

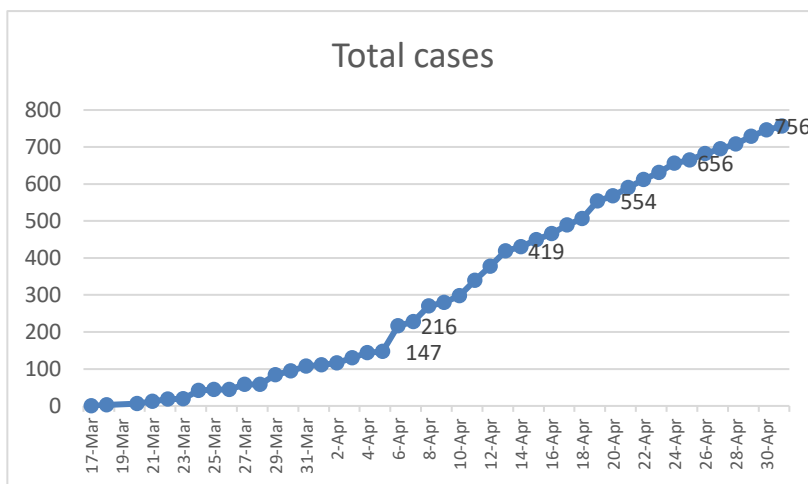
DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATION UNIT

Kyrgyzstan: COVID-19 response

Weekly situation update

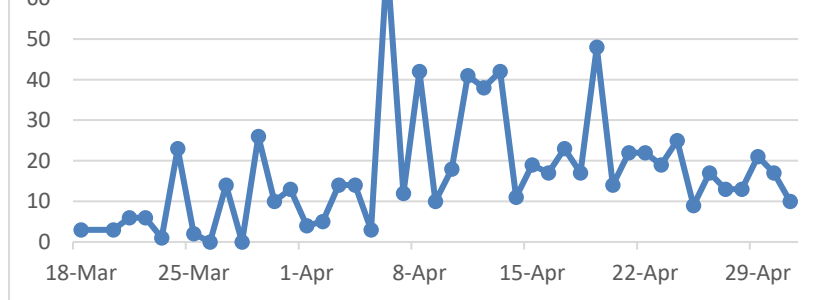
Date: 1 May 2020

Key statistics As of 1 May 2020	
Total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19	756
The number of new cases from total	10
The number of human losses	8
The number of recovered cases	504



SITUATION UPDATE

On 18 March 2020 the first three cases were recorded in the Kyrgyz Republic that were detected among those, who returned from Umra pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. Kyrgyzstan's Security Council recommended the state of emergency on 22 March, and the Government subsequently imposed stricter measures, placing checkpoints in every region and city, and shutting down facilities (cafes, cinemas, shopping malls, and other entertainment places), leaving only grocery stores, food markets, pharmacies, and medical facilities.



As of 1 May, 756 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Kyrgyz Republic and 8 deaths. 26% of confirmed cases in KGZ were among health workers.

Please also see in the table age disaggregation among the confirmed cases as of 30 April 2020.

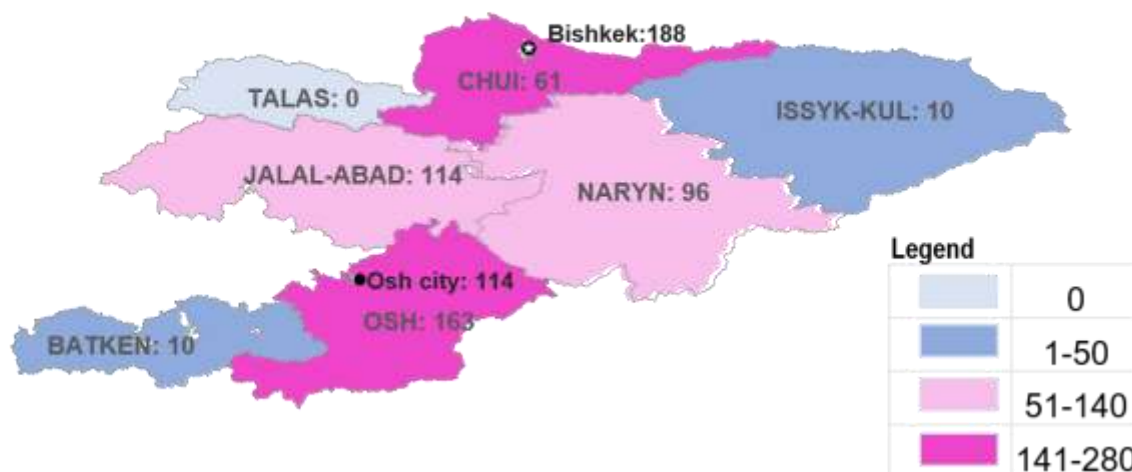
Age group	Number	% from total
Under 15	100	13.4
From 16 to 19	20	2.7
From 20 to 35	210	28.2
From 35 to 55	257	34.5
Above 55	159	21.3

From 1 May 2020, in a state of emergency, economic activity is allowed in the following areas: industry and production, construction, vehicle repair and maintenance services, private and public notary services, trade (online stores, wholesale and supply of building materials, except wholesale and supply of fabrics and accessories, with the exception of markets, auto parts stores, hairdressing and salon services, transport services organized by taxis (when landing no more than 2 people).

From 11 May 2020, in a state of emergency, economic activity is allowed: microfinance organizations, insurance companies, real estate agencies, travel agencies, plumbing, electrical and carpentry, repair of household appliances, machinery, apparatus and equipment, dry cleaning and cleaning, shops and building materials markets, auto parts markets, markets of fabrics, accessories and other accessories for the clothing and leather industries, public transport, namely, passenger transport by bus and trolleybus, with the exception of minibuses.

For employees of permitted activities, passes will be required, which will be issued by the commandant in the prescribed manner through the portal 1312.tunduk.kg.

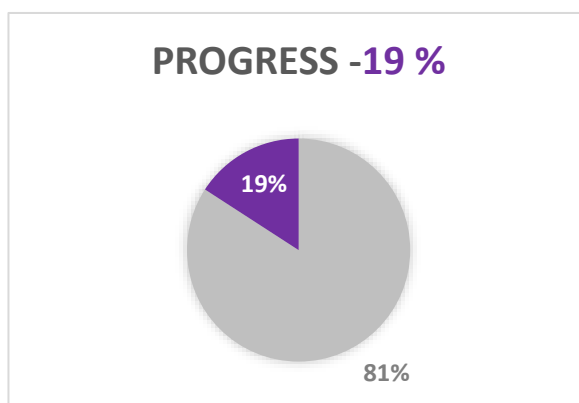
OVERVIEW AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL: COVID-19 total cases confirmed (people)



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 Sources: Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic

FUNDING UPDATE¹

Priority sectors	Required (USD)	Received (USD)	% of funding
Health	15,800,000	3,278,885 ²	20.75%
Food security and Logistics	13,429,000	4,449,000	33.13%
WASH and NFI	1,400,000	67,000	4.78%
Protection	1,187,000	607,000	51.14%
Education	626,600	341,600	54.52%
Early Recovery	18,864,000	1,004,000	5.32%
Total	51,306,600	9,667,485	19%



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

During the reporting period according National Shtab information below assistance was provided by Government and via bilateral channels.

Government assistance

- In the republic, 253 mobile teams are working, which includes doctors - infectious disease specialists, epidemiologists and laboratory assistants who monitor the condition of citizens who are in home quarantine.
- Since 25 April, in the Nookat, Uzgen, Kara-Suu and Chon-Alai districts of the Osh region, mobile groups of doctors began to bypass contact persons in home quarantine.
- A mobile laboratory for conducting PCR analysis for the detection of the COVID-19 virus began to work in Naryn.
- As of 29 April, over 931,098 meters of roads and 300,015 m2 of area were disinfected throughout the republic by employees of the Ministry of Emergencies of the Kyrgyz Republic, of which 47,237 m2 and 252,778 m2 outside buildings were disinfected indoors. 282 rescuers were involved. Disinfection works are carried out in food stores,

¹ Funding update will be included next week

² Average estimation without Turkey-Kyrgyzstan Friendship Hospital

banks, markets, pharmacies, highways, as well as in facilities where residents most gather. Events are held according to the order of the Minister of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic Zamirbek Askarov.

- On 28 April, 74 thousand families received food assistance in the city of Bishkek. This assistance is from the state and local entrepreneurs.
- As of 28 April, 93,412 families received assistance in Osh Oblast. Of these, 64,285 families received humanitarian assistance from individuals, 29,127 families received material assistance from the State Reserve Fund. In Osh, 42,075 families in need received humanitarian assistance. Assistance was provided from the State Reserve Fund, the City of Osh, charitable foundations, individual entrepreneurs, residents of the Chon-Alai region and the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- In Batken oblast, 130 ethnic Kyrgyz families received 1 sack of flour and vegetable oil. Assistance was provided from the reserve fund of the speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh.
- City halls of Karakol and Balykchy continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need in the form of grocery packages. Funds from the Republican budget were allocated for the purchase of essential goods, for the city of Karakol 8 million 120 thousand soms and for the city of Balykchy 3 million 744 thousand soms.
- On 26 April, 178 citizens of Kyrgyzstan arrived on a Dubai-Bishkek flight on a Dubai-Bishkek airline. The Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry recalls that a preliminary agreement was also reached with the Emirate on the organization of additional flights for the export of Kyrgyz citizens from the United Arab Emirates on 3 May and 10 May 2020. On 28 April, Manas International Airport met a Yekaterinburg-Bishkek charter flight with Ural Airlines. 157 passengers arrived.

Name of Ministry	Received to date (KGS)	Spent to date (KGS)	Balance (KGS)
Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic	136,098,154	35,592,628	100,505,526
Ministry of Labor and Social Development of Kyrgyz Republic	17,178,099	16,139,996	1,038,103
Mayor's Office of Bishkek city	7,056,326	2,681,441	4,374,885

Bilateral assistance

- Russia provided 13,700 test systems and 110 packages of reagents.

Local funds and initiatives

- Private entrepreneurs provided assistance to physicians in the Batken Regional Hospital with food. 81 employees received 1 bag of flour, sugar and pasta.

SECTORS RESPONSE

EARLY RECOVERY

Needs:

- Support 620,100 vulnerable population
- Continuing basic services (waste management, public administrative services)
- Means of transportation to deliver the goods produced from regions
- Restore livelihoods and employment.
- Needs and Socio-economic impact assessment will identify further needs

620,100

People targeted

Response:

- Conduct extended early recovery partners meeting on 27th April. Next meeting on 4th May
- Needs assessments are being conducted
- Socio-economic impact assessment is being conducted
- Partner develop new projects and re-programming the ongoing activities to COVID-19 early recovery efforts.

Gaps & Constraints:

- Restriction on the communities and farmers for field works
- Restriction of movement imposed by government lead discontinuation of project implementation
- Lack of transportation to deliver goods and agriculture productions from greenhouses.

- Agriculture lost from the recent frost and cold weather (301mln soms damage)
- Local service provider of waste collection has stopped providing services due to restriction and lack of funding.
- Increased prices of commodities (foods and medicines)
- Wide negative impact on the business including textile, tourism, SMEs, etc.
- Cross border issues and dispute in the border communities

EDUCATION

Needs:

- Approx. 2.4 million children and young people are affected by the educational facility closure and in need of remote learning.
- More than 100,000 teachers are in need of clear instructions and capacity for providing and monitoring remote learning.
- Approx. 500,000 parents/caregivers are in need of recommendations on how to effectively spend time with and support learning of children at home.

2.5M

People targeted

Response:

- The Ministry of Education and Science, with support of the Education Sector, has launched remote learning tools (e.g. online video lessons and TV lessons) on 8 April. It is expected to ensure continuous learning of students and completion of Q4, the last quarter of the academic year 2019-2020, by end May.

Gaps & Constraints:

- Children in extreme poverty (0.8%) and poverty (28%) groups, children in difficult life circumstances and children of ethnic/language minorities are expected to be having challenges in terms of accessing the remote learning tools, due to lack or absence of computer/smartphone/TV.
- More online contents are needed for students of primary and secondary TVET, as well as youth in the NEET category.
- Teachers, especially of elder age, in remote areas, poor communities and with low IT skills, need more support.
- Access monitoring tool informing targeted response needs to be established.
- Assessment issue (how to conduct assessment of academic performance, especially for grades 9 and 11) needs to be addressed.
- Psycho-emotional well-being of children and teachers needs to be supported.

FOOD SECURITY AND LOGISTICS

Needs:

- 500,000 require immediate direct food assistance. It is estimated that about 1.83 million people will require food or cash assistance
- 400,000 smallholder farmers in need of support to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020

500,000

People targeted

Response:

- FAO in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration will provide agricultural inputs: seeds for spring and winter sowing, seedlings, fertilizers, fuels, IT equipment; including introduction of best practices (drip irrigation systems, mini-greenhouses, toolkit for family poultry farms) and technologies (soil protection, development of seed production and resource conservation), as well as trainings and consultations on agricultural production to respond to the COVID-19 impact
- In April, WFP in coordination with Ministry of Labour and Social Development distributed 1,033.4 metric tons of food assistance to 33,135 beneficiaries through regular asset creation and training programmes. WFP is also procuring additional food to reach another 30,000 people with food assistance in May.
- In May-June, WFP through a grant of 200,000 USD from the Embassy of Switzerland, provide 3-month food assistance to over 3,100 residents of boarding schools and social inpatient institutions.
- In May, WFP will re-distribute the wheat flour from its school meals programme to vulnerable families with children.
- Government distribution of 5,000 metric tons of food allocated from state material reserve is ongoing. Government is reported to allocate KGS 200 million to provide food assistance to low-income families.
- Wheat from Russia and Kazakhstan is arriving to replenish the stocks of State Material Reserve.
- Development Partners Coordination Country group on Food Security and Nutrition conducted regular meeting to finalize the anti-crisis plan to address the emerging needs to maintain food security and nutrition of the

population. Measures include support to private sector to stabilize the markets, stockpiling food as part of state material reserve and cash transfers to the population economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

- Recommendations on appropriate breastfeeding and complementary feeding developed, approved by the Experts Council of the MoH on 6, April 2020 and being under dissemination (210,000 copies) to maternal and new-born facilities, and health promotion units of the family medicine centres country wide.
- Support on continuation of existing essential nutrition services, including procurement of essential nutrition supplies to vulnerable children and pregnant women. Funding request submitted to the WB

Gaps & Constraints:

- There is an urgent need to raise 8.4 million USD to cover the two months food requirement of about 500,000 most poor and vulnerable in the country during May and June 2020.
- There is urgent need to mobilize 2.5 million USD in support of smallholder farmers to sustain and maintain agriculture season 2020 with a focus on ensuring their access to seeds, labor, fertilizer and livelihood care due to restrictions set during this crisis.
- UNICEF has submitted requests to its donors to reprogramme some of the activities to meet the needs in the sector, however, the activities still face 530,000 USD gap.

HEALTH

Needs:

- To support the Government and the Ministry of Health of Kyrgyzstan to lead and ensure an effective, timely and coordinated response that will mitigate the impact of COVID-19 outbreak in Kyrgyzstan, achieved through a clear response coordination mechanism and strategy, and clearly defined roles and responsibilities of all relevant national and international partners.

6.2
MILLION
People targeted

Response:

- Submitted a proposal to MPTF COVID-19 to strengthen lifesaving interventions.
- Dissemination of WHO updated guidelines in Russian
- 10-day Mission of Emergency Medical team from Poland was concluded. The team supported the provision of intensive care and the training of health providers on COVID19 case management.
- WHO working closely with UNICEF on non-communicable diseases management during COVID-19 pandemic, preparing essential list of drugs which are required during lockdown
- Handover of PPE to MoH
- Working on mental health and psychological support, developing training material and strengthening counseling service
- Conducted health sector working group meeting
- MoH submitted official request to participate in the solidarity trial

Epidemiological situation

- Analysis: 708 confirmed cases. 8 reported deaths as of April 28
- 26% of confirmed cases in KGZ were among health workers.
- Current Capacities as of April 28:
 - Designated Lab - 9
 - Total number of Lab tests performed (since 5.02.2020) – 49 484
 - Number of tests performed over the last 24 hours: 1283
 - Testing strategy: suspected cases based on the case definition
 - 1 012 people are currently staying in observation facilities of Kyrgyzstan
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 - 12 hospitals designated to receive COVID-19 patients and additional 22 hospitals can be repurposed
 - Total number of beds for COVID-19: 850 beds and capacity to add 1315 beds
 - Total number of ICU beds: 87 ICU beds for COVID-19 and capacity to add 139 ICU beds

Overview of Health sector response

Analysis per pillar	Contingency Plan	Mobilized	Comments
Coordination	60,000	117,000	
Communication	250,000	346,530	
Surveillance	125,000	12,013,000	Plan costed capacity building activities, mobilized funds included infrastructure support, furniture and equipment

Ports of Entry	780,000	700,000	
Laboratory	205,000	1,224,458	Plan costed support to 2 laboratories, mobilized funds included support to newly designated lab, with trainings, equipment and supplies
Infection Prevention and Control	3,410,000	20,905,342	Mobilized funds supported equipment that were requested by the government
Case Management	11,020,000	10,296,007	
Total	15,850,000	45,602,337	

Gaps & Constraints:

- Support MoH in the gradual transition
- Support the provision of essential NCD medicine, and lab supplies

PROTECTION

Needs:

- Domestic and SGBV is one of the main issues to be addressed.
- Establish safe spaces for survivors of domestic violence.
- Revision the GBV plan for urgent measures needed along with the initiation of awareness raising campaign.
- Elaboration of human rights-based, age and gender-sensitive SOP/guidelines (in Russian and Kyrgyz) for law enforcement, legal aid providers and prosecution agencies on practical, proportionate, human rights-compliant and legitimate steps/actions to be undertaken in special situations.
- Provide PPE and other materials for protection from COVID-19 for law enforcement agencies, penitentiary service and drug treatment center.
- Provide legal aid to vulnerable groups (unlawful apprehension and detention, SGBV, etc.)
- Support to social workforce capacity and ability to reach out to vulnerable groups with particular emphasis on children with disabilities and children left behind by migration.
- Need to establish e-databases for mapping children in difficult life situations for a targeted response.
- Ensure an effective and complete functioning of National Human Rights Institutions.
- The right to the access to justice needs to be ensured, through the functioning of the judicial system. It should also decide on the reinstatement of the time limits, including the deadlines for appeal, which were missed. Lawyers also need to be added in the list of professions that are allowed access to quarantine zones, to be able to exercise of their legal profession.
- Undocumented and unregistered persons need to be added on the humanitarian support list, as they are among the most vulnerable groups.

1.5
MILLION
People targeted

Response:

- 3 gender experts were engaged in supporting the operation and responding to GBV for shtab of Ministry of Labor and Social Development.
- Association of crisis centers has been contracted to develop guidelines to support to the hotlines, provide online psychological support; develop a multi-sectoral response to GBV. Guides to handle calls (for hotline operators) and guide for psychologists have been developed and being translated as well in Kyrgyz.
- One safe space in Bishkek has been created; another one in Osh is being set up.
- TOR to support the crisis centers to provide safe spaces and social/psychosocial support to GBV survivors in the context of Covid19 are produced.
- Unite network developed a crisis communication strategy to promote gender agenda
- Information campaigns and materials: preventive measures available and accessible to women on gender-based violence or domestic violence within COVID-19 safety measures, hotlines (112, 111, 103, 118).
- Legal aid will be provided until the end of August through hotline 112 with 6 standing lawyers involved 6 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm; in parallel awareness campaign will also start to disseminate information about online legal aid.
- Information material on health emergency preparedness for inmates and correction officers have been produced and handed over last week to the State Penitentiary Service.
- Since 26 April, targeted psychosocial support is provided to children left behind by migrating parents.
- Human rights monitoring and media monitoring, with an emphasis on hate speech are ongoing.

- On 27 April, an online meeting with human rights organizations and human rights defenders took place. The discussion highlighted the main challenges and human rights violations in the context of the state of emergency and, among them: the limited access to lawyers; right to appeal and the lack of the freedom of expression.
- Youth consultations for proposing an innovative solution to the emergency have been launched. Out of 16 received initiatives, 4 of them will receive funding.
- Referral pathways for operators and individuals on the available phone and online services in relation to COVID 19 have been prepared. In addition to that, a library on psychosocial support during the emergency for phone and online operators will be prepared.

Gaps & Constraints:

- NHRIs continue to be restricted in their mandate of monitoring due to the situation and restriction of movement.
- No possibility for shelters and crisis centers to service GBV survivors
- Lack of centralized and electronic data on vulnerable children which can have an impact on an effective response.
- Due to the current situation, social workforce faces challenges in reaching out families in need through direct contact.
- There is a scarce inclusion of youth in the State emergency response.
- Unavailability of enough pool of quality psychosocial support.
- Access to justice is undermined. Due to the current situation, individuals cannot appeal to the courts for violations of their rights, including those committed to the state of emergency or decisions and actions of the Commandant. Moreover, lawyers are not included in the list of professions that are allowed access to quarantine zones, which effectively deprives them of the exercise of their legal profession and deprive individual to their right to attorney.
- Persons who do not have valid identification documents, or without registration at their place of residence, are excluded from the lists of those in need of State humanitarian support.
- The unprofessional attitude from law enforcement officers who stop people from checking documents has been documented.
- The Government – especially the Ministry of Health - is continuing to be the main target of hate speech in the media.

WASH

Needs:

- Support local systems on rapid containment of localized outbreaks through provision of needed supplies and care for first line responders including MoES. Please contact WASH Sector Lead for detailed list of items.

500,000

Targeted people

Response:

- UNICEF will provide MoES with 36,000 packs of water purification tabs, 28-water filters, 2,000 pieces of soap and 3,200 units of collapsible water container by the end of next week. UNICEF has started distribution of soaps to Family Medicine Centers in Batken-1000 pcs, Osh- 2500 pcs and Jalalabad- 2500 pcs and 80 Family hygiene kits to Lulie community in Karasuu District, Osh Oblast.
- AKF is procuring hygiene kits for 340 vulnerable families Karabak and Beshkent Ayil Okmmotu of Batken Oblast. Individual hygiene kits to be given to women and adolescent girls in Jalalabad, Naryn and Osh Oblasts.
- World Bank allocated 45,000 USD for chlorine and 100 000 USD for WASH and Health related Communication activities.
- The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent provided 4 000 individual hygiene kits for observation points across the country and 6 tons of bottled water to governmental bodies responding to COVID-19 in Osh, Jalal Abad and Batken provinces. As of 24 April 2020, the RCSK provided 4 467 families, across the country with hygiene kits. Upcoming month additional 50 observations points in Osh, Jalal Abad, Batken, Naryn and Issyk Kul provinces will receive hygiene items (soap, sanitizers, washing powder, rubber gloves and etc). 6 600 vulnerable families in all provinces will be provided by food parcels and hygiene kits.

Gaps & Constraints:

- The needs requests provided by MES reflect only the need of the given ministry not the needs of facilities or impacted population
- The needs of the local population of the affected regions difficult to assess due to restrictions in place
- Lack of donors and funding agencies within the WASH sector
- Complicated internal procurement procedures by each sector member agency for quick response

GENERAL COORDINATION

The Government established in January 2020 a special stab (coordination center) under the Prime Minister. The Republican Shtab supported by two shtabs on health and socio-economic response. The Republican stab consists of all line ministries responsible for COVID-19 response. To develop proposals for implementation of measures aimed at attracting external assistance to overcome the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic established expert working groups in the four areas.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic (MoES) is the operational branch for the Government's Republican stab to coordinate all kinds of emergencies. MoES operates in collaboration with other line ministries, the territorial government bodies, local authorities, international and non-governmental organizations, directly and through subordinate bodies.

Even before the first COVID-19 cases were recorded, the Government has taken a number of measures to mitigate the spread of the disease. Following the confirmation of the first confirmed cases, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic introduced a state of emergency in the country from 22 March 2020.

On 16 March 2020 Government requested activation of Disaster Response Coordination Unit (DRCU) Council. In small and medium scale emergencies, DRCU takes the responsibility to coordinate and plan the multisector response. Under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator the international humanitarian community in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan has established DRCU, which comprises the heads of the UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent movement, international organizations and NGOs. UN OCHA National Disaster Response Advisor supports DRCU as Secretariat, DRCU is a consultative-deliberative mechanism whose main purpose is to coordinate humanitarian response to emergencies welcomed and/or upon the Kyrgyz Government relevant request and enhance collaboration among DRCU partners and other key actors.