SITUATION UPDATE

On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan’s Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing checkpoints in every region and city, and shutting down facilities (cafes, cinemas, shopping malls, and other entertainment places), leaving only grocery stores, food markets, pharmacies, and medical facilities.

As of 5 June 2020, 1,936 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Kyrgyz Republic and 22 deaths. Please also see in the table age disaggregation among the confirmed cases as of 5 June 2020. Out of total confirmed cases: cases among women- 985(51%), cases among men – 951(49%). Number of laboratory test in the last day – 2,617. The number of contacts with laboratory-confirmed patients with covid-19 is 8,046 and 2,132 people are on observation.

The emergency state was expired on 10 May, but it was decided to leave the emergency regime and quarantine in Bishkek and Osh cities, in At-Bashi district of the Naryn region and in the rural district of Kanysh-Kiya Chatkal district of the Jalal-Abad region.

Starting 1 June following objects resumed their activities: all types of activities for the production and sale of consumer goods and food products, consumer services, auditing and consulting companies; advertising agencies; tourist and recreational facilities (holiday homes, pensions, historical sites, etc.), subject to movement by personal cars.

There are below plans:

- Starting 5 June preschool education will resume activities.
- Starting 8 June domestic scheduled flights are scheduled to start. Restrictions on visiting religious institutions - mosques, churches, prayers will be removed.
- International flights are scheduled to resume on 15 June 2020.
During the reporting period according National Shtab information below assistance was provided by Government and via bilateral channels.

Government assistance

- On 29 May 2020, Manas International Airport met a T-way charter flight from Seoul, 58 Kyrgyz citizens returned home. On 31 May, a charter flight of Siberia Airlines (S7) on the route Novosibirsk – Bishkek was met. 177 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic returned to their homeland. On 30 May, a charter flight of Ural Airlines on the Yekaterinburg-Osh route was met, on which 233 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic returned. On 2 June, a charter flight of Air India on the Delhi-Bishkek-Delhi route was met, 22 Kyrgyz citizens from India arrived. A charter flight of the Avia Traffic Company airline on the Minsk-Bishkek route was met, 179 Kyrgyz citizens returned from the Republic of Belarus.

Bilateral assistance

- Based on the negotiations with the Republic of Korea, 2 PCR units with the necessary medical supplies were delivered to Kyrgyzstan. One of them will be installed in Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul Oblast, and it is planned to organize a laboratory that will fully work during the summer tourist season.

### Funding Update

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### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

**FUNDING UPDATE**

1 Funding update will be included next week

2 Average estimation without Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Friendship Hospital

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**PROGRESS - 19.5 %**
SECTORS RESPONSE

COVID-19

EARLY RECOVERY

Needs:

- Support 620,100 vulnerable population
- Restore livelihoods and employment.
- Resolve border conflict and social cohesion in border areas
- Support returning migrants

Response:

Activities

- UNDP has started Socio-economic impact assessment since April in cooperation with ADB and the Ministry of Economy. The final report is being finalized and will be disseminated.
- Palladium have conducted assessment in the textile sector, the result will be shared in near future.
- IOM conducted assessment on Migrant and remittances related to COVID-19 showing that labor migrant facing difficult conditions (living condition, access to basic services).
- UNDP is going to hand over 25,000 surgical masks funded by KOICA to the Ministry of Emergency Situation for COVID-19 response.
- UNDP is preparing a development finance assessment to support governments and partners to take a more integrated approach to SDG financing along with recovery of the impact of COVID-19.
- UNDP and UNICEF completed the first online hackathon in Kyrgyzstan to support entrepreneurs. 3 projects announced as winners of, the projects provide solutions for domestic violence, psychological support, and education for children.
- UNDP in partnership with the State ICT Agency and High Technology Park completed innovation competition to address the negative effect of COVID-19. A total of 71 ideas were submitted and 2 ideas will be supported by UNDP (1. Involving hearing-impaired children to digital learning systems 2. Telemedicine on-demand service for online-appointments with experienced doctor).
- UNDP is procuring sets of video conferencing equipment funded by KOICA for MOES’s COVID-19 response and emergency management.
- ACTED/UNDP Needs assessments on MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) in rural and urban areas completed, showing 94% of MSMEs took a phone survey report a negative impact in sales decrease, discontinue of business and export goods.
- Helvetas will start to implement activities in the service of waste management and water. The detailed project progress will be shared with Early recovery partners.
- Early Recovery partners will continue to support affected communities and national partners in basic services, livelihood, Migrant and social cohesion.
- WFP and World Bank has shared findings of Rapid Household food security and vulnerability impact Programming and coordination

- UNDP and UNCT in coordination with RC are preparing the joint UN socioeconomic response and recovery framework.
- UNDP and Early recovery sector partners conduct regular meetings.
- Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent joined the sector and is planning early recovery projects (planning to run Cash Assistance).
- Next Early Recovery partner meeting will be 15th June with findings of socioeconomic impact assessment (UNDP) and textile (Palladium).

Gaps & Constraints:

- Safety: On the night of June 1 to June 2 at about 01.30 in the night, on the Osh-Batken-Isfana highway near the village of Kok-Tash in the Batken region, unknown people fired several shots from hunting weapon into a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic. The driver was injured.
- Cross border issues and dispute in the border communities: On May 31, a cross border conflict took place in Batken province, on the border with the Sokh enclave (UZB) between residents of Chashma due to water resources. According to the information from the local hospital, 15 people were injured by stones from the Kyrgyz side, 2 of them in serious condition. Also, 2 household buildings on the Kyrgyz side were burned.
- Disputes around the Chechme spring have been going on for several years. Worsening situation of disputes has been observed for the last 4-5 years in connection with the beginning of the work of intergovernmental commissions in this area.
- Increased prices of commodities (foods, fuel, and medicines)
- Reduction in remittance.

620,100 People targeted
• A wide range of negative impacts on the business including textile, tourism, SMEs, etc.

COVID-19

EDUCATION

Needs:
• Approx. 2.4 million children and young people are affected by the educational facility closure and in need of remote learning. This may continue for the first quarter of next school year which starts on 1 September 2020.
• More than 100,000 teachers are in need of clear instructions and capacity for providing and monitoring remote learning.
• Approx. 500,000 parents/caregivers are in need of recommendations on how to effectively spend time with and support learning of children at home.

Response:
• As for school level, the production of planned 1,200 video lessons in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages with sign language has been completed for the school year 2019-2020. Tajik subtitles are being added in some of the lessons. To strengthen the Sector support for TVET and higher education levels, a subgroup has been established.
• Not only for children but several video guidance materials have been developed for teachers and parents/caregivers on how to utilize the remote learning tools and how best to support children’s homeschooling.
• Some Sector members have supported the Ministry with provision of psychology support for children through social pedagogues/teachers and establishment of hotlines.
• Reopening guideline for kindergartens has been drafted.
• Plan for the preparation of video lessons for the next school year 2020-2021 is currently under development.

Gaps & Constraints:
• At the Sector meeting held on 22 May, H.E. Minister Kanybek Isakov requested the Sector’s support especially in the following areas:
  a) Reopening of preschools by disinfecting the premises (447 kindergartens for 7,542 children and more), providing thermography cameras, disinfectant tunnels, disinfectants for daily sanitation and PPE for children and teachers;
  b) Completion of 2019-2020 school year by supporting the implementation of learning outcome assessment for part of the graduating students (1,300 people), university admission exams and Olympiad the student competition in different subjects;
  c) Preparation of video lessons for the next school year 2020-2021, in preparation to the potential preschool and school closure after September.
• In addition, the Sector will be supporting the Ministry with preparation of safe return to schools.

FOOD SECURITY AND LOGISTICS

Needs:
• 500,000 require immediate direct food assistance. It is estimated that about 1.83 million people will require food or cash assistance
• 400,000 smallholder farmers in need of support to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020

Response:
• During April and May 2020, WFP in coordination with Ministry of Labour and Social Development distributed 2,041.4 metric tons of food assistance to 63,998 beneficiaries through regular asset creation and training programmes.
• In May, WFP provided emergency food assistance to social inpatient institutions which was delivered in two shipments including 59 metric tons (20-days ration for 3,203 beneficiaries in 22 social inpatient institutions for elderly, people with disabilities and orphans) between 7-12 May 2020 and 207 metric tons (70-day ration) between 27-29 May 2020. Food distributions were following with online training and consultations of COVID-19 preventive measures.
• In May, WFP re-distributed the wheat flour from its school meals programme, which was suspended due to school closures, to over 53,000 primary school children from rural families to ensure their food security during the pandemic.
• In June, WFP is planning to reprioritize another 1,000 tons of food assistance to reach people living in extreme poverty. Delivery and distribution is expected during the second half of June 2020.
• Government is reported to allocate KGS 200 million to provide food assistance to low-income families.
• Development Partners Coordination Country group on Food Security and Nutrition conducted regular meeting to finalize the anti-crisis plan to address the emerging needs to maintain food security and nutrition of the population. Measures include support to private sector to stabilize the markets, stockpiling food as part of state material reserve and cash transfers to the population economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
• Recommendations on appropriate breastfeeding and complementary feeding developed, approved by the Experts Council of the MoH on 6, April 2020 and delivered to regional health coordinators for further dissemination (210,000 copies) to maternal and new-born facilities, and health promotion units of the family medicine centres country-wide
• Support on continuation of existing essential nutrition services, including procurement of essential nutrition supplies to vulnerable children and pregnant women. Funding request submitted to the WB
• FAO will provide support in strengthening institutional capacities in price and market information systems and policy monitoring in response to COVID-19 and other shocks
• FAO in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration provided agricultural inputs to the most vulnerable communities and farmers.
• In May-June, FAO provides technical assistance in development of the import substitution program to ensure food security and be less dependent on foreign food imports.
• In May, FAO in partnership with WFP launched online agronomic consultations for selected specialists from the rural areas, especially most affected districts from COVID-19 and recent snowfall and late frost in April.

Gaps & Constraints:
• There is an urgent need to raise 8.4 million USD to cover the two months food requirement of about 500,000 most poor and vulnerable in the country during June-July 2020.
• There is urgent need to mobilize 2.5 million USD in support of smallholder farmers to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020 with a focus on ensuring their access to seeds, labor, fertilizer and livelihood care due to restrictions set during this crisis.
• UNICEF re-programmed some funds to meet immediate covid19 related needs and planning implementation with cooperating partners. While this will meet some urgent needs, however, the activities still face 530,000 USD gap.

HEALTH

Progress:
• Health partners continue to support capacity building interventions to strengthen COVID response and support the maintenance of essential health services including immunization, non-communicable disease management, reproductive health, mental health and psychosocial support
• Partners continue support to strengthen communication, awareness raising at facility and community level. Support to production of tailored material to address priority risks.
• Provision of updated protocols and guidelines on case management
• Support MoH participation in the solidarity trail, serological study, and behavioral insight study.
• Provision of essential supplies and equipment.
• Composition of Lab advisory group to support the discussion and scaling up of lab capacity.

Epidemiological update:
Kyrgyzstan reported a total of 1899 cases. There is a 40% increase of 14-day cumulative incidence (as of June 4, 2020)
• 68% of registered cases recovered
• Majority of new cases among repatriated population
• 51% of the registered positive cases are women
• 12% of cases are children under age of 15, 38% age (20-35 year) and 14% older than 55 year
• 587 people with previously confirmed COVID – 19 are being managed in hospitals of the republic, of which 12 are in serious condition, including 3 in intensive care units; 74 patients are in moderate condition and 501 in satisfactory
• 1 953 people are being monitored in observation facilities of Kyrgyzstan
• Number of tests performed in the last 24 hours –2 900.
Needs:

- Laboratory tests
- Strengthening national capacity to address infection among health workers.

PROTECTION

Needs:

- The population needs to be informed about changes in regimes, especially in regions where the state of emergency has been lifted, but the emergency (quarantine) regime remains active.
- Provision of direct support to survivors of GBV and domestic violence, such as safe spaces, social/psycho-social support and access to service points (medical and legal).
- Support the prevention and response to cases of GBV and domestic violence through existing hotlines.
- Continuous monitoring of children in residential institutions and provision of necessary support to safeguard their wellbeing and prevent spreading the COVID-19.
- Need to increase support to social workforce in reaching out to most vulnerable cases and children affected by violence after the end of the lockdown.
- Informatization process of children and families in difficult life situations.
- Analysis of socio-economic impact of the current emergency on children needs to be conducted.
- Continuous support to the promotion of prevention of violence against children and positive parenting campaigns.
- Public awareness campaigns on GBV/ domestic violence issues, especially at the local level.

Response:

- Human rights monitoring, including media content with an emphasis on hate speech, is still ongoing.
- Provision of support to MLSD to develop Regulation on the Unit for coordination of work to address domestic violence.
- So far, Safe space in Bishkek provides comprehensive support to 14 women and 11 children.
- Through Jigeduu Jarandar project, USAID provided legal aid to vulnerable groups (unlawful apprehension and detention, victims of trafficking etc.) and to medical workers.
- Moreover, through this project, 10 additional grants will be provided until November to NGOs working in the GBV domain to support victims of domestic violence. The grants program aims to provide emergency response to domestic violence in all seven oblasts of the country; improve access to information and conduct awareness campaigns on GBV/ domestic violence prevention and to support relevant legislative initiatives. Three NGOs have been already selected in Chuy, Osh and Issyk-Kul oblasts, support the existing committees on prevention of domestic violence (CPDV) and establish new ones. As a result, 12 new committees on prevention of domestic violence (CPDV) will be established. Seven more NGOs, including crisis centers, have been selected to receive in the remaining four oblasts (Batken, Jalal-Abad, Talas and Naryn), develop a manual for lawyers on providing legal aid to victims of DV, and conduct a nation-wide awareness raising campaign on issues of GBV and DV.
- Through Jigeduu Jarandar, the "Union of LSGs" has been contracted to improve information exchange between local self-government authorities and national-level authorities, improve access to information on among citizens regarding safety measures and regulations during quarantine.
- Hotline 112 provides support on GBV issues and received more than 150 calls.
- Through the Hotline 112, 6 layers provide information on legal aid consultations. During the month of May, the hotline received 205 requests for legal aid assistance on different issues, such as rules of emergency state, labor rights protection or family laws. 25 people were further referred to Free Legal Aid Coordination Centres assistance. 64% of the calls were received from women (131 calls) and 36% from men (74 calls). Among them, 11 requests were from persons with disabilities. Out of 205 calls, 143 from Bishkek and 62 from other regions.
- Legal company is working on developing guidelines/SOP for law enforcement agencies.
- A legal expert has been engaged to develop amendments to the State Emergency Law and related legislation. Under the Law on Emergency, a Working Group has been established, including representatives from the Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Ministry of Justice.

3 The call received can be subdivided as follow: Rules of emergency state (74); Labour rights protection (26), including 15 labor-related guarantees and compensations (payment); Inheritance (6); Dissolution of marriage (5); Family law (27), including alimony (6); Contracts and property rights (21); Criminal law (13); Domestic violence (11); Administrative (7).
A rapid needs assessment on COVID-19 implications for children left behind by migrating parents is in process of development.

Additional technical equipment is provided to 111 Hotline for Children.

Provision of support to Prosecutor’s office in the analysis of crime trends in the first 5 months of the year.

PPE and hygiene and sanitation items have been distributed in 17 places of detention under the State Service for the Execution of Punishment (SSEP) and up to 17 IVSs under the Ministry of the internal affairs continue in an ongoing manner. The distributions made shall cover the needs of the SSEP places of detention until the end of this year.

To serve for medical consultation, increase capacity for quarantine and medical isolation, four tents/yurts have been placed in three places of detention under the SSEP. The two yurts shaped were placed in Penal Hospital 47 and the two tents were installed in Penal Institutions 3 and SIZO 50. These tents add the resources at the disposal of the SSEP to manage the flow of detainees during intake and quarantine to prevent Covid-19 in places of detention. Moreover, they also increase the capacity of the prison medical wards to medically isolate suspected or confirmed cases in case of overflow.

Online trainings on Covid-response continue for medical and non-medical staff of the SSEP and their places of detention.

Gaps and constraints:

- Some shelters and crisis centers to service GBV survivors are not able to operate.
- The rate of GBV remains high and there is no official appeal in place form the government to address the issues.
- The lack of access to information on GBV, domestic violence prevention and response among vulnerable groups is of major concern.
- Now that the restrictions on employment and entrepreneurship have been lifted, many individuals face problems in getting back to work. This problem particularly affects persons employed on daily earnings as well as persons who were dismissed during the pandemic.
- Along with the Government, Kyrgyz citizens returning from foreign countries become targets of hate speech.
- Lack of centralized and electronic data on vulnerable children remains a major concern.
- Scarce State inclusion of youth in the emergency response.
- Unavailability of sufficient pool of quality psychosocial support.

WASH

Needs:

- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Schools
- WASH needs analysis to be conducted in Health facilities
- Provide Support to local services (waste, water) to maintain the operations
- Support the major cities with the public awareness on COVID-19 related measures
- Strengthen IPC related activities in health, public and school facilities

Response:

- UNICEF is looking into possibilities to procure 500 family hygiene kits to support the returning migrants’ families with critical WASH items.
- As an immediate response, UNICEF will procure 200 baby hygiene kits for newborn children and their mothers stranded in hospitals or maternity centers as a result of positive test on COVID-19
- UNICEF is planning to do the assessment of WASH condition in school facilities and health facilities due to a better understand the risk associated with children’s comeback to school and tailored intervention in health facilities to prevent further spread of the virus among health workers
- As part of the WASH crisis communication, we will support the Osh Mayor’s office with banners and other messaging in public spaces to promote basic rules such as social distance, wearing masks, etc. The details are being discussed with colleagues and mayor’s office.
- Helvetas:
  - Support local budget subsidies line for services
  - Provide protective equipment for service providers
  - Communicate with the citizens for COVID-19 measures, the current crisis, potential second wave, etc.
  - Work with the citizens and municipalities as soon as possible re-establish the necessary level of payment
- Mercy Corps:
  - Related to WASH interventions in Schools the funding was approved, and the total would be around one million USD
- Funds will be used for Intensive sanitation and hygiene related interventions at all targeted schools with installations of additional handwashing stations
- 50 new latrines will be constructed at 50 schools and 50 more latrines will be repaired and improved in other 50 public schools
- New handwashing stations with liquid sops, disposable towels, etc. will be installed in 35 schools (these items already purchased but have not been delivered due to restriction of movement)
- All activities should be completed until the end of the summer holidays or before the beginning of the school year
- Family hygiene kit will be distributed for three villages in Jalalabad oblast at the request of the private company (budget came from the private sector)

Gaps & Constraints:
- WASH remains the most underfunded sector
- No constant or almost none information or requests for assistance is provided/coming from MES last couple of weeks
- No analysis/studies/assessments available on WASH in Schools and Health facilities at the country level
- The support will be provided based on immediate funding availability and through reprogramming of ongoing projects where appropriate.

COMMUNICATION
Based on the request of the Republican Shtab, UN agencies deployed communication specialists to the Press Center of the Republican Shtab to increase an effectiveness of risk communication activities through regular press briefings and timely dissemination of information through digital means:

- UNICEF has deployed three consultants - social media manager, designer and animation designer for two months, with potential extension of service to June 2020;
- UNDP has provided two sign language translators for three months;
- WHO together with the Ministry of Health produced 22 short videos as well as 1 documentary film to raise public awareness about myths around COVID-19 and to highlight the importance of basic protective measures against the new coronavirus;
- WHO in a close collaboration with the Centre of Health Promotion and Mass communication and Mayor of Bishkek city is developing risk communication materials (posters and flyers) on basic protective measures for public transports, main entrance of malls, and other crowded places in Bishkek city;
- WHO is continuing to conduct a series of online webinars for various target audiences on various topics related to the COVID-19 risk communication. Recordings and materials are available via [http://bit.ly/2vifQjj](http://bit.ly/2vifQjj)
- WHO is planning to launch behavioural insights (BI) research across the country to assess to understand public levels of trust, people’s perceptions of risk, and the barriers they may face in following recommended actions;
- WHO in partnership with UNICEF in Kyrgyzstan launched a chatbot so-called “HealthBuddy” [https://healthbuddy.info/](https://healthbuddy.info/) to the Health Ministry’s website in Kyrgyz, Russian, and English language. It will include useful local information like the national hotlines, essential guidance, WHO recommendations. The chatbot will provide answers to questions relevant to citizens of Kyrgyzstan and will help the Ministry of Health to manage rumours more effectively. Citizens can report via the chatbot any fake news and rumours they have come across, and these can be clarified with facts and evidence.
- UNICEF has produced eight videos on preventive measures and hygiene during COVID-19 targeting children and adolescents. Videos are disseminated in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek in social media and TV channels.
- UNDP has produced a series of videos on social distancing, mental health and free legal aid through 112 hotline
- UNDP has produced a video, printing materials and arranged online consultations on COVID-19 preventive measures for the personnel of social inpatient institutions
- In support of MLSD and 111 Helpline, UNICEF has produced 8 videos on how to maintain a healthy and pleasant environment in family during the quarantine, how to talk with children and adolescents about COVID-19 targeting parents. Videos are disseminated in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek in social media and TV channels
- To support families during the quarantine, UNICEF has organized weekly online consultations with psychologists in social media for parents and adolescents.
- To promote principles of positive parenting and help to decrease level of pressure during the quarantine, UNICEF continuously is organizing social media challenges for parents on good parenting. Average coverage of these challenges is about 500K social media users.
- UNDP with UNICEF in partnership with the High Technology Park organized the e-Hackathon to find digital solutions to mitigate and address consequences for women and children in isolation. 53 applicants formed teams and produced 18 solutions. First three winners got financial prizes.
- Jointly with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF has produced a series of videos on remote learning for school children and preschoolers’ parents.
• Media partnerships with KLOOP and Azattyk within Spotlight initiative has been launched
• UNICEF is providing support to the communication team of Ministry of Education - consultant hired, continuously supporting in content development for MoES social media
• UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women within Spotlight project jointly with MLSD have produced leaflets for victims of domestic violence. Hard copies in Russian and Kyrgyz will be widely disseminated in regions. Online versions are available at UN and MLSD websites, social media pages;
• UNICEF jointly with the Government of Kyrgyz Republic organized the First online summit of children of Kyrgyzstan (one of the key topics - what positive lessons has been learnt from the quarantine);
• UNDP in cooperation with the State Committee on ICT announced a call for innovators to come up with solutions to help those who are in isolation in main four areas: online learning, e-health, contactless economy and socializing. 73 applications have been received. Two solutions have been financially supported: an app for pre-school children with hearing impairments and telemedical service during COVID-19.
• UN Crisis Communication Team has organized coordination and knowledge-sharing platform for non-UN international partners on communications during the COVID-19 outbreak

GENERAL COORDINATION

The Government established in January 2020 a special stab (coordination center) under the Prime Minister. The Republican ShTab supported by two shtabs on health and socio-economic response. The Republican stab consists of all line ministries responsible for COVID-19 response. To develop proposals for implementation of measures aimed at attracting external assistance to overcome the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic established expert working groups in the four areas.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic (MoES) is the operational branch for the Government’s Republican stab to coordinate all kinds of emergencies. MoES operates in collaboration with other line ministries, the territorial government bodies, local authorities, international and non-governmental organizations, directly and through subordinate bodies.

Even before the first COVID-19 cases were recorded, the Government has taken a number of measures to mitigate the spread of the disease. Following the confirmation of the first confirmed cases, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic introduced a state of emergency in the country from 22 March 2020.

On 16 March 2020 Government requested activation of Disaster Response Coordination Unit (DRCU) Council. In small and medium scale emergencies, DRCU takes the responsibility to coordinate and plan the multisector response. Under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator the international humanitarian community in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan has established DRCU, which comprises the heads of the UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, international organizations and NGOs. UN OCHA National Disaster Response Advisor supports DRCU as Secretariat, DRCU is a consultative-deliberative mechanism whose main purpose is to coordinate humanitarian response to emergencies welcomed and/or upon the Kyrgyz Government relevant request and enhance collaboration among DRCU partners and other key actors.