not only in crisis situations, but also in everyday life. Trained volunteers are now key participants in PSS programmes across the country, contributing to the well-being of people in difficult circumstances. The trainings have strengthened the RCSK's capacity to provide qualified assistance, ensuring timely support to those in need.

SOCIAL MOBILISATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Accelerating Local Action programme conducted a large-scale social mobilisation of volunteers to inform the population about the prevention of infectious diseases and the importance of vaccination in Kyrgyzstan.

◆ Epidemic Preparedness:

In 2024, trained volunteers conducted information campaigns in Talas, Naryn and Issyk-Kul regions, reaching 34,003 people. Residents were told about the prevention of zoonotic diseases and the importance of vaccination.

◆ Routine immunisation:

The campaign took place in Osh, Zhalal-Abad, Batken and Chui regions, as well as in Bishkek. Volunteers visited families, registered vaccinated children in the **IEMDOO** system and convinced refusers of the importance of vaccination. It covered 70,525 people.

Thanks to these efforts, tens of thousands of Kyrgyz people have received important information, which has helped to improve public health and reduce the risk of disease.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SURVEILLANCE (CBSS) IN KYRGYZSTAN

The RCSK is implementing **Community-Based Surveillance (CBSS)**. This initiative aims to prepare for and respond to epidemics and pandemics.

Learning and training: In April 2024, RCSK staff received training on community-based surveillance, including surveillance methodology. The training of trainers (ToT) was conducted in Bishkek with the participation of experts from IFRC and the Norwegian Red Cross. The participants learned surveillance algorithms and how to use the Nyss platform to collect and analyse data. Nyss has become a key tool for effective monitoring.

The way community-based surveillance works: trained volunteers recognise disease symptoms and send SMS reports to the Nyss system. The Nyss system processes the data and sends automatic notifications to supervisors for verification. Confirmed notifications are forwarded to the local health authority or veterinary service. This ensures a rapid and co-ordinated response to disease outbreaks.

Feasibility assessment and selection of pilot communities: A feasibility assessment of community-based surveillance was conducted in Talas (Amanbaevo village) and Zhalal-Abad (Bek-Abad village) regions in 2024. Meetings were held with local authorities and health care institutions. Priority diseases for surveillance have been identified, including viral hepatitis A, measles, human acute respiratory infections and rabies, anthrax in animals.

As part of the implementation of community-based surveillance, a trilateral co-operation agreement was signed in June-July 2024. The agreement was concluded between RCSK, the Department of Disease Prevention under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Veterinary Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic. This ensured co-operation between the concerned parties.

Community-based Surveillance Protocol:

The protocol was developed in collaboration with an IFRC consultant and agreed with the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Veterinary Service. This protocol standardises the disease surveillance and response processes. It ensures effective implementation of the system.

Community-based cascade surveillance trainings: cascade trainings were conducted for volunteers in two regions:

Talas region: training sessions were organised for 62 volunteers. The training was also attended by representatives of the Centre for State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance, Family Physicians Group and veterinary service of Aitmatov district of Talas region.

Zhalal-Abad region: trainings were conducted for 31 volunteers from Bek-Abad village. From July to December 2024, epidemiological surveillance covered 3,394 households in Talas and Zhalal-Abad regions.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ECHINOCOCCOSIS SCREENING IN TALAS AND NARYN REGIONS

Under the Pilot Programme Partnership project, activities were carried out to detect echinococcosis among the population.

Talas region:

On 20 September, 120 students of grades 5-7 were examined in Ak-Zhar village. Specialists performed ultrasound of the liver, revealing one case of echinococcosis. Volunteers organised information sessions on disease prevention.

Naryn region:

In November, 189 people were examined in 4 settlements of Naryn district. Two adolescents were suspected of having echinococcal cysts and were redirected for further observation. Early detection of echinococcosis helps prevent complications and the spread of infection.

European Immunisation Week (EIW 2024):

Vaccination awareness events were held throughout Kyrgyzstan, including Bishkek and the regions.

Key events:

- ✓ Information sessions on vaccine-preventable infections;
- ✓ Sports events and animation performances;
- ✓ 'Congratulations on your first vaccination' campaigns in health centres

The events were attended by 1,056 people. Information campaigns helped to dispel myths about vaccination and increase confidence in immunisation among the population.

WORLD POLIO DAY - A MAJOR VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

To mark World Polio Day (24 October), RCSK conducted an information campaign reaching 1,150 people. From 21 to 31 October, events were held to raise awareness about vaccination.

Key events:

- ✓ Information sessions on vaccine-preventable infections;
- ✓ Sports and entertainment activities with the participation of animators;
- ✓ 'Congratulations on your first vaccination' campaign to build confidence in vaccinations.

The campaign covered all regions of Kyrgyzstan, highlighting the importance of immunisation in protecting children from polio and other infections.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RED CRESCENT MOBILE BRIGADE: ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED AND MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR EVENTS

In 2021, a Red Crescent mobile brigade was activated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to provide assistance to Bishkek residents in need.

ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE GROUPS:

This year, the team travelled 702 times to the poor, elderly and bedridden, making 1,119 calls, of which 417 were from private individuals. Specialists identify problems in a timely manner, preventing complications and helping to preserve quality of life.

MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR EVENTS:

The brigade ensures the safety and health of participants at mass events.

These events were:

- ✓ Bakai Bank Jaz Demi Half Marathon;
- ✓ World Health Day;
- ✓ Chess tournament for people with disabilities;
- ✓ Football - Kyrgyz Football Union;
- ✓ Run - KFC NIGHT RUN;
- ✓ American Song Contest.

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent stresses the importance of medical support at public events and, if necessary, ensures prompt hospitalisation of injured people.



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Bishkek 2024

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT ANNUALLY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS IN DIFFICULT LIFE SITUATIONS DUE TO VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

As part of its activities, RCSK implements a number of initiatives aimed at supporting various categories of people in need.

There is a Children's Crisis Centre in the city of Kara-Balta,

where orphans, children from migrant families and children with disabilities live. The Centre provides them with food, clothing, medical care and facilitates their social integration and education.

In the city of Karakol there is an Alignment School

aimed at the social integration and rehabilitation of street children and children from migrant families, providing them with primary education and developing their creative and intellectual potential.

The Salamat Boarding House in Kara-Balta cares for lonely elderly people who have been left without the care of their loved ones and need round-the-clock care. In addition, there is a **Nursing Care Unit with hospice services in the same city**, which provides palliative care for patients in terminal stages of illness.

Day care centre with services of boarding house for the elderly 'Muras' in Tokmok city provides support to lonely elderly people who are left without the help of relatives or have no close relatives.

In the city of Talas, there is a rehabilitation centre called Teunir Koldo, which provides assistance to families raising children with Down syndrome and autism.

The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent also **supports women** from vulnerable and low-income families by teaching them vocational skills, such as sewing, which contributes to their employment and economic independence.

IN ALL REGIONS OF KYRGYZSTAN, THE ORGANISATION PROVIDES HOUSEHOLD AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE TO 667 ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING ALONE, PROVIDING THEM WITH HOT MEALS, GROCERIES AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT.

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent supports a network of 16 senior clubs across the country. These clubs have become cosy centres where every older person can find their place, discover their talents and feel part of a caring community.

Thus, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent makes a significant contribution to improving the quality of life of vulnerable people by providing them with the necessary support and facilitating their social integration.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS AT THE SALAMAT BOARDING HOUSE FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE

Salamat boarding house for the elderly is a medical and social institution of RCSK and is located in Kara-Balta. It houses single elderly people who are left without the care of their relatives and need round-the-clock care and supervision. This institution is designed for 60 elderly people, including persons with disabilities, as well as those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The medical care of the residents is provided by 4 staff nurses and a physician from the Family Medical Centre (FMC).

Due to the high vulnerability of boarders, given their age, chronic diseases and weakened immunity, prevention of infectious diseases is of particular importance.

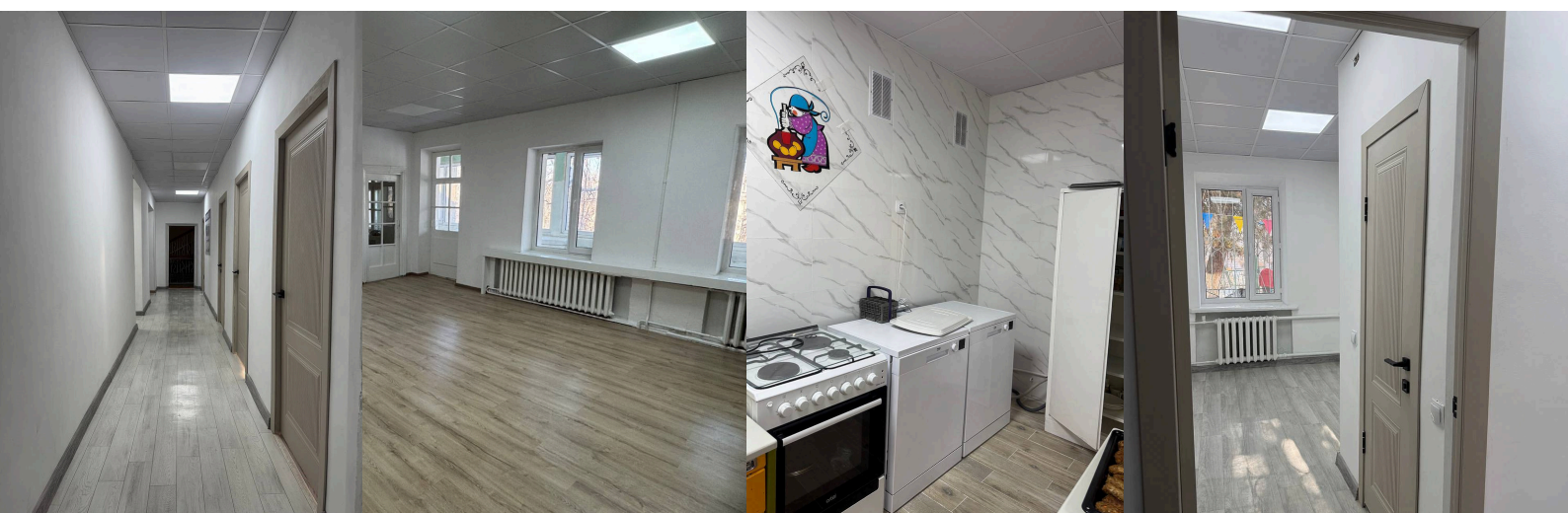
The National Society of Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent and the Republican Scientific and Practical Centre for Infection Control under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic signed a Memorandum of Understanding. As part of the co-operation, trainings were conducted for the boarding house staff on infection control and medical waste management.

RENOVATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SANITATION

Based on the infection control assessment, construction and installation works were carried out:

- ✓ Isolation room - the isolation room for persons with infectious diseases was completely renovated, where primary health care will be provided to prevent the spread of airborne infections;
- ✓ Treatment room - work was done to improve ventilation, renovate wall, ceiling and floor finishes, and lighting fixtures;
- ✓ Rehabilitation room - modernisation of the interior, renovation of walls, ceilings, flooring, replacement of windows and doors;
- ✓ Kitchen - replacement of coverings and lighting in accordance with sanitary norms;
- ✓ Bathrooms and toilets - adaptation for people with disabilities, installation of handrails, seats, updated sanitary equipment, improved ventilation and widened doorways. All works have been carried out in accordance with infection control standards.

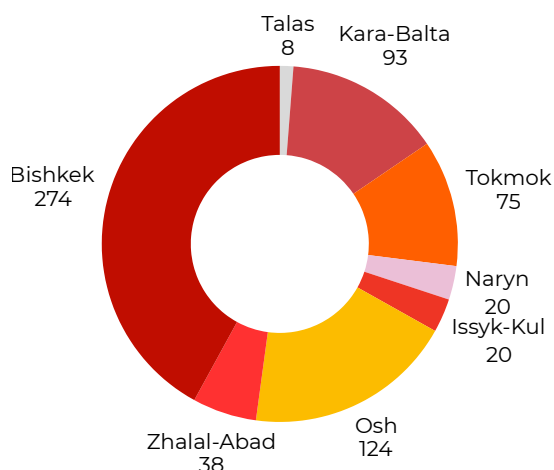
All works have been carried out to infection control standards, which will improve the safety and comfort of the elderly residents.



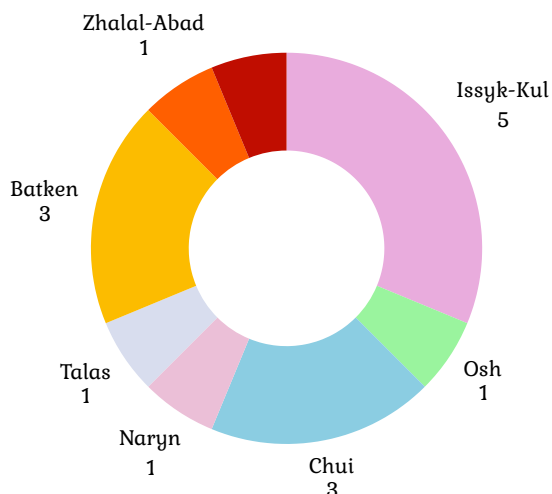
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ACTIVE AND DIGNIFIED LONGEVITY

Number of wards receiving
care at home:
652 PEOPLE

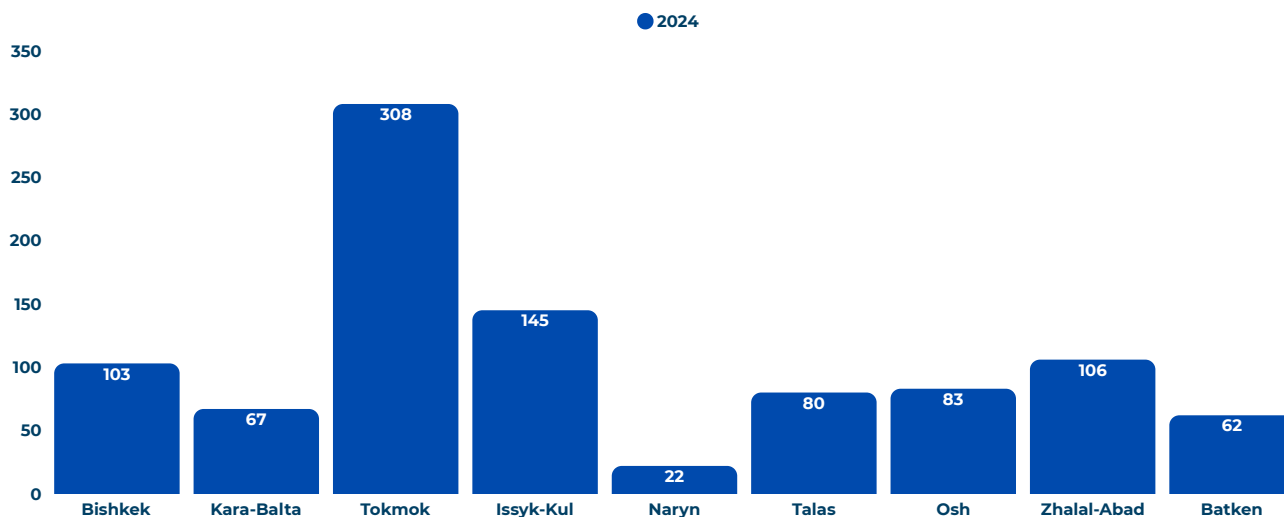


Number of senior clubs
across the country:
16 CLUBS



Below is a chart that clearly shows the number of participants in our clubs by region:

667 PEOPLE IN KYRGYZSTAN



Celebration of the International Day of Older Persons



Bishkek
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WINTER COAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

During winter season Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent provides assistance to the most vulnerable people. In 2024, **500 families** across Kyrgyzstan **received coal**.

Criteria for selecting recipients:

- large and poor families;
- tuberculosis patients;
- elderly people living alone.



WINTER ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent, with the support of the Swiss Red Cross, provides assistance to families in need throughout the country. Support is provided in the form of cash payments through the bank. This initiative helps families cope with winter hardships and provides basic needs during this period.

Coverage: 580 families



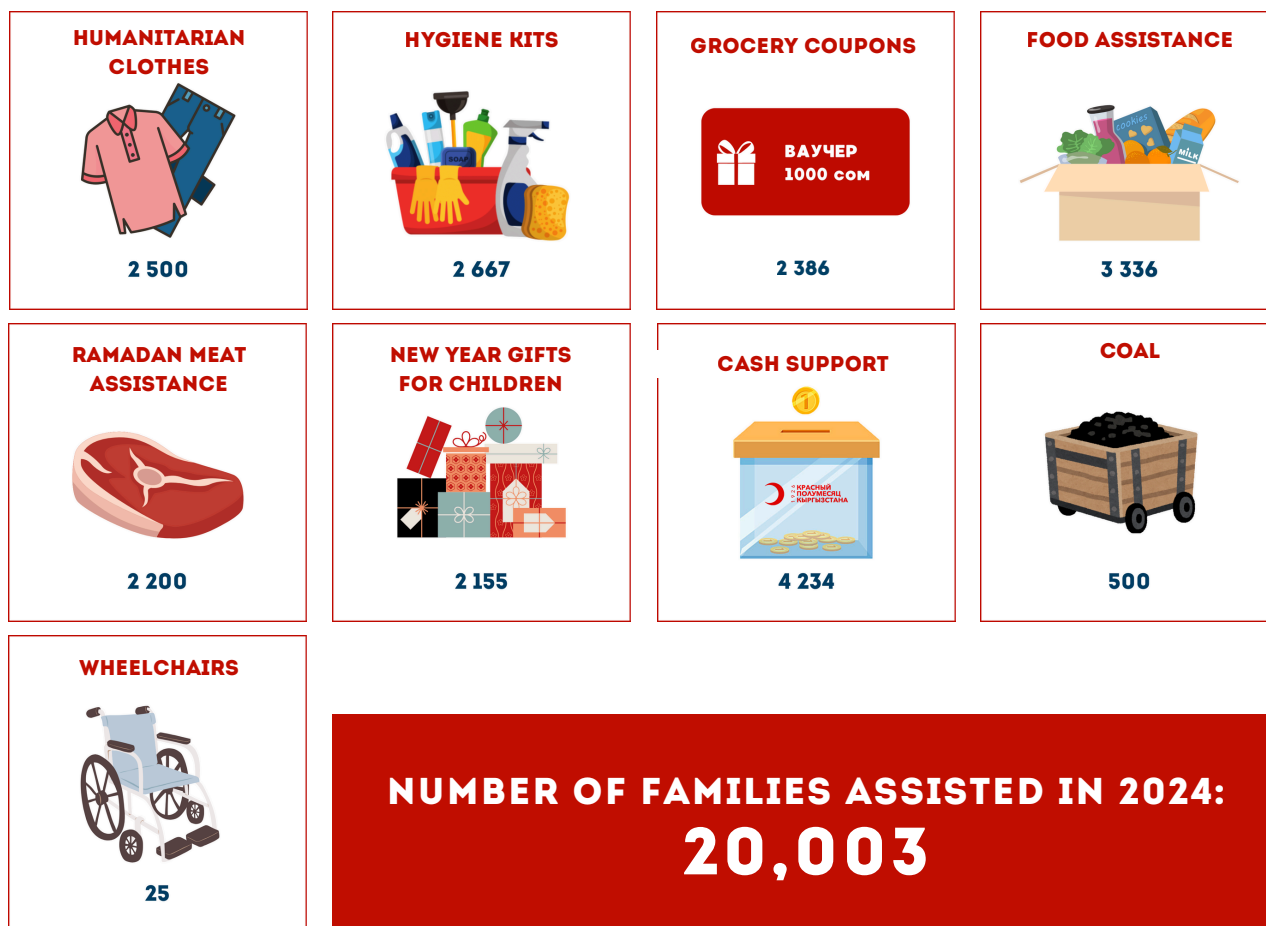


Tokmok
2024

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CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE FOR 2024

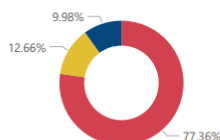


87.9M
Total Cash Distributed (KGS)



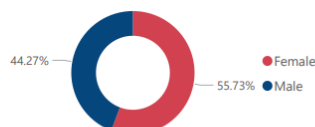
26.9K
Total Coverage of People

Recipients Reached by Delivery Mechanism Breakdown



● Bank transfers (ID)
● Vouchers (food/pharm)
● Bank cards

Gender Breakdown



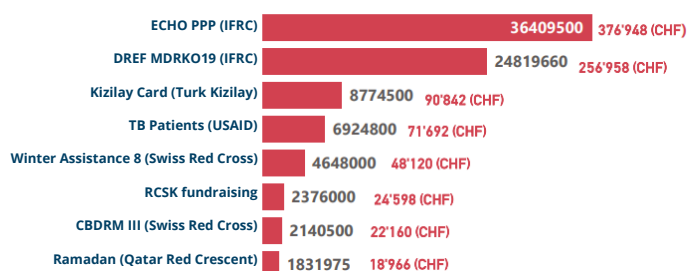
● Female
● Male

Target Groups / Criteria:

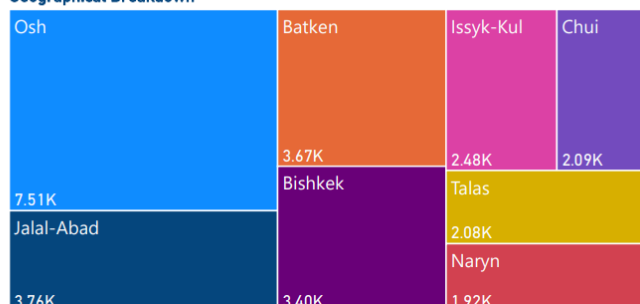


- Households affected by mudflows
- Single-headed households
- Households with multiple children
- Households with disabled family members
- Households with low income
- TB patients
- Elderly people

Contribution Per Initiatives (KGS)



Geographical Breakdown



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

CO-OPERATION WITH BISHKEKSUT: ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE

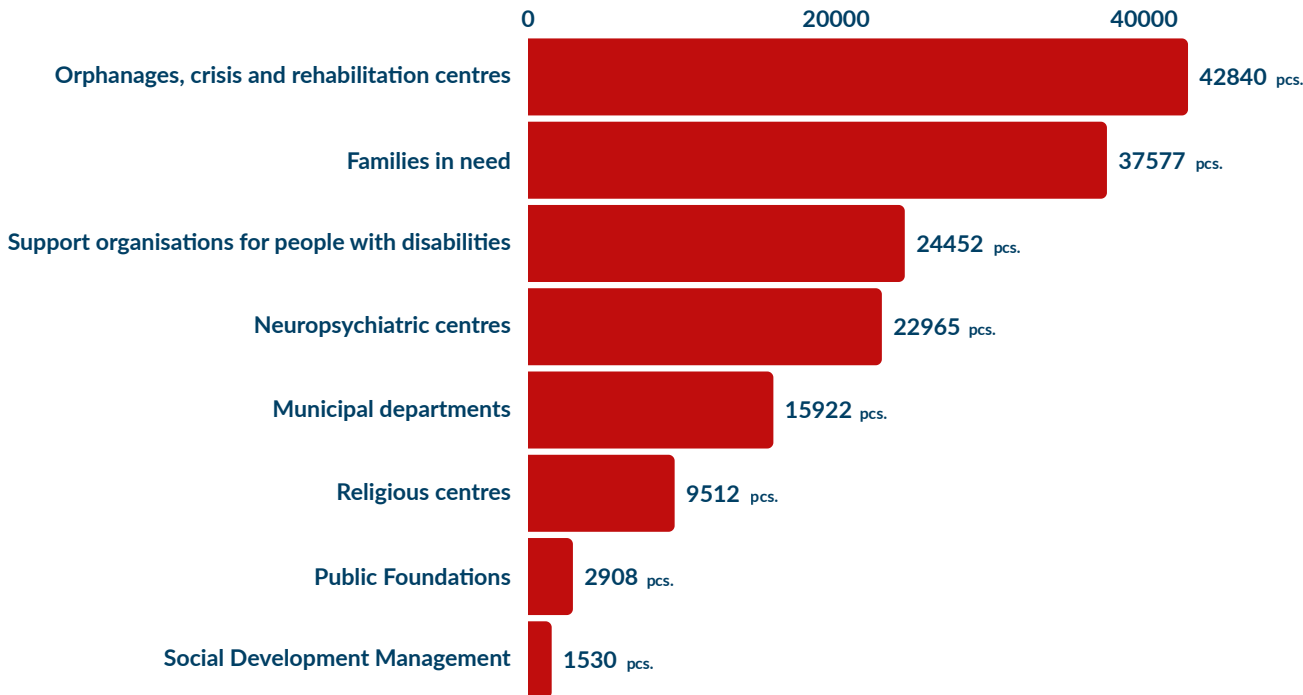
Through the partnership, dairy products including milk, curd, kefir, yoghurt, sour cream, baby food, etc. were provided to the following groups in 2024:

- poor families with many children;
- rehabilitation centres;
- children's homes;
- boarding houses for the elderly;
- neuropsychiatric centres;
- tuberculosis hospitals;
- boarding schools;
- homes for the disabled and other institutions

The initiative aims to improve the nutritional quality and health of the neediest segments of the population.

PRODUCTS AMOUNTING TO KGS 11,253,323

2024



Street children
having lunch at the
Alignment School
in Karakol city





Karakol city
2024

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DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FUNDRAISING

FINAL FUNDRAISING:
KGS 5,807,122

E-WALLETS
1,543,356

BUSINESS
PARTNERS
1,901,161

DONATION BOXES
2,362,605

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DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FUNDRAISING:

REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO THE POPULATION IN NEED

SUPPORT FOR AN ALIGNMENT SCHOOL IN KARAKOL:

This institution educates 26 street children and children from low-income families. Assistance was provided in the form of payment for food expenses.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 719,715.52

SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S CRISIS CENTRE IN KARA-BALTA:

About 30 children under the age of 18 are permanently accommodated: orphans, social orphans, children from migrant families, children with disabilities.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 1,121,458.66

REPAIR OF THE CANTEEN AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE M. GAPAROV BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIFTED CHILDREN IN NOOKAT DISTRICT, OSH REGION:

The project aimed to create a comfortable study and living environment for 420 students.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 919,000

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL:

The support is aimed at purchasing stationery, school and sports uniforms, backpacks and shoes for the Alignment School in Karakol and the Children's Crisis Centre in Kara-Balta. A total of 52 children were prepared for school.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 204,711

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN OVER THE NEW YEAR PERIOD:

Sweet gifts were distributed to 950 children in honour of the New Year celebrations.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 598,500

SUPPORT FOR A BOARDING HOUSE FOR THE ELDERLY IN KARA-BALTA:

Assistance was provided for heating costs during the winter period.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 110,504

ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:

During the year, 2,386 vulnerable families across the country received vouchers to purchase food and/or medicine.

Total amount of assistance: KGS 2,362,605

CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

In Zhalal-Abad region:

Total: 55 children and 55 parents

Total amount of assistance: 140,000



DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TURKIC RED NETWORK

On 10 October 2024 in Bishkek, the heads of the Red Crescent Societies of the member countries of the Organisation of Turkic States (OTS) signed a memorandum on the establishment of the Turkic Red Network. This is a partnership initiative aimed at strengthening co-operation in the humanitarian sphere between the National Societies of the five OTS member countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkiye and Uzbekistan.



FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP MEETING

In honour of the 98th Anniversary of the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic, a partnership meeting was organised to discuss corporate social responsibility and its role in sustainable business development.



PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

The meeting brought together representatives of government agencies, international organisations and public associations. The Ministry of Culture, Information, Youth Policy and Sports of the Kyrgyz Republic with the expert support of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent and UN Agencies presented drafts of the Concept of Volunteer Activities Development for 2025-2030 and its implementation plan.



Bishkek
2024

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DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FIRST VOLUNTEERING IN CENTRAL ASIA REVIEW

In February 2024, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent joined the Advisory Board for the Volunteering in Central Asia Review (VCARE) together with representatives of volunteer organisations from five countries and UN Volunteers.

VCARE is the first study of volunteering in the region to reveal its effectiveness and contribution to country development. The paper highlights the role of volunteering in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the need for legal and financial support, including legislation, grants and the development of volunteer organisations.

The review also contains best practices and examples of successful initiatives by non-profit and government entities.

On 12 July 2024, the report was presented at the United Nations headquarters in New York.



“MUUNDARDYN DIALOGU” INTERNATIONAL FORUM

On 16 June, Osh hosted the International Forum “Muundardyn Dialogu”, which brought together more than 100 volunteers and civil society representatives from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Organised by the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy, the forum helped strengthen international ties and exchange experience.

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent presented a report on the impact of volunteer environmental initiatives on local communities, demonstrating successful projects and their contribution to community development.

The Forum was an important step in strengthening co-operation and showed that volunteering is a powerful tool for positive change.

“BIRGE” REPUBLICAN VOLUNTEER FORUM

In February 2024, the “Birge” Republican Volunteer Forum was held, which brought together 100 representatives of government agencies, businesses and NGOs. Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent presented the updated online platform Volunteer.kg - a single resource for volunteer organisations. Participants also familiarised themselves with photo and video materials on the contribution of volunteers.



DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF VOLUNTEERS FROM CIS COUNTRIES

From 31 July to 2 August 2024, the International Forum of Volunteers of CIS Countries was held in Cholpon-Ata (Issyk-Kul region). It was attended by 120 representatives from 8 countries, including UNFPA Honorary Ambassador Aym Aylchieva and volunteer organisations.

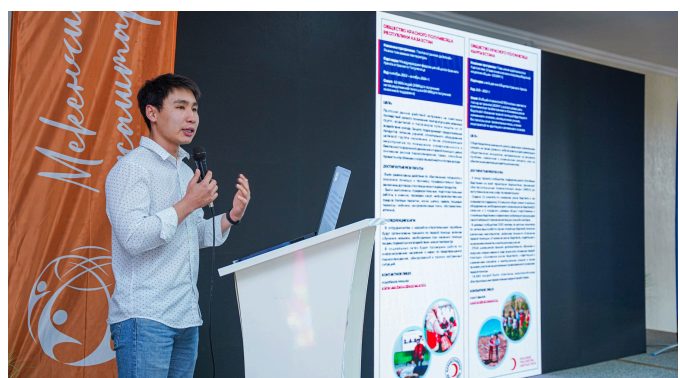
The National Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent Society (RCSK) was represented by six staff members who actively participated in the forum.

The forum was inaugurated by the Deputy Minister of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic M.T. Tagaev, Deputy Secretary General of the CIS N.M. Seitimov and UNV Regional Manager for Europe and CIS R. Sabaeva. In their speeches they wished the participants productive work.

The forum included panel sessions on volunteering, SDGs, global challenges, international volunteering and ecology. RCSK organised sessions on 'Volunteering in Emergencies' and 'Environmental Challenges and the Role of International Cooperation'.

UNV staff also presented an overview of Volunteering in Central Asia Review, noting its impact on social, economic and cultural spheres of the region.

The Forum has become an important platform for strengthening interstate co-operation and developing the volunteer movement in the CIS countries, contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and improving the quality of life of the population.





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International School for Young
Volunteers of the Organisation
of Turkic States (OTS).



DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KYRGYZ VOLUNTEERS TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS OF THE ORGANISATION OF TURKIC STATES

From 12 to 16 August 2024, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent participated in the International School for Young Volunteers of the Organisation of Turkic States (OTS).

As part of the school, RCSK staff conducted trainings for participants on earthquake preparedness, first aid basics and international humanitarian law.

The knowledge gained in the trainings was consolidated in practice through a simulation game 'Humanity', which included role-playing and emergency response exercises.

Volunteers from Kyrgyzstan participated in sessions on developing social projects. The international school gave them valuable experience for the development of youth volunteering at the international level.

VOLUNTEER SUMMER CAMP

From 8 to 12 July 2024, a Summer Camp was held on Issyk-Kul for 80 volunteers from 7 regions of Kyrgyzstan, as well as from the Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan Red Crescent.

The main goals of the camp are:

- Increasing the capacity of volunteers;
- Increasing motivation for volunteering;
- Exchange of experience between participants.

This year's Camp was dedicated to current climate change topics and Sustainable Development Goals. About 80 volunteers of different ages from the National Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent, as well as from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan National Societies had the opportunity to improve their knowledge in the area of climate change adaptation.

The camp provided participants with:

- Theoretical sessions on topical issues of climate change;
- Interactive teaching methods for better assimilation of the material;
- Simulation games for practical application of the learnt knowledge;
- Practical sessions to develop practical skills.

The Summer Camp became a platform for uniting the efforts of volunteers for solving global environmental problems. Participants gained valuable experience and knowledge that will help them to contribute to the sustainable development of their regions in the future.



DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RCSK PARTICIPATED IN THE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FORUM #МЫВМЕСТЕ IN ROSTOV-ON-DON

From 4 to 7 September 2024, a representative of the National Society of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent took part in the District Volunteer Forum #МЫВМЕСТЕ, which was held in Rostov-on-Don and brought together participants from the Central and North-West Federal Districts of Russia.

The Forum became a platform for sharing experience, discussing topical issues of volunteering and establishing new contacts. Representatives of RCSK presented their projects and initiatives, as well as learnt about modern trends and methods of work in the field of volunteering.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS CAMP 2025 IN TURKIYE

From 27 July to 3 August 2024, six representatives of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent - took part in the International Volunteer Right Camp in Turkiye. The camp, organised by the Turkish Red Crescent, brought together participants from 15 countries.



The main purpose of the Kyrgyz delegation's participation was to improve the skills of volunteers and strengthen international partnerships. The programme of the camp included discussion of the legal basis of volunteering, methods of motivation and training of volunteers, effective mechanisms for organising coordination of volunteer groups, attracting financial resources for volunteer projects, as well as practical training on first aid and emergency situations.

Participants from Kyrgyzstan gained valuable experience, exchanged knowledge and practices with colleagues from other countries, and learnt about the culture of Turkiye. The knowledge gained will be used for further development of the volunteer movement in Kyrgyzstan.

XVII CIS FORUM OF CREATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC INTELLECTUALS

From 17 to 19 September 2024, a representative of the Zhalal-Abad regional branch of RCSK participated in the XVII Forum of Creative and Scientific Intellectuals of the CIS member states, which was held in Ufa (Republic of Bashkortostan).

The forum, organised by the Interstate Foundation for Humanitarian Cooperation (IFHC), was dedicated to the theme 'Commonwealth of Independent States: Common Values and Diversity of Cultures'. About 200 representatives from eight CIS countries took part in the event, discussing issues of humanitarian co-operation in science, education, culture, tourism, sports and youth policy. The participation of RCSK emphasises the importance of international cooperation in the humanitarian sphere.

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTEERS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

On 16 August 2024, 30 volunteers from the Osh branch of Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent participated in the Summer Memories event dedicated to the end of holidays and family values. They provided security, assisted in a quest and gave a presentation on volunteering. The day ended with a concert where volunteers showcased their talents.

The RCSK was actively involved in the organisation of the Asia Cup 2026 qualifying matches held on 25, 27 and 29 September 2024 in Bishkek. In cooperation with the Football Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic, 210 volunteers (70 per match) assisted with player escort, spectator seating and media outreach. The participation was a valuable experience that strengthened their skills.

MEETING OF YOUTH LEADERS OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT OF EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

From 9 to 22 June 2024, Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth Leaders from Europe and Central Asia met to strengthen and develop the Youth Network.

The event discussed the objectives of the network, preparations for the Founding Meetings of the Movement, as well as opportunities for co-operation and professional development.

During the meeting, a document on joint actions for network development was developed. The participants discussed joining efforts, exchanged experiences and established new links.

VII MEETING OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA (CICA) IN ASTANA

On 3-4 October, Astana hosted the 7th meeting of the Youth Council of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) dedicated to the role of volunteering in society and sustainable development of the region. The first Meeting of Leaders of Volunteer Movements, initiated by the President of Kazakhstan Kasym-Zhomart Tokaev at the CICA Summit in 2022, took place within the framework of the meeting.

The participants discussed exchange of experience, volunteer development, education and training. The event was attended by representatives of government agencies, diplomats and leaders of volunteer organisations.

The National Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan presented the contribution of volunteers of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to international initiatives. Following the meeting, the Council recommended to include volunteering in the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures, to develop a platform for experience sharing and to support activities within the framework of the International Year of Volunteer Mobilisation in 2026.

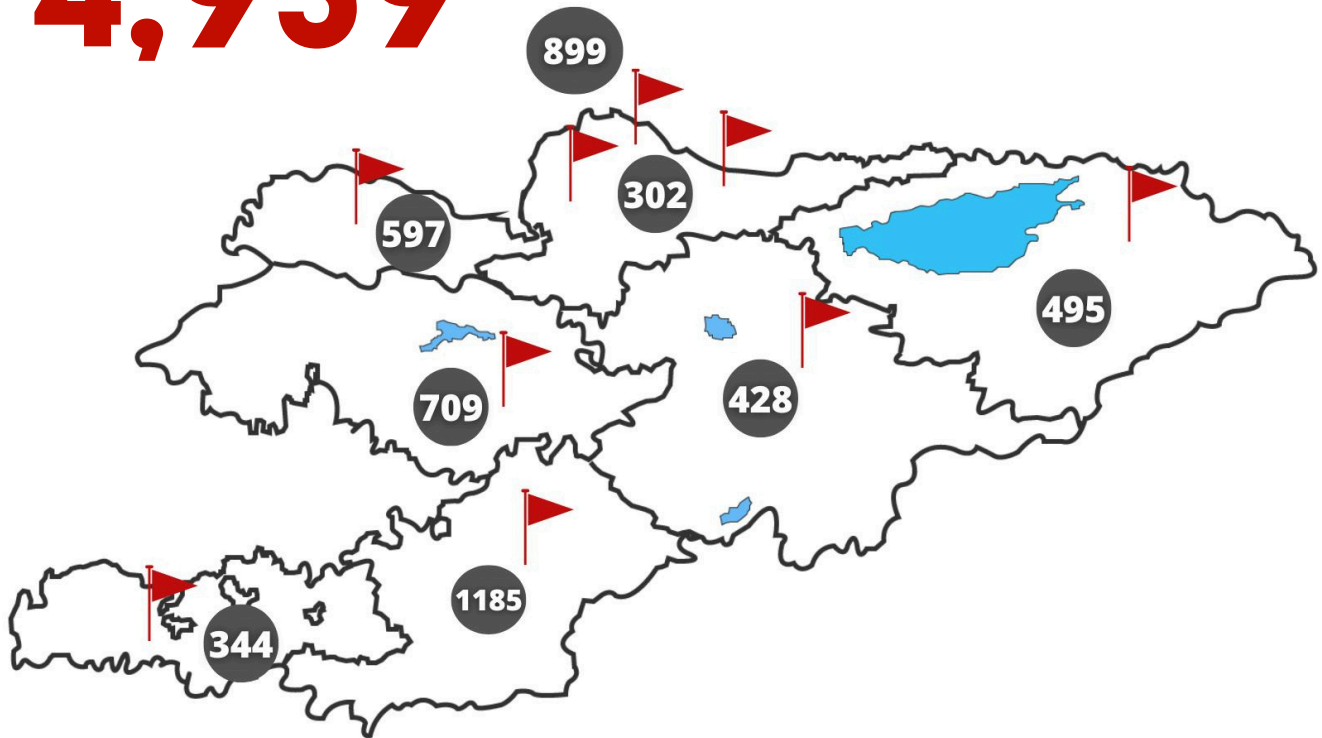


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VOLUNTEERING IN KYRGYZSTAN

Number of volunteers

4,959



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

The celebration of this special day was held at the National Historical Museum in Bishkek. Among the invitees were more than 200 volunteers representing various volunteer activities.



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CREATIVE STUDIO FOR VOLUNTEERS: NEW STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent received a grant from the Empress Shôken Fund to set up a creative studio for volunteers. The studio will be a platform for integration, exchange of ideas and creation of digital educational products. Volunteers will be able to develop videos, podcasts and other digital materials for platforms such as www.centralredcrossredcrescent.com, www.volunteer.kg, and social media.

The Creative Studio project was approved in April 2024. On 24 June, representatives of RCSK participated in the Empress Shôken Fund workshop where they discussed the project with experts. The grant will allow to equip the studio with the necessary equipment, making it a powerful tool for the development of volunteer movement in Kyrgyzstan.

MOBILE APP FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Turkish Red Crescent supported the Gonulluol.org volunteer management system in Kyrgyzstan to improve coordination of volunteer initiatives. This step will open new opportunities to develop the volunteer movement and attract more participants.

KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT RECEIVED AWARDS FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH

At the reporting event of the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent was honoured with the 'Best Partner' award for its significant contribution to supporting youth initiatives.

Also, at the New Year's Ball in Osh, the organisation received the 'Best Organisation Working with Youth' award for developing social programmes and improving conditions for youth. These recognitions emphasise the effectiveness of the Red Crescent's work and its contribution to strengthening the role of youth in society.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE LAW (IDRL)

In order to implement the International Disaster Response Law, the Regulation on the Single Window International Facilitation Team was developed and adopted with the assistance of RCSK.

This Regulation provides for simulation exercises at least once a year to simulate the work of the facilitation team in an emergency situation. Under the PPP project such exercises are conducted jointly with the MES of the KR with participation of other members of the facilitation team, including the State Border Guard Service of the KR, the State Customs Service under the Ministry of Finance of the KR, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the KR, the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Migration of the KR, the Ministry of Health of the KR, UN Agencies and other relevant stakeholders.

Celebration of the
International
Volunteer Day



Bishkek
2024

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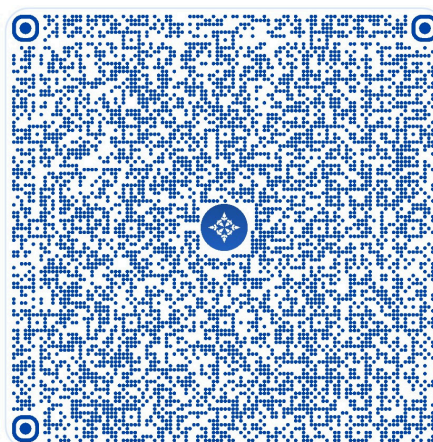
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