

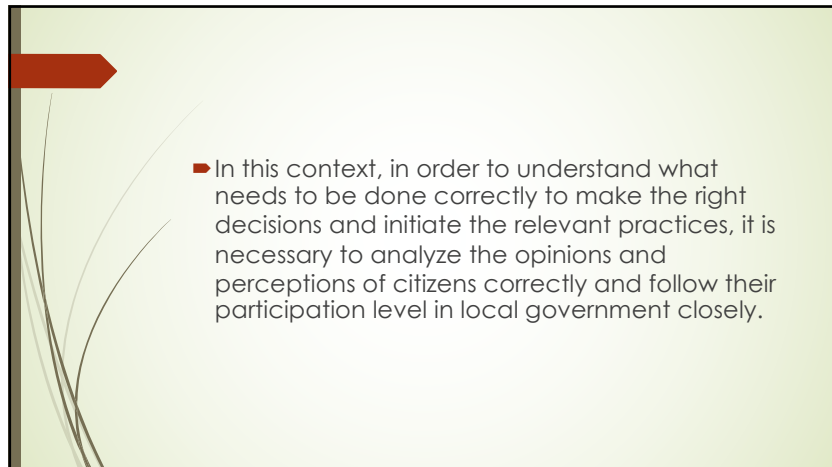
## Citizen Perception and Participation in Local Government in Kyrgyzstan

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- When we look at the strategic priorities of developed and developing countries in the world, it can be stated that the common point is the goal of increasing the welfare of society by improving the service quality of local governments (Government Business Council, 2018).

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- In this context, in order to understand what needs to be done correctly to make the right decisions and initiate the relevant practices, it is necessary to analyze the opinions and perceptions of citizens correctly and follow their participation level in local government closely.

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## AIM OF THE RESEARCH

- In this paper participation of citizen in local government in Kyrgyzstan investigated. Along with this, **citizens' perception about efficiency of public services, local governance and trust on local governance institution** analyzed.


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## DATA AND METHODOLOGY

- Research based on the survey "Life in Kyrgyzstan" (LIK) that conducted in 2019 to more than 7000 individuals in Kyrgyzstan.
- Binary Logit model applied to identify the factors affecting on the participation of citizen in local governance such as gender, education, social status, trust in government.

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## Empirical Findings

Dependent Variable:

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Independent Variables	Marginal Effect (dy/dx)
Unemployed	-0.060 (-3.48)**
Wage Status-Wage	0.039 (2.46)**
Wage Status-Own account work	0.068 (5.33)*
Community	0.222 (18.74)*
Voting	-0.051 (-4.73)*
Being informed by Local Government	-0.118 (-8.01)*
Accessing the budget of Local Government	0.019 (1.84)**
Influencing the budget of Local Government	-0.056 (-4.36)**

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### Positive Effect

- In our example, it has been determined that the factors that are likely to increase citizens' trust in local government are
- "Wage Status-Wage Employee-%3;
- Wage Status-Own account work-%6.8;
- Trust in the Community-%22.2;
- Accessing to the information about budget of Local Government-%1.9" respectively.

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### Negative Effect

- However, it has been determined that the factors affecting trust in the direction of decreasing are:
- Unemployed- %6,0
- Voting-%-5.1;
- Being informed by Local Government- %-11.8;
- Influencing the budget of Local Government-%-5.6" respectively.

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### Reccomendations

- Improvement of general trust and accessibility of information about Aiyl Aimak / municipal government budget will lead to higher trust in local government.
- But main issues that must be revealed and solved are related with election procedure and budget process. Effective solving these problems significantly increases trust in local government

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x11 Do you have a permanent job, own business, other income-generating activity, or work as an unpaid family worker where you were absent during the last 7 days but to which you will return? (304)

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x15 Most people who live in this community can be trusted. (830-3)

x23 Have you voted in the last elections in your Ayil Kenesh or city council? (845)

x24 How informed do you think you are about the work of your Ayil Aimak or municipal government? (860)

x34 Please estimate, how accessible information about the Ayil Aimak / municipal government budget is for the population? (863)

x36 Did you or members of your household try to influence the budget process of your local government body (Ayil Aimak or municipal government) during the last 12 months? (864)