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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC COUNTRY PROFILE

The only freely-elected democracy in Central Asia, the Kyrgyz Republic faces numerous development challenges that threaten local and regional stability. To consolidate hard-won democratic gains and foster long-term resilience in the face of the COVID pandemic, the United States partners with the Kyrgyz Republic to strengthen democratic governance, accelerate economic growth and improve health and education.

USAID aims to strengthen the Kyrgyz Republic's capacity to lead its own development and become a strong, resilient partner. Fostering regional stability, prosperity, and human capital development, USAID leverages strategic partnerships that boost connectivity between the Kyrgyz Republic and other Central Asian countries.

OUR WORK

USAID partners with the Kyrgyz Government, civil society and the private sector to sustain and strengthen democratic governance, bolster economic growth, and improve health and education outcomes — all in a strategic effort to forge a prosperous and inclusive Kyrgyz Republic.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

To counter democratic backsliding and the foreign influences that threaten the Kyrgyz Republic's stability and progress, USAID works with the Kyrgyz Government to strengthen democratic values and promote the rule of law. Owing in part to USAID's steadfast support of independent media, the Kyrgyz Republic has the highest level of

media freedom in Central Asia, according to Reporters Without Borders. USAID also helps strengthen communities at risk of radicalization and recruitment by armed groups, focusing on youth, disadvantaged regions and marginalized populations.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

USAID supports the government's commitment to accelerate inclusive economic growth and address the economic consequences of the COVID pandemic. USAID partners with the public and private sectors to improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of Kyrgyzstanis by expanding business opportunities, boosting competitiveness and increasing incomes for smallholder farmers — all of which open doors to American trade. For example, in 2017, USAID helped nearly 4,500 farmers double their crop yields, boosting their sales by \$3.5 million.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of a strong and resilient health care system for the economic development of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Kyrgyz Republic is home to the world's highest rate of new drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) cases. To combat the spread of this deadly disease, USAID aims to improve the quality of care, detection, diagnosis and TB treatments with a focus on high-risk populations. Thanks in part to new TB treatments introduced by USAID in 2017, treatment times have been reduced by half. USAID also supports efforts to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS among key populations and promote improved health and nutrition for mothers and young children in vulnerable regions of the country. To build a healthy and strong future workforce, USAID is extending its reading and math interventions to all regions of the country and is supporting the education system to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions.



Thanks in part to USAID assistance, TB mortality rates have decreased by 11 percent since 2014.



With technical assistance from USAID, Kyrgyz apparel companies grew their sales by \$1.5 million in 2018.

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