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Enhancing disability-inclusiveness of social protection system in Kyrgyzstan

Policy Brief #3 – Recommendations to enhance inclusion of persons with disabilities Kyrgyzstan, 2022
Main disability inclusiveness issues/agendas and recommendations were identified and discussed during consultation meetings with relevant stakeholders in June and July 2022.

- **AS PART OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD),** Kyrgyzstan should continue its efforts aimed at the development of policies and programmes **WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** and, mainstream inclusive perspective into all relevant policies and programmes being developed;

- **ADOPT ALL APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MEASURES** for the implementation and monitoring of the rights recognized in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

- **INVOLVE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN VARIOUS POLICY PROCESSES, LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIONS,** making sure that they get a chance to participate and that their voice is heard;

- **INCREASE THE AWARENESS** of persons with disabilities regarding their civil, political, social, economic, and cultural right and for those in need of special protection against all kinds of discrimination, violence, abuse and exploitation, including women, children and elderly people with disabilities;

- **BOOST MINIMUM STANDARDS** and guidelines for the accessibility of social services and facilities. Assess the scope of social services with a view to supporting **INDEPENDENT LIVING PRINCIPLES** and link social services/related schemes;

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1 Based on stakeholder consultation with Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Migration of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic; German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in the Kyrgyz Republic; Solidarity Center; Kyrgyz Society of the Blind and Deaf; Foundation “Providing legal assistance to persons with disabilities”; NGO “Equality”, Public association “Movement of young people with disabilities”; Center for Research on Social and Labor Relations, June, 2022.
Recognizing the RIGHT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO AN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM, the removal of legal barriers to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in education system, developing educational standards to ensure that persons with disabilities could be educated along with others;

DEVELOP AND ADOPT AN INCLUSIVE OPEN LABOUR MARKET for people with disabilities and the promotion of opportunities for employment and self-employment;

Encourage the initiation of an awareness-raising campaign TARGETING EMPLOYERS as a role model and to create a modern image of persons with disabilities in the workplace, for example, such as Kumtor, Beeline, Banks, and others;

ENCOURAGE AN EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SCHEME providing financial aid to encourage employers to recruit disabled people with reduced work productivity (for example tax benefits, financial incentives from the state, and others);

SOCIAL PROTECTION SHOULD BE UNIVERSAL, based on social solidarity and social inclusion (ILO Recommendation No.202);

THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROTECTION EXTENSION STRATEGY SHOULD APPLY TO PERSONS BOTH IN THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL SECTOR and support the growth of formal employment and reduction of informality. In any case, an extension strategy should firstly ensure support for the most disadvantaged groups and people with special needs (ILO Recommendation No.202). It must be recognized that there is no data in Kyrgyzstan that allowed to understand how many people with disabilities are involved in the informal economy;

DEVELOP STRATEGIC AND ACTION PLANS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, including actions to ensure the practical implementation of public policies concerning the interests of people with disabilities and their sufficient funding.

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2 The ILO Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202)
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List of meetings and discussions with stakeholders for the preparing

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