



Capacity Building in the Field of Social Sphere in the Kyrgyz Republic

Development Cooperation between Institutions – Ministry for Social Development of Kyrgyz Republic and Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare

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Project Context

The Kyrgyz Republic was one of the first CIS countries which started to reform the social protection system and a new model of social protection system stipulating a targeting approach to most vulnerable groups of population was developed.

The National Social Protection Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic, which was prepared by the Ministry of Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2012 - 2014, highlights the importance of enhancing the professional capacity and skills of the personnel working for provision of social services. This strategy has a rights-based approach, it supports programs for various socially vulnerable groups and aims to secure a decent welfare for the citizens as well as to promote social cohesion and solidarity in the society.

In 2014 the Ministry of Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic started to develop a Program on Social protection of the population for 2015-2017. This program aims to ensure high-quality and sustainable social services and equal possibilities for all citizens.

The main priorities of the new program focus on such development topics as social protection for

- vulnerable families and children
- persons with disabilities
- the elderly

The “Social Sphere Capacity Building” project, which will be implemented in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2014-2016 supports the implementation process of the new Program on Social Protection of the

Population and is in line with the capacity building needs of the key personnel responsible for social protection in the Kyrgyz Republic. The key element is training for civil servants and professionals as agreed with the beneficiary.

Beneficiaries and stakeholders

The priority areas of the Finnish development policy and its cross cutting issues are focused on democratic accountable society that promotes human rights, gender equity

and reducing inequality on the basis on human development. This project works in compliance with these principles.

The capacity building in social sphere will improve the capacity of the Ministry of Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic to implement and monitor the Program of Social Protection of the Kyrgyz population for provision of more effective and better-targeted equal social services in the country. The better targeted social services will reduce poverty and improves life of the whole population and especially those in vulnerable situation.



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The Ministry of Social Development is the direct beneficiary of the project. It is responsible for e.g. gender policy, family policy including child protection, the elderly and the persons with disabilities. The Ministry is developing two training centers for its staff to be located in Bishkek and Osh. The project aims to support also the launching of these training centers. Thus, while the project contents are mainly capacity building, it also has a focus of institutional development.

Stakeholders of the project include the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the ILO Decent Work Agenda and the local non-governmental organizations (UNICEF, HelpAge). These organizations are involved in provision of social services for the vulnerable groups (disabled,

vulnerable families, the elderly) and indirectly the vulnerable groups of the Kyrgyz society will be beneficiaries of the project through improved social services.

Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to improve the positive impact of the new program of social protection of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan for 2015-17 on various vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, families and men and women in general facing both new challenges in the society in transition

The purpose is the increased capacity of the Ministry of Social Development to implement the new Program of Social Protection of the Population of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The expected results of the cooperation are

Result 1: Management skills for a group of civil servants and professionals in the managerial positions enhanced for a better implementation of the program of social protection

Result 2: Groups of civil servants and professionals trained in special topics of social inclusion and protection for a better implementation of the program of social protection

The capacity building of the local social sector professionals includes training seminars and workshops combining Finnish and Kyrgyz trainers in the workshops and seminars. Also study visits to Finland will be organized.

The project will be implemented according to two main principles:

- human rights and rights-based approach are promoted throughout the project
- rule of law is emphasized in all training: it is not enough to launch laws or strategies, they must also be financially sound and there must be law enforcement in place

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