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#### **KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

## **1. General Information**

## 1.1 Geography

Kyrgyz Republic - a country on the eastern part of Central Asia, located in the western and central part of the Tien Shan and the northern part of the Pamirs. The territory is 199.9 kilometers, of which 5.5% of the area is forested, 4.4% - water 53.5% - farmland.

Kyrgyz Republic borders:

- In the north with Kazahstan
- In the west with Uzbekistan
- In the east with China
- In the south with Tajikistan



The territory of Kyrgyzstan is located within the two mountain ranges. North-eastern part, the larger the area lies within the Tian Shan, southwest - in the Pamir-Alai. The state borders of Kyrgyzstan are mostly along the crests of mountain ranges.

The entire territory of the republic lies above 401 meters above sea level, more than

half of its located at altitudes of 1,000 to 3,000 m and about a third - altitudes of 3,000 to 4,000 m. Mountain ranges occupy about a quarter of the territory and extend parallel chains mainly in the attitudinal direction.







#### 1.2 Climate

The climatic conditions of Kyrgyzstan are determined by its geographical position. Most of the territory of the republic is located in the temperate climate zone, southern zone are in a subtropical climate. In that case the climate of Kyrgyzstan is continental. Considerable complexity of the relief of the republic - the deep dissection, the slopes of different exposures to the sun and the air flow creates an exceptional diversity of the climate and defines a distinct vertical climatic zones. Here we can allocate four climatic zones, markedly differing:

• Valley-foothill zone (500 - 600 m 900 - 1200 m), characterized by hot summers (up to 28 C), moderately cool and snowless winter with great precipitation deficit. The average July temperature is 20-25 C, in January -4 ... -7 C.



• Mid-zone (900 - 1200 m to 2000 - 2200) has a typical temperate climate with warm summers and moderately cold, steady snow in the winter. The average July temperature is 18-19 C, in January -7 ... -8 C in December and February, up to -3 ... -5 C.



• Alpine zone (2000 - 2200 m 3000 - 3500 m) differs cool summers and cold, sometimes snowy winters. The average July temperature is 11-16 C, in January -8 ... -10 C.



• Nival zone (3,500 m and above) is characterized by severe, very cold climate. This is a belt snowfields, rock, glaciers. At the bottom of the average July temperature is 4-7 ° C, in January -10 ... -22 C.



In climatically Kyrgyzstan has great variety. The warmest area is valley-foothill zone of Osh, Jalal-Abad and Batken regions, where the average annual temperature is 11-13 C, in the highlands average temperature is -8 C. District Ak-Sai - "cold pole" of Kyrgyzstan: here marked the absolute minimum air temperature (-3.6 C)

## 1.3 Demography

Population of the Kyrgyz Republic - 5.5 million (1 January 2011). This is much more than living in the country in 1959 (2,065 million), 1970 (2935000) 1979 (3523000) 1989 (4258000), 1999 (4,823,000). Until the 1960's, the republic's population grew rapidly due to migration and natural increase, which was particularly significant in rural Kyrgyz, Uzbek and other Central Asian peoples.

Most of the population is concentrated in the foothill valleys - Chu on the border with Kazakhstan and the Ferghana on the border with Uzbekistan, Naryn and Talas valleys,

and in the Issyk-Kul basin.

The vast majority of believers in Kyrgyzstan - Sunni Muslims. There are 75% of Muslims, 25% of Christians and 5% of Orthodox, Catholic etc.



# 1.4 Nature



Nature of Kyrgyzstan is unique, and largely thanks to its geographical location. The

country is located in the mainland, away from oceans and seas and the hidden breath of the dry deserts of the south and north of the icy winds by high mountains. Complex terrain, many climates and unique environmental conditions contributed to a huge variety of flora and fauna of the country.

Almost all natural complex of Kyrgyzstan is mountainous - the main part of the country. In Kyrgyzstan, there is a great variety of untrodden mountain trails and pristine corners, not spoiled by attention of thousands of tourists. Pristine mountain nature lovers flock here from all over the world - the largest mountain ranges occupy about 65% of the country, and that's not counting the foothills. Mountain with wide Open and Closed basins and determine the features of the country's climate and nature in general. It even has its own "Arctic" - more than 6500 glaciers of different sizes.

In general, the climate is continental and very dry; the four seasons are expressed clearly. In the valleys and foothills quite hot in the summer, while in the alpine zone, even in summer it gets pretty cold.

In the mountains, you can find many rare and endangered species listed in the Red Book. Among them, wild rams the Central Asian otter, gray lizards, red wolves, and the true ruler of the Kyrgyz Mountains, magnificent snow leopard.



Kyrgyzstan has huge water resources, the bulk of whom are mountain streams, lakes and reservoirs. In total there are over 28,000 rivers and sources. , And the length of all the channels is at least 10 kilometers. The largest lake in Kyrgyzstan - is Issyk-Kul. Here its proudly called "The Pearl," and for good reason. It lies at an altitude of 1600 meters above sea level, on all sides by the mighty mountain ranges. Issyk-Kul is incredibly beautiful - sandy bottom, amazingly clear water and bright sun, piercing him through and changing the water color from pale blue to blue-black. "Issyk-Kul" in Kyrgyz means "hot lake" - its water does not freeze even in winter, and in summer the upper layers are heated to 25 degrees.



# 2. Natural Hazards in the Country

# 2.1 Natural Hazards likely to affect the country

The mountain relief, various climate zone define activity of nature processes which lead to emergency situations. Among of 70 kinds of widespread in the world dangerous natural processes in Kyrgyzstan are developed more than 20, more dangerous is:

- Mudslides, floods
- Earthquake
- Hurricanes, High winds
- Avalanches
- Landslides
- Flooding
- Snowfall

Period	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Amount of	209	312	227	439	241
emergencies					
Amount of	93	281	71	158	67
victims					
Property	815 813	1 194 693	$156\;589$	$516\ 910$	935 325
damage					

In 2011 on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic reported 241 emergency situations, including:

- Mudslides, floods 61
- Large fires 60
- Earthquake 29
- Hurricanes, high winds -22
- Avalanches 19
- Landslides 12
- Ice jam 6
- Flooding 3
- Snowfall 4

#### 2.2 Recent major disaster

Once of recent emergencies in the Kyrgyz Republic – it's earthquake in the south of the republic. According to information of the Institute of Seismology of the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic from 20.07.11 at 01.35 hrs local time recorded earthquake in the epicenter of 7-8 points.

The earthquake was located to the east of Batken, 52 km, 7 km east of the settlement Kahn and 125 km south-west of the city of Osh.

The earthquake was felt in a. Soviet -7-8 points v. Haydarken - 7 points, Batken - 6 points, Kyzyl-Kiya and Nookat - 5.5 points, Osh - 5 points, Tash-Komyr - 3-4 points, Bishkek 2-3 - points.

To clarify the epicenter of the earthquake on the ground was working group of experts from the Institute of Seismology of National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In order to promptly respond to the consequences of the earthquake at 02.00 pm 20.07.11 was declared emergency signal "Collection." for governing and operational compositions which were caught in the zone. Main objective was to evaluate the magnitude of the emergency situation in the areas closest to the epicenter of the earthquake. It was set up four task forces on Kadamdjay, Halmionskomu, Aydarkenskomu and Uch-Korgon areas, and with appropriate professionals. For the remaining areas also worked district and city commission for civil protection.

In target setting, special attention was paid to the establishment of the number of dead and injured. As of 14:00 20.07.11g. victims among the population is not fixed. In hospitals contacted 15 people, including 13 people focused on outpatient care and put 2 people to hospital, diagnosed with a concussion.

The outcome of the Commission for Civil Protection in the areas affected by the earthquake, the situation was as follows.

In a survey of a special commission to study the damage occurred at night on July 20 earthquake in Batken region Kadamjai surveyed 800 buildings, in which are considered emergency-83.

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#### 3. Disaster management system

#### 3.1 Administrative system in country

Action plan for civil protection established by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on the basis of the principle of reasonable sufficiency and use of available forces and means.

Activities carried out by the Civil Protection forces and resources of state agencies, local administrations, local authorities and organizations on whose territory an emergency.

Ministry of Emergency Situations, as the single authorized state body in the field of civil protection:

- performs state management and coordination of the activities of state authorities at all - levels in the field of civil protection;

- carries out when the collection and processing of information in the field of civil protection, and exchange;

- organizes and coordinates the preparation of government, civil defense forces and

the public in the field of civil protection.

To reduce the risk of emergency situations MES improves the following activities:

- monitoring and forecasting of emergency situations;

- carrying out preventive and protective measures;

- rapid response to emergency situations.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic entrusted the implementation of unified state policy in the field of civil protection, fire protection, nuclear and radiation safety and hydrometeorology

#### **3.2 Legal System and Framework**

Ministry of Emergency situations (MES) is a government body of the executive authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of civil protection, fire protection, nuclear and radiation safety and meteorology. Activities of the Ministry as a whole supports the implementation of forecasting natural hazards, technological processes and events, event planning Civil Protection, prevention, preventative countermeasures emergency conditions in peace and war time, organization, and search and rescue, disaster recovery and other urgent work, emergency response.

Legislation of Ministry of Emergency situations has few documents for disaster management in the Kyrgyz Republic. There are:

- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on "Civil Protection" from 20 July 2009.
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Fire Safety" from December 30, 2009.
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Radiation Safety" from February 28, 2003
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the emergency rescue services and status"
- from December 30, 2009
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the tailings and waste dumps" from April 17, 2009

#### 3.3 Structure of the Disaster Management

Activities for Civil Protection Ministry performs in concert with other executive bodies and local authorities, associations, international and non-governmental organizations directly and through its subordinate agencies.

The aim of the Ministry is to implement a unified state policy in the field of civil protection, fire protection, nuclear and radiation safety and meteorology.



# Structure of Ministry of Emergency situations

Also MES has principal functions as per the act the as follows:

- Development and implementation of legal provisions for the protection of the population and territory of the Kyrgyz Republic from emergency;
- The implementation of targeted scientific and technical programs aimed to the prevention of emergency situations and increase sustainability of the industrial and social purposes in emergency situations;
- Preparedness government civil defense forces and resources of state authorities

and local self-government;

- Collection, processing, exchange and provision of information in the field of civil protection;
- Training and development of managers and employees of state agencies and local governments at all levels;
- Training of the population in emergency situations;
- Prediction and assessment of the socio-economic impact of disasters;
- Implementation of measures to prevent emergencies;
- The creation of financial and material reserves for emergencies;
- Implementation of state supervision of industrial, mining, fire safety and control in the field of civil protection;
- International cooperation in the field of population and territory of the Kyrgyz Republic of emergency;
- Establishing and maintaining the readiness of shelters and anti-radiation shelter, spare control centers, communication systems and alerts for in a timely manner to the public about the danger signals arising in peace and war;
- The protection of farm animals, plants, food, raw food, fodder, water sources and water supply in emergency situations;
- Emergency response;
- Evacuation of the population, material and cultural values in the safe areas;
- Restoration of municipal technical services and communications;
- Implementation of health care, survival of the population;
- Carrying out rescue and other emergency operations in emergency situations;
- Detection and identification of areas affected by radioactive, chemical, biological and other contamination;
- Implementation of measures to decontaminate people, vehicles, buildings and other facilities;
- Activities to light and other forms of camouflage;
- Implementation of studies to assess the risk to the population and territories from emergency situations of possible natural and man-made disasters;
- Carrying out other activities.

# National **Prime minister** – Head of Civil Protection Level Commission 16 Ministries and Committees of MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF THE KYRGYZ Government of the Kyrgyz **REPUBLIC** Republic Minister of MES KR – Deputy Head of Civil Protection Emergency situation Regional and Head of region or property – Head of Civil **Properties level** Protection Commission Regional sub-units of MES KR $\mathbf{ES}$

# CIVIL PROTECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES

#### 4. Disaster Management Strategy: Policy and Plan

29 of February 2012 in the Crisis Management Center of MES KR, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Aaly Karashev held a meeting of the governing Civil Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic. In the meeting participated the leaders - heads of civil defense ministries and administrative agencies, civil protection services, governors - heads the Civil Protection of areas, mayors - Heads of Civil Protection of Bishkek, and guidance MES

The main objective of the meeting was to identify the main areas of work of ministries, administrative agencies, services, CP republic, governors and local authorities to further the maintenance of the state system of civil protection in the Republic of readiness to perform its tasks. The main of them are:

- As soon as possible to develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of the Special Action Programme to reduce the risk of large-scale disasters;
- take measures to implement the provisions of the Unified information management system in emergency and crisis situations, and to begin to reform the communication and public warning system about emergencies nationwide integrated system of informing and alerting the public
- raise the level of training of all links of leaders of the Civil Protection of KR and population from emergency situations of natural and man-made disasters;
- further develop and gradually equip special equipment and rescue equipment and fire department and etc.







#### 5. Progress of Implementation of Hyogo framework for Action (HFA)

In September 2000, 191 countries, including the Kyrgyz Republic, adopted the Millennium Declaration. By signing this declaration, Kyrgyzstan, like other states, has expressed its commitment to the eight key commitments set out in the Millennium Development Goals. One of them is to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable environmental development. However, achieving these goals is impossible without security of the population and territories from emergency situations of various kinds.

That this problem has been the focus of the UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in early 2005 in Japan, in the city of Kobe. This conference adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015. "Building the resilience of nations and communities to disaster". Its main objective is to strengthen the resilience of nations and peoples by a substantial reduction of disaster losses by 2015.

By signing the Hyogo Declaration and the Hyogo Framework for Action, Kyrgyzstan has committed to conduct national measures aimed at reducing vulnerability to disasters, through the introduction and implementation of initiatives to reduce the risk mitigation.

One of the main obligations of the Hyogo Framework for Action is to create a National Platform for disaster risk reduction, which would include a coordinating body of government, scientific institutions, expert groups and technical working groups for directions.

Following its obligations, Kyrgyz Republic start working on the National Platform, and at 8 of May 2011 was announced about establishment of National Platform, and from 1 of June 2011 it started to work.

National platform for disaster risk reduction (NP DRR) is designed to strengthen the resilience of the country to the impact of disasters through the creation of an effective mechanism for disaster risk management, development and implementation of a program for the development of the country's strategic program and target measures to reduce disaster risks.

Secretariat of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was established by the order of Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic from the staff of the Ministry and is designed for organizational methods of the National Platform for disaster risk reduction

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