

MGOS RESPONSE AND QUESTIONS FROM THE CSOs IN KYRGYSTAN TO THE VNR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KYRGYSTAN

We support Kyrgyzstan's aspiration to achieve the SDGs. As a member of the UN, Kyrgyzstan must fulfill its international obligations.

The environmental, social and economic issues are the foundation of sustainable development.

Climate change, air pollution, border conflicts continue to lead to the emergence and consolidation of basic and new inequalities in Kyrgyzstan. Authorities do not resolve these problems systemically, more than 92 uranium tailings threaten not only the Kyrgyz Republic but also the Central Asian region.

33% of Kyrgyzstan's GDP is accounted for by remittances. It is expected that the transfer of migrant workers is reduced by 15 to 50% due to COVID-19. This will increase unemployment and poverty.

There is limitation in adequate implementation and funding of the social development plans which includes national education, health and gender strategies. Growing violence against women and children during the pandemic; attacks on democratic values and activists; growing religious fundamentalism, anti-gender and homophobic rhetoric by authorities, promotion of discriminatory laws require urgent action by the government.

For sustainable development of Kyrgyzstan, it is necessary

- to adopt antidiscrimination legislation to leave no one behind;
- develop inclusive and appropriate learning continuity plans in a safe environment, using multiple and flexible learning platforms with adaptive learning materials suitable to local context,
- transparently allocate the budget to combat COVID-19, prioritising investment in human capabilities - health care system, state education budgets, countering gender based violences, and reach the most marginalised groups.
- ensure equal access of all citizens to information and participation in the decision-making process at all levels of government;
- exclude proposed laws “of NGOs”, “On trade unions”, “On information manipulation”.
- Adopt UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

We ask Kyrgyzstan, what steps will be taken:

- to support people who have lost their jobs, including migrants?
- to reduce domestic violence and environmental damage?
- to ensure access to public education for all during a pandemic?