

# UNITED NATIONS IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC





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## THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC BECAME A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION ON MARCH 2, 1992.

The United Nations in the Kyrgyz Republic was opened in 1993; soon after the country gained its independence. The aim of the United Nations in the Kyrgyz Republic is to assist the country in achieving progress in the directions stated at The United Nations Development Assistance Framework and provide support in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

At present, 27 UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes operate in the Kyrgyz Republic; 12 of them are non-resident agencies. The United Nations Resident Coordinator (UN RC) is the highest-ranking representative of the United Nations development system (UNDS) at the country level.



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# OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC (UNRCO)

## THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR (RC) SYSTEM ENCOMPASSES ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, WHICH WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

It aims to bring together the different UN agencies, programmes and funds to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operational activities at the country level.

UN Resident Coordinator is the designated representative of the UN Secretary-General in the country and leads UN country team, while ensuring system-wide accountability on the ground for the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and coordinating UN support to Kyrgyzstan in implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



The RC system is owned by all members of the United Nations development system and its functioning should be participatory, collegial and mutually accountable.

*From Resident Coordinator's Job Description*



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# FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)

**ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL IS AT THE HEART OF FAO'S EFFORTS – TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE REGULAR ACCESS TO ENOUGH HIGH-QUALITY FOOD TO LEAD ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIVES.**

FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy. FAO has been working in Kyrgyzstan since 1997, and currently FAO is implementing more than 20 programs in the country.



Beneficiaries of the pilot project Cash + are cooking nutritious meals after nutrition training sessions, Suzak, Jalal-Abad region, 2019  
(@FAO/ Karina Levina)



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Millions of people around the world suffer acute hunger because of conflicts and disasters. COVID-19 and Desert Locusts threaten to push millions more over the edge. We cannot accept this. We need to tackle the causes, harnessing innovation and new tools.

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# INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

**ESTABLISHED IN 1919, THE ILO  
IN 1946 BECAME THE FIRST  
SPECIALIZED AGENCY ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE NEWLY FORMED UNITED  
NATIONS.**

The ILO promotes and realizes fundamental principles and rights at work, creates greater opportunities for women and men to secure decent employment, enhances the coverage and effectiveness of social protection for all, and strengthens social dialogue. Kyrgyzstan became a member of the ILO in 1992 and ratified 53 ILO Conventions.



Employment promotion, especially among youth, is one of the key areas of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the ILO. (@ILO)



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Universal and lasting peace can be established  
only if it is based on social justice.

*ILO Constitution, 1919*

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# INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM) / UN MIGRATION AGENCY

**ESTABLISHED IN 1951, IOM IS THE UN  
MIGRATION AGENCY COMMITTED  
TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT HUMANE  
AND ORDERLY MIGRATION BENEFITS  
MIGRANTS AND SOCIETY IN GENERAL.**

Since 1997 IOM is assisting the Kyrgyz Government in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration management and in understanding migration issues. IOM provides sustainable and collaborative solutions through a network of partner NGOs, through information sharing, training and capacity-building.



IOM Kyrgyzstan provided masks, sanitizers, food and permanent accommodation to migrants stuck in the airports of the Russia Federation due to COVID -19 restrictions. (@ IOM)



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Historically migration has resulted in positive change. International migrants today constitute 3,5% of the World population and produce 9% of the World Gross Product. Thus migrants are ultimate agents of development.

*William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General*

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# JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

## THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) LEADS AND INSPIRES THE WORLD TO ACHIEVE ITS SHARED VISION OF ZERO NEW HIV INFECTIONS, ZERO DISCRIMINATION AND ZERO AIDS-RELATED DEATHS.

Functioning in Kyrgyzstan since 1996, UNAIDS brings together the resources of the UNAIDS Secretariat and 11 UN system organizations for coordinated and accountable efforts to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in the implementation of the response to AIDS and the new UNAIDS Strategy: Fast-Track – Ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.



#YouAreNotAlone information campaign. TV presenter Erkin Ryskulbekov, UNAIDS regional director Vinay Saldanha, singer Aiym Aiylchieva, activist Nurlan Shonkorov, goodwill ambassador for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Vera Brezhneva, Deputy Minister of Health Oleg Gorin. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. (@ UNAIDS / E. Mezentsev, 2017)



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We have bent the trajectory of the epidemic. Now we have five years to break it for good or risk the epidemic rebounding out of control.

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## MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CREATED OHCHR BY A GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IN 1993.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights is the principal human rights official of the United Nations. OHCHR represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. It has a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights.



Participants of the “Human Rights Cup” Quiz night among university students organized by OHCHR and Office of Ombudsperson on the occasion of Human Rights Day celebration. (© OHCHR, 2017)



Thanks to the Universal Declaration, the daily lives of millions has been improved, untold human suffering has been prevented and the foundations for a more just world have been laid. While its promise is yet to be fulfilled, the very fact that it has stood the test of time is testament to the enduring universality of its perennial values of equality, justice and human dignity.

*Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein,  
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# OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY (UNDSS)

**THE UNDSS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2005, WITH A UNIQUE MANDATE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT OF THE UN SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

UNDSS is a network of security coordinators and advisors deployed wherever UN programmes are implemented. UNDSS maintains offices in more than 100 countries. While the primary responsibility for the safety and security of UN staff rests with the host government, UNDSS ensure security for staff and eligible dependents and enable the safest and most efficient conduct of the programmes and activities of the United Nations System.



UNDSS assistance for UN Joint Executive Boards visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, June 2016 (© UNDSS)

<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION 	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 
<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 	<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES 
<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 	<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION 	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER 	<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 
<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOAL 	<b>FULFILLING THE SDGs</b>		

There is no simple remedy for a complex and dynamic security environment.

*Peter Thomas Drennan, Under-Secretary-General  
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# UN VOLUNTEERS

## UN VOLUNTEERS (UNV)

### UNV CONTRIBUTES TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT BY ADVOCATING FOR RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS.

UNV works with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number of volunteers throughout the world.

UNV embraces volunteerism as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity as well as the values that sustain it: free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity. The UNV Programme in Kyrgyzstan commenced its activities in 1996.



“Do not litter!” Among various other projects, UNV conducts awareness-raising campaigns in Kyrgyzstan. (@UNV/O. Sassa, 2011)



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Volunteering is a two-way street, a truly win-win situation. Volunteerism can be deeply empowering and participatory on a very large scale, and this is what we need to achieve the SDGs. In a very fundamental way, we must all volunteer to achieve SDGs. This is the only way.

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**ESTABLISHED IN 1994, UNICEF IN KYRGYZSTAN BECAME THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN PARTNER TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND ENSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR RIGHTS, AS ENSHRINED IN THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.**

The current 2018-2022 Country Programme in Kyrgyzstan aims to create child-sensitive policies, ensure the systems are reaching the most excluded children, and empower youth and facilitate their participation in decision making and peace building processes.



Kyrgyzstan has reached amazing results in eradicating newborn mortality. From 1990 to 2016, the neonatal mortality rate was cut in half – from 24 to 12 deaths per 1,000 live births. (@UNICEF/Kyrgyzstan/2017/Vladimir Voronin)







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The hope of the world rests in the coming generations. UNICEF is committed to improve the lives of children worldwide, especially the most vulnerable. Join UNICEF to help children as children's futures are in all of our hands.

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# UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

## UNDP OFFERS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND LOCAL INSIGHT TO HELP EMPOWER LIVES AND BUILD RESILIENT NATIONS.

UNDP Kyrgyzstan partners with the country to strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law, contribute to poverty reduction with a special focus on youth and women, support the national efforts to address sustainable management of natural resources and disaster risk reduction, contribute to conflict prevention and peace building and strengthen national response to HIV, TB and malaria.



*In Kyrgyzstan, entrepreneurs face challenges in increasing sales and production. In the last 4 years alone, our Aid for Trade initiative with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland helped create more 1225 new jobs and \$58 million in finance leveraged for export-oriented production.*



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The UNDP's vision is helping countries to eradicate extreme poverty, supporting them to quickly modernize key sectors to work better for sustainable development, and enabling them to prevent crisis and recover faster.

*Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, "Statement to the 2nd Regular Session of the UNDP Executive Board" (2017)*

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# UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

## UNESCO WAS CREATED IN 1945, AS ONE OF THE SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES.

UNESCO at present has 195 Member States and seven Associate Member States. With headquarters in Paris, France and field offices and institutes in 65 countries, UNESCO's mission is to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.



*Aitysh-Aityts, art of improvisation*



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Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.

*UNESCO Constitution,  
adopted 16 November 1945*

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# UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

# UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

**THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC) IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING HEALTH, SECURITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL BY TACKLING THREATS FROM ILLICIT DRUGS, ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM WORLDWIDE.**

UNODC's work covers the following thematic areas:

- Countering transnational organized crime, illicit drug trafficking and preventing terrorism;
- Criminal justice, crime prevention and integrity;
- Drug prevention, treatment and reintegration and HIV prevention;
- Research and trend analysis.



UNODC and Partners at the State Coordination Committee on Drug Control, Psychotropic Substances and its Precursors. 20 November 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (@UNODC)



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The many evolving drug challenges highlight the importance of prevention — science- and rights-based drug use prevention — but also prevention of crime, corruption, terrorism and violent extremism. UNODC is fully engaged in strengthening responses, working closely with our United Nations partners and in line with the international drug control conventions, human rights instruments and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

*UNODC World Drugs Report 2017*

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## ESTABLISHED IN 2010, UN WOMEN OPENED ITS FIRST FULLY FLEDGED COUNTRY OFFICE IN THE REGION IN KYRGYZSTAN IN FEBRUARY 2012.

UN Women in Kyrgyzstan is a dynamic advocate for the rights, security, equality and dignity of Kyrgyzstan's women and girls. Our current work in Kyrgyzstan is directly linked to the country's national priorities and the international commitments it has made to advance women's human rights and gender equality.

We have developed strong partnerships with the government and parliament, with civil society organizations, and with international, national and private sector groups committed to women's human rights and gender equality.

UN Women in Kyrgyzstan prioritizes initiatives and programmes in the areas that are fundamental to women's equality and that can unlock progress for women, men and other: economic empowerment, ending violence against women, peace and security and women's participation in decision making. We are also closely working with all sister UN agencies on ensuring better outcome of UN support to the lives of women and girls.



International Women's Day. (©UN Women, 2019)



## FULFILLING THE SDGs

Together we will build the society that we want.  
It is not yet time to rest.  
We have a lot of work to do.

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**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

# UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

**THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR), IS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SAVING LIVES, PROTECTING RIGHTS AND BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR REFUGEES, FORCIBLY DISPLACED COMMUNITIES AND STATELESS PEOPLE.**

In Kyrgyzstan, UNHCR:

- supports the Government in strengthening the national asylum system and in facilitating the local integration of refugees;
- advocates for due access to territory and asylum procedures and for legislative amendments to secure

immediate birth registration and adequate statelessness prevention safeguards;

- supports inter-agency emergency preparedness for forced displacement.



Kyrgyzstan. Arzibaev Umidjon, former stateless person.  
(@Danil Usmanov)

Refugees are among the most vulnerable and yet the most resilient people on earth. I want the world to understand and see that they are not just numbers. Refugees are survivors. They are mothers, daughters, fathers and sons. They are all extraordinary people who have a remarkable story that tells of strength in the face of great loss.

*Angelina Jolie,*  
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# UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

**ESTABLISHED IN 1966, UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO) AIMS TO ERADICATE POVERTY THROUGH INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (ISID).**

ISID is a key driver for the successful implementation of the economic, social and environmental goals for sustainable development.

UNIDO efforts in Kyrgyzstan focuses on developing of renewable energy, agri-business and processing of agricultural produce, especially through enhancing the local production, and also on trade capacity building.



3 kWt photovoltaic station, installed by UNIDO at the First Aid Station (FAS) in Tashtak village, Akсы district, Jalal-Abad province in March 2013. The FAS serves 1080 people.



To eradicate poverty, to improve the life of the poor and share prosperity with all those that have so far been excluded from a dignified human existence, we have to grow our industries – in an inclusive manner. To put it in the words of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon: 'We will not eradicate poverty without the industries that promote growth and jobs, innovation and technology transfer.'

*Mr. Li Yong, Director General of UNIDO,  
March 11th, 2014*

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# UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (UNOCHA)

**UNOCHA IS THE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING TOGETHER HUMANITARIAN ACTORS TO ENSURE A COHERENT RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES.**

The UNOCHA acts as a focal point for preparedness and response coordination in Kyrgyzstan. Through the National Disaster Response Advisor in Bishkek, UNOCHA supports the United Nations in Kyrgyzstan, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the wider humanitarian community in coordinating joint work to better prepare and respond to disasters.



April 2016, Chaychi village, Osh oblast, Kyrgyzstan. Isakunova Svetlana talks about her destroyed house, which was damaged during the earthquake in 2015. (@OCHA / M. Sadvakasova)



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OCHA works to overcome obstacles that impede humanitarian assistance from reaching people affected by crises, and it provides leadership in mobilizing assistance and resources on behalf of the humanitarian system.

*Catherine Bragg, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator*

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# UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)

**IN KYRGYZSTAN, UNFPA FOCUSES ON INCREASING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING MATERNAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH AND GENDER EQUALITY.**

Population dynamics as a component of sustainable development of Kyrgyzstan is also a part of UNFPA's mandate. Disaster preparedness and response in emergency situations to address reproductive health needs of population and to prevent and respond to gender based violence is an integral part of UNFPA's assistance in the country.



Diagnostics using a mobile cardiac monitor. National Center for Maternal and Child Health. July 17, 2020. (@UNFPA)



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To build a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled, UNFPA aims to achieve three transformative results by 2030:

- End maternal death
- End unmet need for family planning
- End gender-based violence and harmful practices

*UNFPA Global Master Narrative*

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# UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY FOR CENTRAL ASIA (UNRCCA)

## ESTABLISHED IN 2007, UNRCCA IS A SPECIAL POLITICAL MISSION WITH A REGIONAL MANDATE IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND EARLY WARNING.

In Kyrgyzstan, UNRCCA's head, Natalia Gherman, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Central Asia, applies diligent efforts to reinforce stability and build peace. UNRCCA works with the authorities, international partners and civil society to stem tensions and violence, encourage the democratic process, and promote reconciliation. UNRCCA continues to monitor inter-ethnic peace and mediation efforts.



SRSR Natalia Gherman with participants of the Open Day for Peace event in Aravan district devoted to "Women, Peace and Security" agenda (September, 2018). (@UNRCCA)



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We spend far more time and resources responding to crises rather than preventing them. People are paying too high a price... We need a whole new approach... Prevention is not merely a priority, but *the* priority. If we live up to our responsibilities, we will save lives, reduce suffering and give hope to millions.

*António Guterres, UN Secretary-General,  
Security Council Open Debate on "Maintenance of International  
Peace and Security: Conflict Prevention and Sustaining Peace (2017)*

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World Food Programme

# WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

## WFP IS SAVING LIVES AND CHANGING LIVES WITH PRODUCTIVE SAFETY NET INTERVENTIONS (FOOD AND CASH), BUILDING RESILIENCE AND IMPROVING NUTRITION

Food security and a nutritious diet are the basis of a healthy and productive life for the people of the Kyrgyz Republic. WFP aims that no one is left behind, ensuring that we all work together to create sustainable and inclusive food systems – starting from when the seed is planted and ending when the food is served on the plate. In the Kyrgyz Republic, WFP activities focus on school meals optimization, smallholder resilience building, social safety nets and social protection, disaster risk management and

climate change adaptation, emergency support and early recovery, and enabling institutions to better manage food security and nutrition.



WFP is committed to assist in ensuring long-term improvements of food security and nutrition for all in the Kyrgyz Republic. (@WFP)



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With 1.9 million poor people spending an estimated 70 percent of their incomes on food, WFP's overarching objective to strengthen the Government's capacity to reduce food insecurity and undernutrition and to support the long-term resilience of communities is more important than ever.

*From the WFP Mission Statement*

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# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

## KYRGYZSTAN BECAME A MEMBER OF WHO IN APRIL OF 1992.

Since opening its Office in Kyrgyzstan in 1993, the WHO focuses on improving the population's health and addressing health inequalities, health sector reforms and enhancement of access of the population to quality health care services and medicines.

WHO cooperates with Kyrgyzstan with the aim of achieving Universal health coverage (UHC) and strengthening the health system, improving public health service capacity, addressing health security including selected communicable diseases and immunization and strengthening the control of non-communicable diseases.



One of many Kyrgyz citizens receiving an influenza vaccine at the beginning of the country-wide seasonal influenza immunization campaign. WHO organised the supplies of vaccine, and ensured that health-care workers were trained in their administration.

*(@WHO/I.Karimjanov, 2017, Bishkek)*



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WHO's work is about serving people, about serving humanity. Most importantly, it's about fighting to ensure the health of people as a basic human right.

I am more convinced than ever that Universal health coverage (UHC) is not only the best investment in a healthier world, it is also the best investment in a safer world.

*Dr Tedros Adhanom,  
WHO Director-General*

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN THE  
NEXT 15 YEARS.

END EXTREME POVERTY.

FIGHT INEQUALITY & INJUSTICE.

FIX CLIMATE CHANGE.

THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR  
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