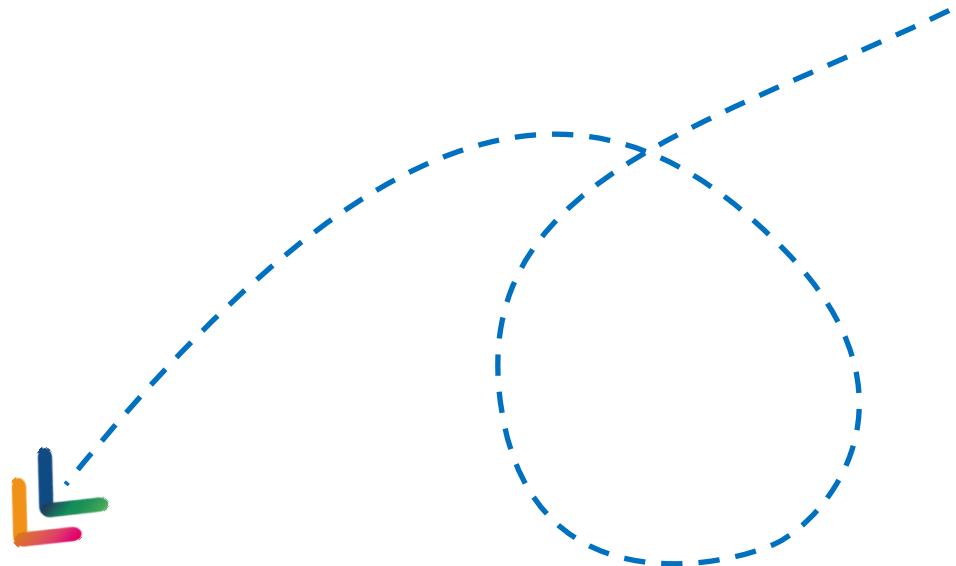


Demilgeluu Jashtar

Enhancing employability and civic engagement of youth in the Kyrgyz Republic.



Project objectives

Two main objectives of the «Demilgeluu Jashtar» project



Civic participation

The project is implemented under the USAID Democracy and Governance Department



Economic inclusion

The project works to improve labor market readiness of young people by providing them with training in vocational areas, and working with relevant stakeholders to support youth employment

Donor of the project



The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

USAID supports job creation and economic growth in the Kyrgyz Republic with a focus on the poorest regions, which contributes to keeping families together and help them build better lives.

In 2017, the Mountain Societies Development Support Programme launched a five-year partnership with USAID, aimed at 'Enhancing employability and civic engagement of youth'.

Implementing partners



MSDSP KG

An Initiative of the Aga Khan Foundation



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CA)

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Geographic coverage

In the Kyrgyz Republic



Youth population: 286 800

These districts were selected based on ethnic diversity, population and poverty rate.

The focus of the project activities

Project aimed to increase civic participation of youth and readiness of youth on the labor market. The project:



Develops youth leadership and life skills



Increases youth participation in labor market through development their professional skills



Promotes youth participation in development of their communities



Improves youth image in their communities



Creates a reliable research base for the development of youth policy based on quality data



Develops youth entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship and creates workplaces for youth



Civic participation

- ✓ Formation of 24 working groups (WG) to develop youth-sensitive strategy;
- ✓ Capacity building of WG members;
- ✓ Camps for WG members to improve their capacity;
- ✓ Trainings for the EG members on participatory research, data analysis, media literacy, proposal writing, lobbying and advocacy of youth initiatives.

Economic inclusion



- 80 youth from Jalal-Abad and Naryn Oblasts improved their skills on social entrepreneurship and 6 were awarded small grants for, totaling 5, 938.9 USD;
- 100 youth from the target locations improved their skills on entrepreneurship and 8 of them were awarded with small grants for a total amount 26,062 USD;
- 20 young entrepreneurs from Osh oblast participated in the acceleration program of AP;
- Opening of co-working center ololohaus Osh;
- 237 youth improved their professional skills;
- 82 IT teachers from 39 schools received their official ICDL certificates;
- 2 testing ICDL centers were opened in Naryn Oblast;
- More than 4000 students have been taught ICDL program by SPCE;
- 132 students from 6-9 grades received their official ICDL certificates.

Research

- Market assessment of youth employment;
- Baseline and end-line studies;
- Value chain study (garment industry and beauty salons);
- Introducing a youth questionnaire into the “Life in Kyrgyzstan” study.



Image of the youth in their communities



Annual youth forums

In 2018, 69 representatives from the local governance, business sector, and NGO participated in an annual forum on youth entrepreneurship.

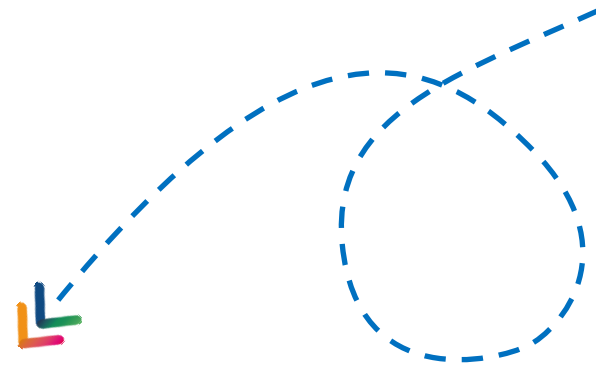


Annual award ceremonies

In total, 120 representatives from the local governance, business sector, NGO, media and youth organizations participated in the annual award ceremony in Naryn Oblast.

Partnership

- MoU with the Ministry of labor and social development of KR;
- Close partnership with the State Agency of Youth Affairs and Sport, the State Agency of Local Governance and Interethnic Relationships under the Kyrgyz Government
- Partnership with USAID «Community and Municipal Governance Initiative» as well as «Competitiveness of enterprises» projects.





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