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COVID-19 in Kyrgyzstan: Socio-Economic Implications

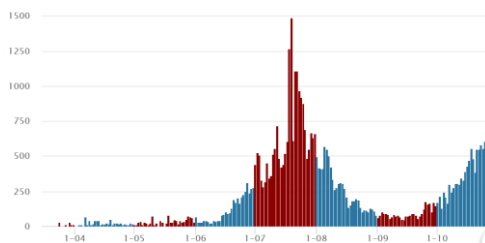
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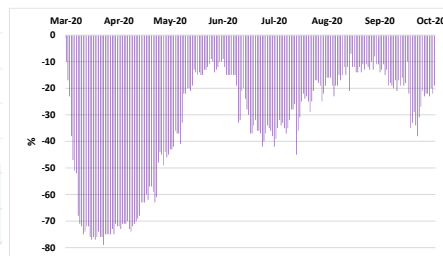
Health Effects in Kyrgyzstan

- COVID-related deaths/population – 175/million
 - 47th place in the world
 - 3rd place among post-soviet countries
 - 1st place in Central Asia

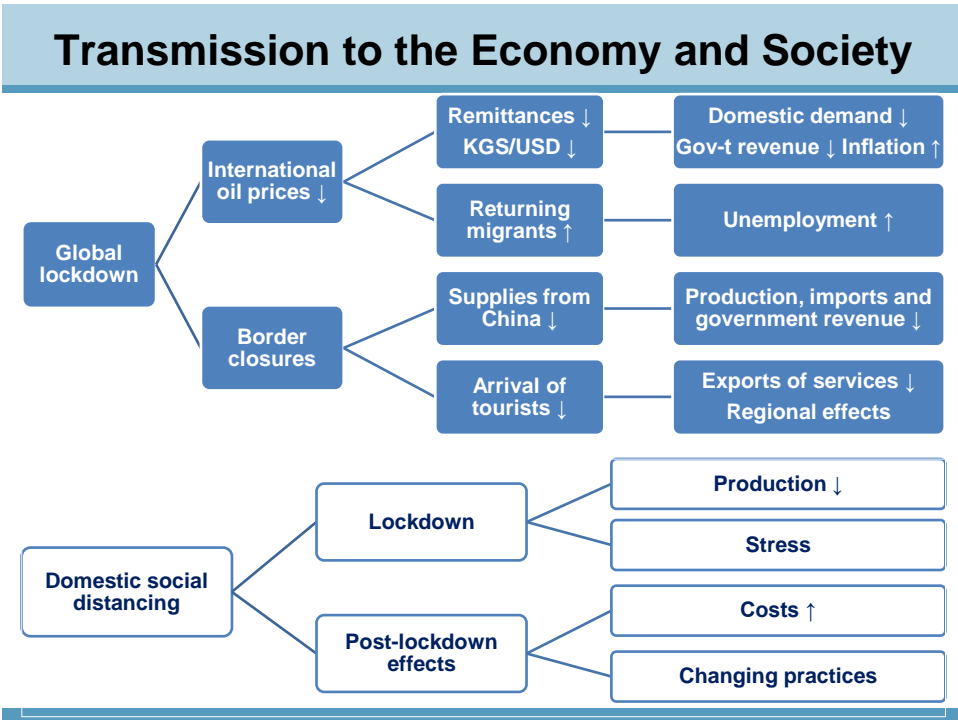
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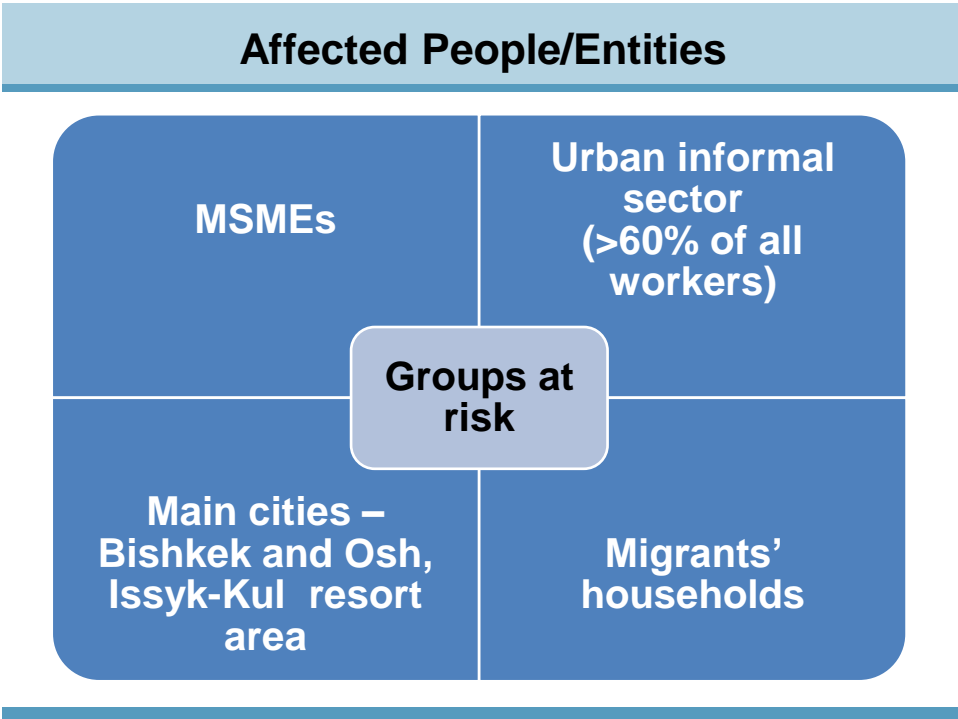
Retail and recreation
mobility change



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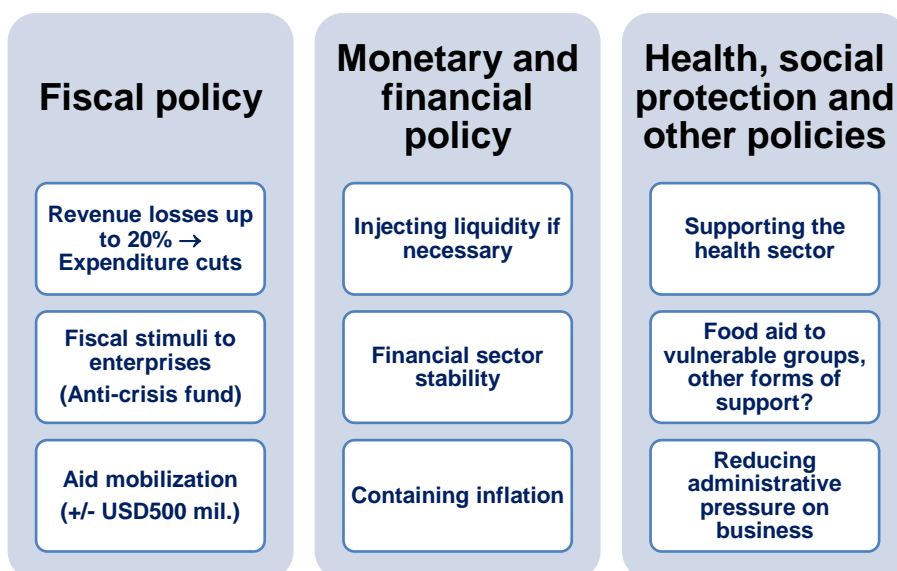
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Economic Implications

- GDP decline in 2020
 - actual Jan-Sept: -6% (-7.9% w/o Kumtor)
 - expected: -5.3/8% (GoK), -10% (ADB/UNDP), -12% (IMF)
- Most affected sectors and variables
 - passenger (-49%) and freight (-28%) transport, HORECA (-45%), trade (-16%), construction (-8%)
 - investments (-15%)
 - imports (-32%)
 - tax collections (-16%), customs revenue (-37%)
 - food inflation (10%)
 - KGS/USD (almost 20%) but 5% appreciation to RUR
- Remittances (-2%) – strong resilience!
- Growth in agriculture and exports (due to gold)

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Policy Response



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Lessons Learned and Next Steps

- Distant learning and losses of human capital
- Fiscal sustainability
- Social protection for urban poor
- Boosting consumer demand vs. cheap loans for entrepreneurs
- Vulnerability of re-export business
- Digitalization, banking penetration and social distancing
- “Build back better” – green investments, urban development
- Comprehensive overhaul of the health care system
- Civil society response

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More details here:

<https://www.adb.org/documents/covid-19-kyrgyz-republic-socioeconomic-vulnerability-impact>

<https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/library/poverty/socio-economic-impact-covid-19.html>

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