Decentralization processes at Mady Ayil Okmotu since 2000: Facts and Practices.

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1. Short info about the presenter:

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2. Short info on Mady ayil okmotu (municipality):

- Ayil Okmotu is the lowest administrative and executive body in rural Kyrgyzstan.
- Established in 1996, 11 villages
- Administratively located close to Osh city, 8km and 25km from Karasuu rayon administration
- ► Territory: 21123km²
- Close to 30,000 population
- Budget: 32million soms, between 50-60% received by the central government



3. Definition and Research Question:

- Decentralization simply understood as... "giving functions and responsibilities to local level"
- How far we should go by applying this definition in order to understand decentralization process in K?



3. Definition and Research Question... continued

Central criteria was to look how local ordinary villagers understand the decentralization!

- I. <u>social aspect</u>: obtaining necessary documents:
- I) passport, birth & marriage certificate;
- 2) documents to get credit or loans such as place of residency, family members, property certificates;
- ▶ 3) social assistances such as pension, child and other allowances, government allowances for handicapped people, etc



3. Definition and Research Question... continued

- 2. <u>administration and politics:</u> elections, school and kindergarten and hospital related issues,
- > 3. economic and infrastructure aspect:
- water, energy and road infrastructure,
- local budget
- local tax (show level of corruption)
- tenders, grants both central government and donor



4. Decentralization process between 1996-2010:

- Properties transferred to the account of State seed producer cooperative
- ▶ more than 1000 machinery such as tractors with its installments, trucks, harvester, etc
- up to 500 properties such as houses, buildings, shops, etc
- use of municipality as a tool or instrument of fear to control wider population



5. Decentralization process since 2010 until now:

- Younger cadres of previous government officials took municipality...
- Budget manipulation ...
- Grants and projects ...
- ▶ Elections ...
- Administration as a tool of fear ...



6. Decentralization process in Chile and South Korea:

- Decentralization means corruption in Chile...
- Late arrival of decentralization in South Korea.....

7. Conclusion

- Reform on government institutions
 - -....As a tool for demonstrations and government initiated wag reforms to slow protests...
 - reform is....
- ▶ Big gap on current research on decentralization.....
- Decentralization as a tool of corruption



7. Recommendations:

- Integrating decentralization process with centralized system of governance
 - division of administration (solving local issues) with service provision (documents) to population
 - analysis of local culture and politics, i.e. how rural or urban community works....
- Developing long term government institutional reform
 Continued by the next administration



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