

Project fact sheet



Across Generation and Gender Borders

Implementing organisation(s)	UN Women
Duration	01/01/2018 – 31/08/2020
Project budget	Total budget - € 839,895.39 million EU contribution - € 797,396.68 million
Project partners	HelpAge International, Agents of Changes
Location	Kyrgyz Republic
Keywords	Violence against women, bride kidnapping, social norms

Program Development Objective

The project's aim is to reduce gender-based violence in Kyrgyzstan, at community level with special focus on non-consensual marriage practices by promoting behavioural changes among men and boys (across gender) and among elderly people (across generation).

Expected outcomes

- Gender-based violence is reduced in the target communities;
- Women and girls are empowered to transform gender relations at family and community levels;
- Gender Action Learning System supports and develops collective action and gender advocacy for change;
- Platforms for intergenerational collaboration are established and equipped with tools and knowledge to foster joint action and promote open and less hierarchical dialogue to combat violence against women and girls in their communities;
- Older people, youth, women and men are informed and aware about the negative consequences of gender based violence for women and for societies

Implementation status: Ongoing

Main target groups

The action targets 16 communities in four regions, namely Issyk-Kul, Talas, Batken and Osh.

Key challenges that the program helps to address:

- Kyrgyzstan has the highest prevalence of bride kidnapping in the world, 20% of all marriages countrywide being a result of kidnap.
- Persistence of early marriages as practices deeply entrenched in society.
- Strong patriarchal discourse which encourages the persistence of attitudes and behaviour of both men and women that assigns limited, gender-stereotypical roles to women and girls.
- Persistence of a responsibility gap at the local government level as a range of duty bearers and a conspicuous lack of a coordinated approach to the problem.

	 United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
Website	https://eca.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2018/04/press-release-changing-behavior-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-in-kyrgyzstan