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# Safe School Project in the Kyrgyz Republic

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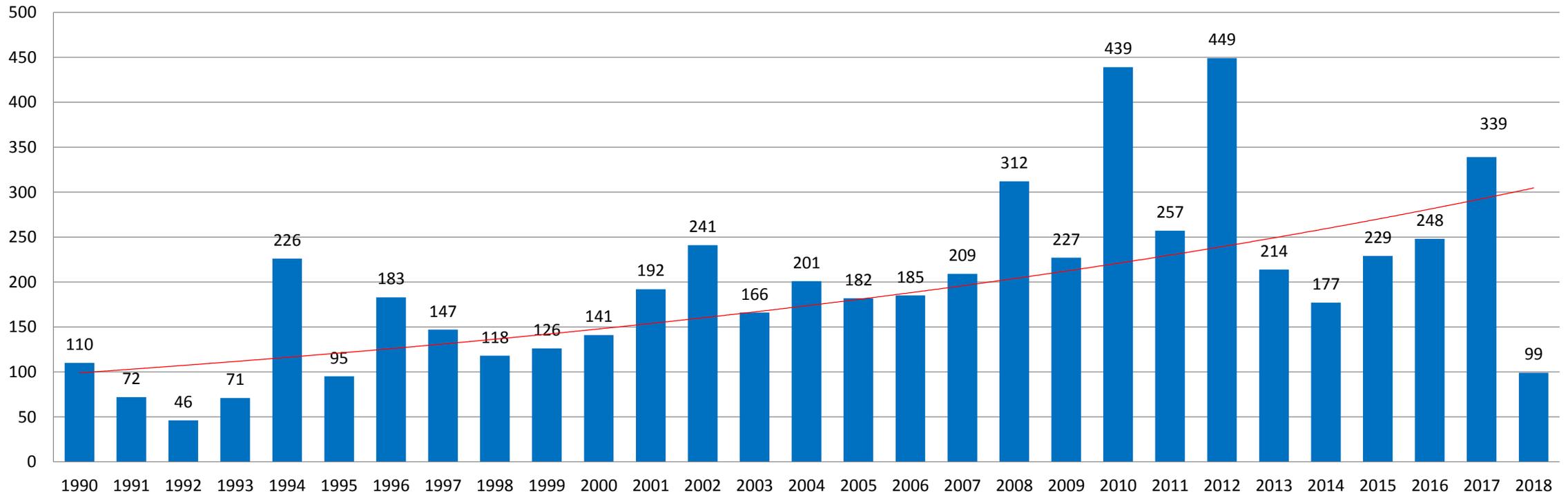
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# Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)

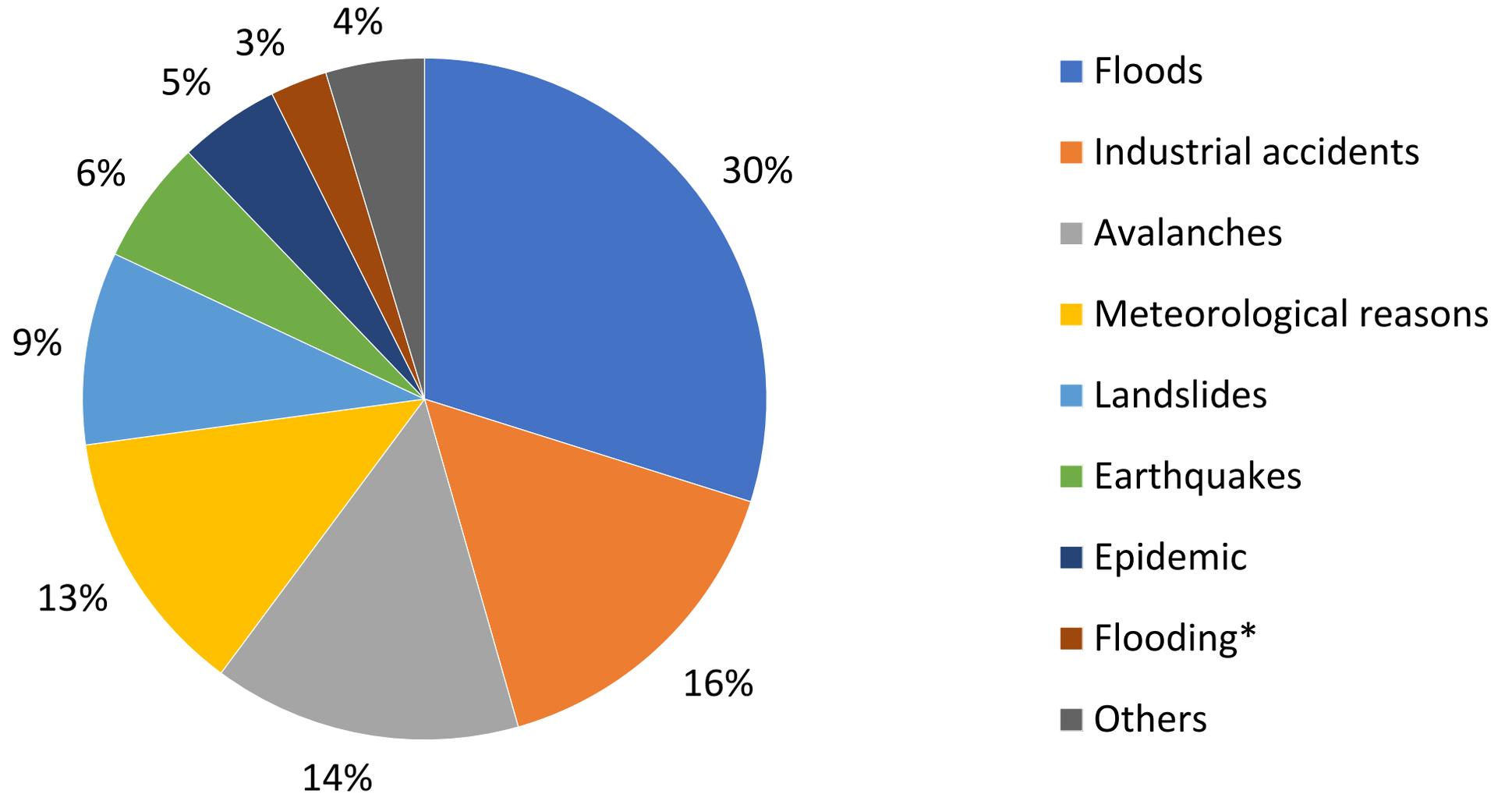


- Landlocked country surrounded by China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- Population – approximately 6.5 million (38% is children under 18)

# Disasters in the Kyrgyz Republic

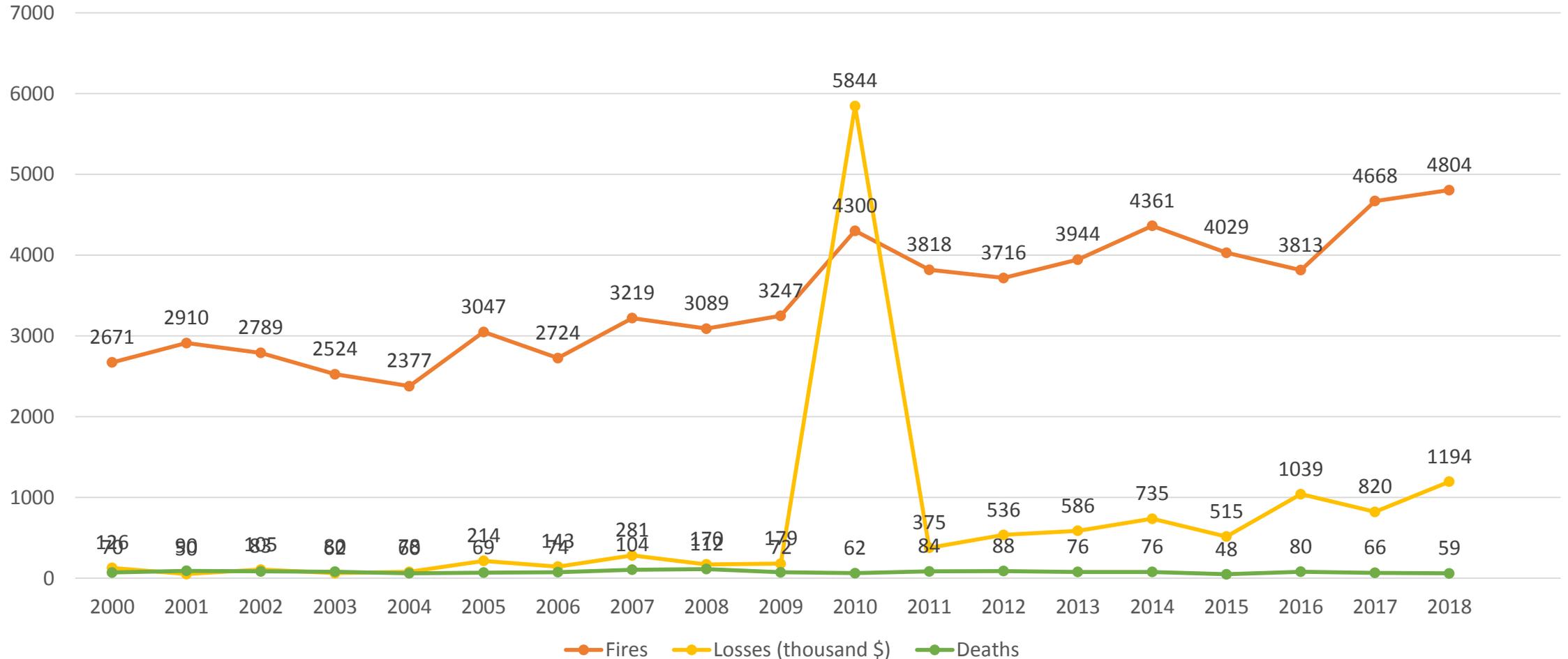


# Types of Disasters (2018)



\*Flooding is accompanied by the rise of groundwater.

# A Number of Fires, Economic Losses and Deaths



# Safe School Project (March 2017-)

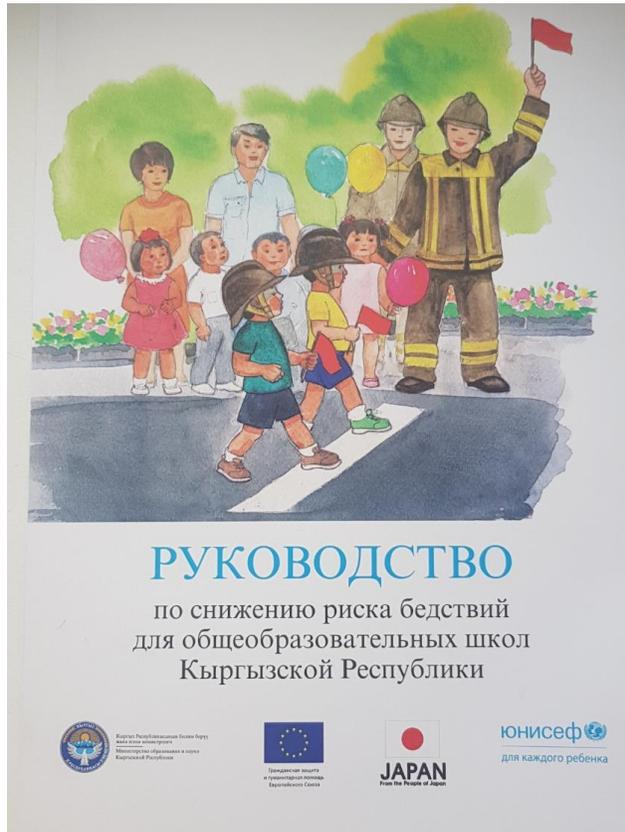
- Goal: Improving children's resilience to disasters in the Kyrgyz Republic
- Background – 85% of education facilities exhibited the low safety level (UNICEF 2014)
- Implemented by UNICEF in partnership with the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Ministry of Education and Science
- Financially supported by the Government of Japan
- Modelling of school-based DRR (SBDRR) in 10 pilot schools and more



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# Development of DRR Education Materials



School-based DRR Guideline for teachers



“Magic Journey” cartoon series on DRR and Climate Change for young children

# Children and Teacher-designed Disaster Mitigation Projects



In this school, the desks for young students were reinforced to protect them in the event of an earthquake.

# Introduction of “Life Young Guards”



# Emergency Drills



Catalytic effect – with the support of **UNICEF Volunteers**, the number of schools participated in the emergency drills increased to ten times its initial target (**target: 10 >> actual: 119**)

# Emergency Drills Participants (children under 18)

**TOTAL – 64,400**

Jalal-Abad – 5,820

Bishkek – 29,535

Talas – 748

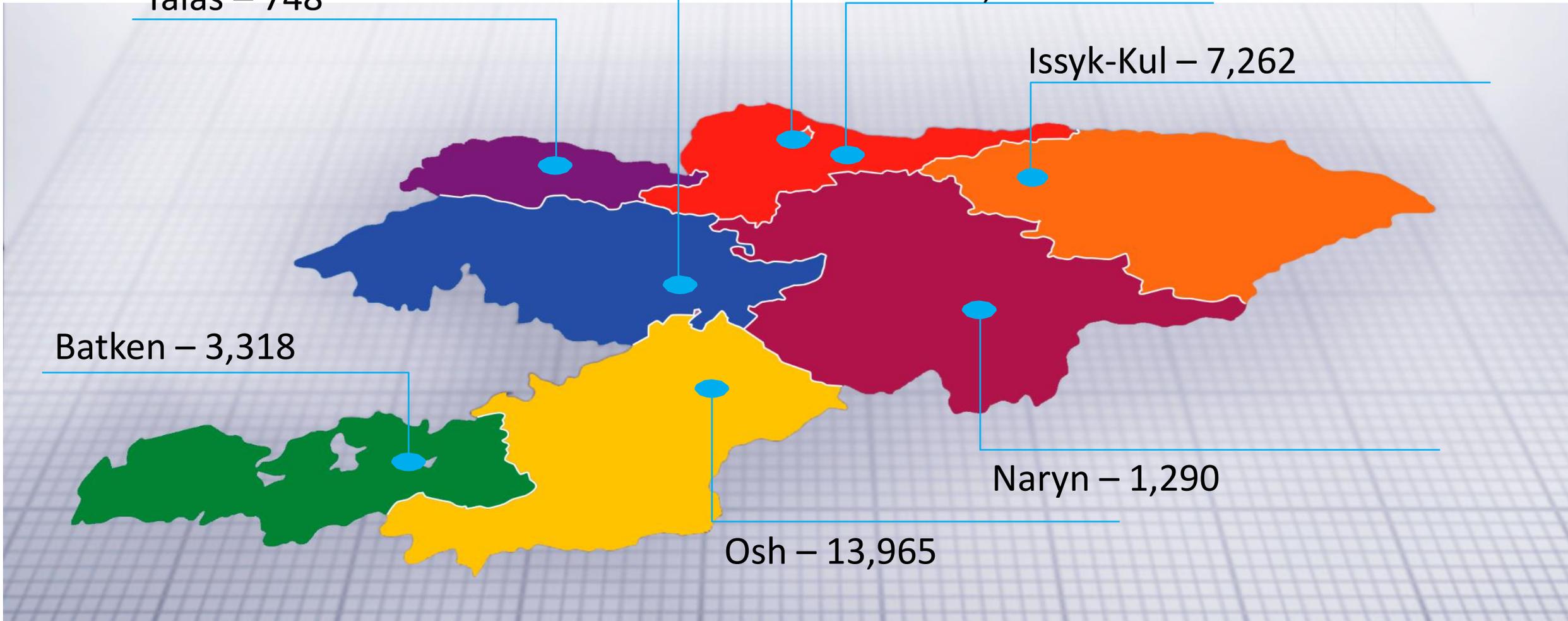
Chui – 2,457

Issyk-Kul – 7,262

Batken – 3,318

Naryn – 1,290

Osh – 13,965



# SBDRR Study Tour to Japan



The Kyrgyz Republic Government delegation learned Japan's good SBDRR policies and practices by participating in 17 meetings, DRR day (*Bosai-no-hi*) events and school visits in Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe in August-September 2019.

# Working Together – Ministry of Emergency Situations and UNICEF



- The Ministry has two Civil Protection Training Centers that are mandated to provide trainings for citizens, including teachers and children, to strengthen their life-saving knowledge and skills.
- The Training Centers and UNICEF are organising the SBDRR activities jointly.

# Future Plans

- The Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Ministry of Education and Science are currently developing a **roadmap on strengthening cooperation between the Ministries and other Government bodies at all levels on scaling up SBDRR throughout the country**. The roadmap will serve as a guideline for further SBDRR actions led by the two ministries for the next two years.
- The Ministries and UNICEF are considering **the expansion of the SBDRR model** to the remaining 1,800 schools with more focus on **climate change adaptation**.



Thank you for your attention