



Fighting against discrimination of women from ethnic minorities and ensuring their equal access to public services

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Program Development Objective

The action aims to overcome legal barriers and discrimination to ensure equal access to public services among women from ethnic minorities (WEM) in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Main target groups: women from ethnic communities, line ministries, CSOs, human rights activists, journalists

Expected outcomes

- Improved legal mechanisms for provision of public services among WEM
- Increased capacity of civil society, government officials and journalists in enhancing access to public services among WEM
- Civil society engagement in monitoring on observance of HR standards in receiving public services, providing free legal aid to WEM and reporting on discrimination cases
- Increased awareness on equal entitlement to public services among WEM and disseminate best practices
- Decreased discrimination practices against WEM and ensured their equal entitlement to public services.

Response to COVID-19-related crisis

Target audience:

- 1) Women, children, the elderly, youth, persons with disabilities, ethnic communities (expected coverage is up to 44 000 people);
- 2) CSO activists, community media centres (CMCs), civil journalists, line state agencies and ministries.

Main directions of the PE intervention:

- Development of mobile app and adapted version of web-site on service delivery;
- Webinars on access to online governmental services;
- Interactive webinars on psychological support to population psycho-mentally affected by quarantine regime;
- Civil and community-based monitoring, regular collection of the data and statistics on the discrimination practices and cases related to violation of human rights;
- Awareness raising campaign to disseminate an official firsthand information about current COVID-19 situation in the languages of ethnic communities

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