
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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From Resident Coordinator’s Job Description

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.

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

*ILO Constitution, 1919*

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

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.

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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.

Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director
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.

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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)

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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.

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

Peter Thomas Drennan, Under-Secretary-General United Nations Department of Safety and Security

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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.

Olivier Adam
UNV Executive Coordinator

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

Henrietta H. Fore,
Executive Director, UNICEF

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)

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.

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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.

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

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

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.

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UNODC World Drugs Report 2017

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UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY & THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (UN WOMEN)

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.

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

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka,
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International Women’s Day. (©UN Women, 2019)

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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, UNHCR Special Envoy

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.

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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.’

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

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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

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)
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.

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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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.


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.

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

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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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.

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

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)
LEADERS FROM 193 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD HAVE COMMITTED TO 17 GLOBAL GOALS TO ACHIEVE 3 EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

END EXTREME POVERTY.

FIGHT INEQUALITY & INJUSTICE.

FIX CLIMATE CHANGE.

THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COULD GET THESE THINGS DONE.

IN ALL COUNTRIES.

FOR ALL PEOPLE.