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Central Asia COVID-19 Crisis Response Programme (CACCR)

Strengthening public health emergency preparedness, coordination, detection and response to COVID-19 with focus on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan



A €3 million regional project financed by the European Union and implemented by the WHO in 2020-2022

KYRGYZSTAN

Period:
August – December 2020

Strengthening emergency preparedness and response to COVID-19

- National guidance on COVID-19 infection prevention and control updated to ensure it complies with WHO recommendations.
- National COVID-19 response reviewed jointly with the Ministry of Health of Kyrgyzstan and other stakeholders to develop the country's preparedness and response plan for 2021.
- Laboratories in southern Kyrgyzstan, including a newly established regional unit in Batken, a subnational laboratory in Osh and a mobile laboratory in Jalal-Abad, assessed.
- Health-care workers trained in antigen-detecting rapid diagnostic tests, and in testing for antibodies to COVID-19.
- National testing strategy developed in line with WHO recommendations.



Increasing public compliance with health measures

- An interactive chatbot tool - 'Health Buddy' - launched to address misinformation and rumours related to COVID-19. The tool is available in Russian and Kyrgyz languages through the website of the Ministry of Health of Kyrgyzstan.
- Clear and consistent guidance, in Russian and Kyrgyz languages, on public health measures for the detection and prevention of COVID-19 disseminated widely, to help manage the pandemic.

