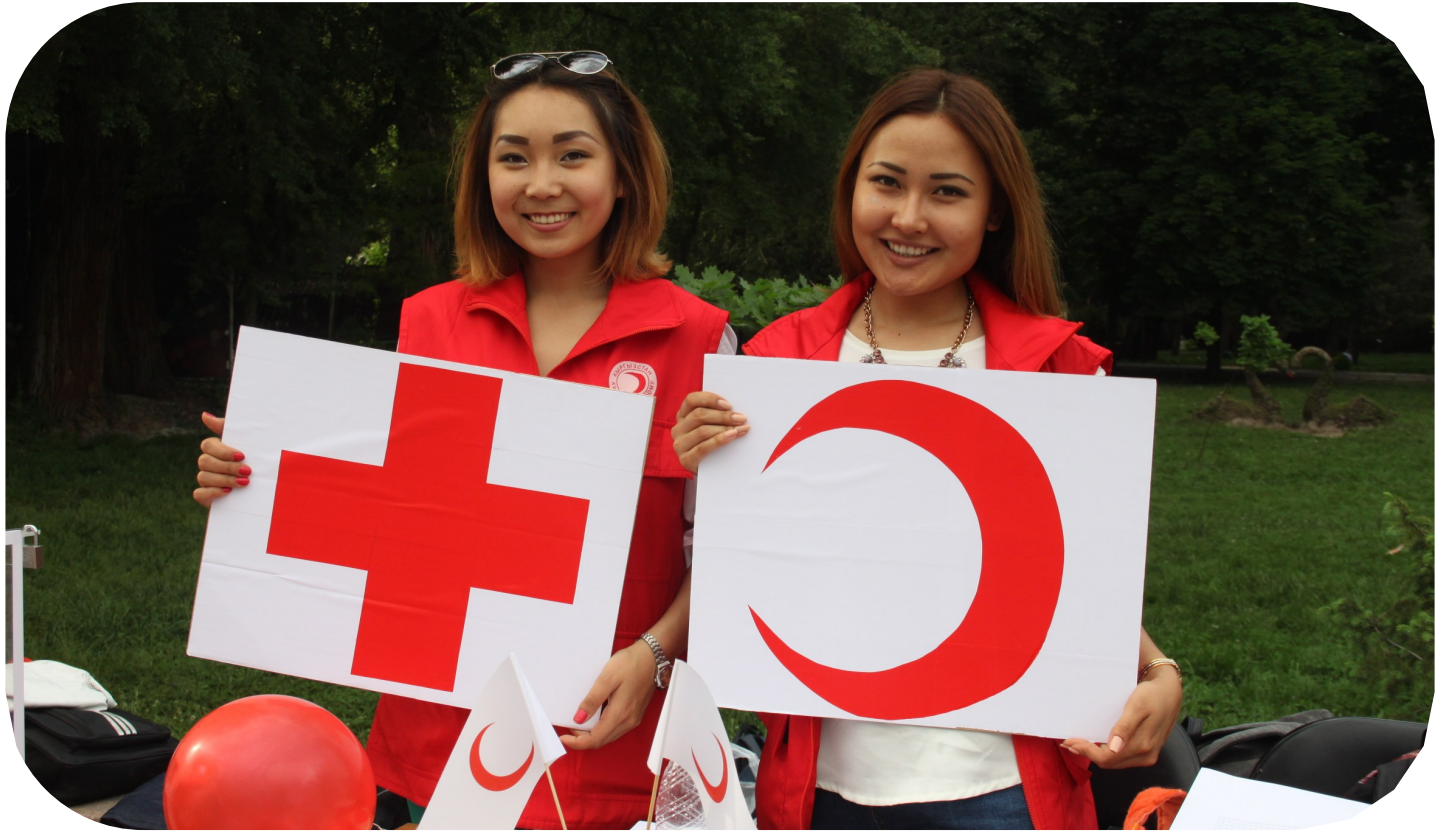




INFORMATION BULLETIN



Kudaibergen Bazarbaev, the Minister of Labor and Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic: "The indicator of our work is the trust of the population".

The Ministry of Labor and Social Development provides social support to 307 thousands of children in need, 407 thousand elderly people, 168 thousand people with disabilities. The Ministry is the body in charge of protecting the rights of children. Under the authority of the Ministry, there are 15 social institutions for the elderly, adults and children with neuropsychiatric diseases. The total number of beneficiaries of boarding houses is 2.4 thousand people, of which 1900 – people with disabilities.

One of the strategic partners in this field is the Red Crescent Society (RCSK). A memorandum of cooperation was signed this year in September what made targeted assistance more effective. In 2015, with the assistance of the Red Crescent Society, beneficiaries of boarding schools received 5290 kg of warm clothes. During the year, low income families and elderly citizens were distributed 3875 kg of flour, 1 550 kg of sugar, 775 liters of oil, 1 550 kg of rice, 155 kg of salt. The campaign "Heart - to - Heart" in the framework of the International Day of people with disabilities allowed to give joy to almost five hundred children of Chui oblast and Bishkek city.

As part of the state social order, Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan has been allocated 500 thousand soms for the center in Tyup district, Issyk-Kul region. In the past year the project was supported in the village of Darkhan. In addition, a joint plan includes events for children with disabilities, women from rural areas and the elderly people. The next step we see is amplification of cooperation between territorial divisions and branches of RCSK operating across the country.



May, 8 - the World Day of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, is a day when everybody who shares the values and principles of the Movement, are able to join the volunteers and staff to take part in the activities.

In 2015, in all seven provinces of Kyrgyzstan, the marathon took place in order to support Seven Fundamental Principles of the Movement. Each province has expressed solidarity with one of the principles. There also was a big concert in Bishkek. On the square near the monument of Kurmanjan Datka volunteers and performers were glad to welcome all the participants.

March, 2015: The day of white daisies. Fighting tuberculosis in Kyrgyzstan.



In March, 2015 the world met White Daisy Day- the World Day of assistance to patients with tuberculosis and solidarity with patients and TB-specialists. RCSK participated in a month-long workshop under the slogan "Stop TB together!" With the

support of USAID projects on TB and other partners, series of activities were organized to raise awareness about the disease. Within the campaign there was a friendship match between the residents of one of the new settlements in Bishkek. In addition, information meetings were held in a number of educational institutions. On trolley lines volunteers conducted the informational sessions and told the passengers about the disease.

April, 2015: Second mobile clinic transferred to the Osh region.



In April 2015, a donation ceremony of mobile diagnostic complex on the basis of KAMAZ took place in the city of Osh. It was provided by the Government of the Russian Federation to the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic to serve

the population of the Osh region. Over the past period the population of 57 settlements have been surveyed in the area.

May, 2015: Immunization against measles.



From 7 to 23 May, 2015 RCSK actively participated and supported the implementation of the second phase of the national immunization campaign against measles. Number of covered beneficiaries is 138,078 people from 1 to 20 years old.

June, 2015: Supply of the ambulances cars.



According to a grant contract between the Embassy of Japan and the National Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan, on 4 June, 2015 two ambulance cars were delivered in order to provide intensive care in Karakol and Kara-Balta cities.



"From Qatar Red Crescent - to the people of Kyrgyzstan"

Under the abovementioned motto in July, 2015 a large-scale humanitarian campaign took place, in the framework of which more than 1,400 of the families in need in Chui and Osh oblasts have received food parcels.

With the support of the Qatar Red Crescent Kyrgyz each family received one bag of flour, 5 kg of sugar, 4 kg of rice, 5 liters of vegetable oil and salt.

Beside the people in need and vulnerable families, the beneficiaries of social and medical institutions in Kyrgyzstan received food sets.



Angels from Kyrgyzstan

On July, 28 five children from Kyrgyzstan with congenital heart disease were sent to South Korea to have free cardiac surgery.

This campaign is supported by the South Korean Gil Medical Center in the framework of the program "Providing free treatment to children with congenital heart disease." The Gil Clinic in Kyrgyzstan is represented by Mr. Jo Jong Won.

Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan took part in the selection of children in dire need of such an operation. Factors such as living conditions, financial difficulties and other circumstances that make heart surgery unavailable for the family were taken into consideration.

Team from Kyrgyzstan took part in FACE 2015, the international competitions on First Aid



From 10th to 13th September 2015, the international competition on First Aid (FACE 2015) was held in the Romanian capital.

The competition is traditionally held among the National Societies of Red Cross and Red Crescent, the members of the Europe Zone. In 2015 the National Societies were represented by 28 teams. Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent team also participated in the FACE 2015, together with the Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society, presenting the Central Asian region.

This competition is an opportunity not only to demonstrate skills in first aid, but also a chance to exchange experiences with the volunteers of other National Societies.



In September 2015, Red Crescent of Kyrgyzstan held a training for the elderly people, dedicated to the annual First Aid Day.

During the meeting the beneficiaries of the Red Crescent Society - the lonely elderly people were trained in the basics of first aid for stroke, heart attack, and trauma.

Elderly people are among the most vulnerable groups, they are often exposed to life-threatening factors, and the purpose of this training is to give elderly people the skill to be able to determine the symptoms and signs of diseases such as stroke and heart attack.

The general meeting of ERNA in Kyrgyzstan: conversation about the future



The 18th General Meeting of the European Network on HIV, AIDS and TB was held in the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic on September 28-29, and brought together representatives of more than 20 National Societies from Europe and Asia.

More than 50 people participated at the meeting, including members of the network, partners and local organizations.

Kyrgyzstan is the Secretariat of the Network, and in 2015 members of ERNA, as well as the colleagues from the Asia-Pacific region, had an opportunity to

meet again and discuss the development and operation of the network.

The key point for the meeting was the future of ERNA. Members of the meeting were out to find the answer to the question of whether there is a need of network and its work in the world today, and two full days dedicated themselves to debate, group work and sharing of experiences.



Disaster Risk Reduction



On October 13, various activities were held throughout the world to increase awareness of the population on preparedness to emergency response.

Like everywhere in the world, in Kyrgyzstan a number of events dedicated to raising public awareness in the field of

disaster risk reduction took place across the country.

Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan in the framework of the event launched campaigns in Bishkek, Karakol, Naryn, Kara-Balta, Talas, Jalal-Abad, Osh and Batken cities. In the parks of these cities stations of Red Crescent were set, where staff and volunteers conducted informational work among the population, as well as organized master-classes on providing First Aid. In Asancheck village of Kara - Suu district of Osh province a simulation was held jointly with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic. Red Crescent volunteers together with the students improved skills on responding to disaster.

In Naryn and Jalal-Abad the campaign was supported by the DIPECHO-8 project that is implemented with the help of the European Commission and German Red Cross.

In Bishkek, the International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction was held as an information campaign among all categories of the population.

It should be noted that for Kyrgyzstan, International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction is an important occasion to attract attention of general population to emergency and disaster problems, because more than 1 million of the country population lives in the risk of a disaster.

Supporting the families-in-need in Jalal Abad



In September 2015, a charity event in Jalal-Abad was held with the support of the Turkish Red Crescent.

During the campaign humanitarian aid as the meat was distributed to the vulnerable population.

Nine social institutions of Jalal-Abad city were covered by the distribution. Aid also was delivered to more than 500 families-in-need.

During the campaign, more than 1000 vulnerable people received humanitarian help, including low income families, people with disabilities, beneficiaries of the boarding schools, medical and social institutions.

Making winter warmer: distributing winter clothes to the people in need.

With the support of the Finnish Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross, humanitarian aid as winter clothes and footwear was provided to the most vulnerable groups of population.

8,000 families were covered by the distributions and almost 22 tons of clothes were delivered to adults and children.





Earthquake in the South of Kyrgyzstan: assistance to the effected population

More than 500 families affected by earthquakes in Osh region received humanitarian aid from National Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan. In close cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Situations and administrations of the affected areas, the Red Crescent has distributed essential items. Blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits were received by the affected families of Kara-Suu, Uzgen and Alay areas.

Within the first 24 hours after the disaster, the RCSK has mobilized its National Disaster Response Team

(NDRT) to support activities responding to the effects of earthquakes.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, two mobile clinics were mobilized to assist to the population.

RCSK managed to raise additional funds through the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, as well as the Red Crescent of Qatar and the Red Crescent of Iran.

World AIDS Day: "Stop HIV - choose a healthy lifestyle!"



According to the National AIDS-Center, in October 2015, 6285 PLWHA were registered in Kyrgyzstan, while for 2014 there were 5686 HIV-infected.

On December, 1 an event to mark the World AIDS Day was held at the ice rank of the Bishkek Park Shopping Mall. The purpose of this action was to attract attention of the population to the spread of HIV. Informing the public about how to protect themselves from HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases is an important step in the fight against the infections. Alternatively, the organizers offer to choose a healthy lifestyle. In this regard, the action was

supported by the ice-skaters, who presented a specially prepared ice performance. In addition to the athletes, the action was supported by a group "Cairos", «Let's dance» dance studio and other performers.

During the campaign experts of the RCSK carried out express HIV-testing. Events to raise awareness about HIV were also held in the regions of Kyrgyzstan.



On December, 3 more than 400 children from the Chui region attended the concert organized by the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan jointly with the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic. Concert, dedicated to the International Day of people with disabilities, was held in the "DASMIA" ethno-complex under the slogan "From heart—to heart!". Singers, dancers and circus artists supported the event. And the day ended with a delicious dinner and gifts from "Kulikovskij" bakery, "Coca Cola" and "Shoro" companies.





“Change the world with us! ”: Volunteer's Day – 2015

On December, 5 volunteer organizations of Bishkek congratulated the volunteers with their professional day - the Day of the volunteers for social and economic development.

Event dedicated to volunteer's day took place on Saturday, December, 5 at the amphitheater of the "Dostuk" Hotel. The most active volunteers of 2015 were awarded with prizes, and a concert was organized by the performers and the guests of the event.

Minister of Labor and Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic Kudaibergen Bazarbaev also attended at the event. In his speech, he noted the important role of volunteers in the country's social development, care of vulnerable groups of population and wished further success to the volunteers. Leaders of the volunteer organizations joined the Minister with gratitude and congratulations.

The Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan, 'Club-25 Kyrgyzstan' Volunteer's Association, "Elim Barsynby?" Charity Foundation and ADRA Kyrgyzstan have joint their efforts to organize the celebration.

The event was also attended by the volunteers of such organizations as AIESEC, Y-PEER, Help Today, "Pomogat legko" public foundation and the United Nations Volunteers, whose activities also include the involvement of volunteers.

During the celebration, the participants of on-line contest entitled "I am a volunteer - 2015" were awarded.

This celebration is the first large-scale event organized by the Bishkek platform of volunteer organizations. But, according to the organizers, the event will become a good tradition, and its scale will grow year-by-year.



Red Crescent held a complex work with migrant workers and their families



In the framework of the International Migrant's Day held on December, 18 the Red Crescent of Kyrgyzstan has mobilized its services to assist the most vulnerable migrant workers and their family members.

During the campaign, a mobile clinic conducted survey of residents of new settlements around the city of Bishkek. Doctors provided diagnostic services to detect HIV, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis and other infectious diseases.

Besides medical services, in the framework of the "Restoring Family Links" program, humanitarian aid was distributed to the most vulnerable families in Bishkek, Talas, Naryn and Osh.



By the end of 2015 the Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic covered the following number of beneficiaries:



Health Care
314 937 beneficiaries



Disaster Risk Reduction
140 052 beneficiaries



Social Support
21 534 beneficiaries



Organizational Development
106 646 beneficiaries



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