



ACTED KYRGYZSTAN

CHUY • OSH • JALALABAD • BATKEN • NARYN • ISSYK-KUL



Presence:	20 years
Current Projects:	5
National Staff:	34
International Staff:	3
Regions:	6
Main Office:	Bishkek
Area Offices:	3
2017 Budget:	\$ 1.4 million

214,222 beneficiaries in 2017

ACTED's Approach in Kyrgyzstan

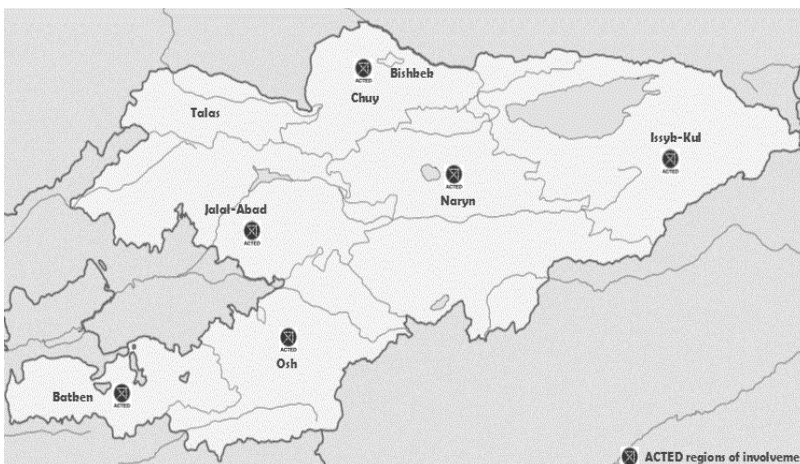
ACTED strategy in Kyrgyzstan is based on our three Global Program Pillars:

1. To respond to **emergencies** and build **disaster resilience**
2. To strengthen **civil society, effective governance** and **social cohesion**
3. To promote **inclusive** and **sustainable growth**.

ACTED's approach is first and foremost participatory, inclusive and multi-sectorial. ACTED believes that empowering communities and developing the capacity of both civil society organizations (CSOs) and local authorities are key to building a strong democratic society and to ensuring sustainable ownership of local resources and access to basic services and income-generation opportunities.

ACTED continuously strives to provide the assets, build the capacities, and support activities that allow people to meet their needs, recover from shocks, and increase their resilience. Therefore, ACTED takes into account the resources available, after which we aim to improve the capacities and skills required to promote and facilitate sustainable development.

ACTED Areas of Intervention



History

ACTED has been active in Kyrgyzstan since 1999, addressing the needs of hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries throughout Chuy, Osh, Jalal-Abad, Naryn, Issyk-Kul and Batken oblasts.

ACTED's interventions have focused on economic development, local governance and the promotion of peaceful dialogue and cooperation in both rural and urban areas. Outputs include: the creation and reinforcement of community-based organisations (CBOs) in 150 rural villages; the setting up of nearly 600 agricultural groups and cooperatives; the rehabilitation of 70 key shared rural infrastructure; and the launch of one of the leading microfinance institutions (MFI) in the country.

In addition, ACTED has established key partnerships with a number of government institutions and ministries to reduce disaster risks, help improve the quality of education and support external labour migrants in the Ferghana Valley.

ACTED acts for change. ACTED invests in potential.

ACTED's Ongoing Flagship Projects

Building population resilience in disaster-prone areas

ACTED pursues its disaster risk management (DRM) actions within communities most at risk in two disaster-prone watersheds across the Kyrgyz-Tajik border. The program works through a community-driven approach while strengthening regional cooperation. ACTED supports more than 30 community-based DRM and rapid response teams in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, creates early-warning systems and safe havens, realises small-scale mitigation works and simulation exercises, all targeted towards increasing the resilience of local populations to natural disasters.

Promoting access to justice and social cohesion

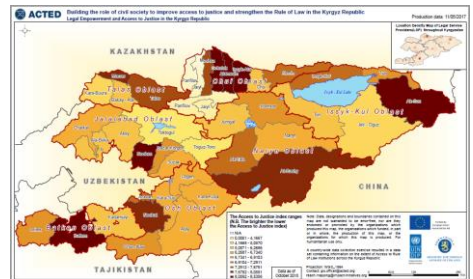
Since 2014, ACTED has been committed to enhancing access to justice for vulnerable populations in remote areas. In this framework, a country-wide mapping of citizens' access to legal aid was conducted, and a network of free legal aid services for vulnerable and marginalised populations was developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, a significant step towards strengthening of the rule of law.

Fostering sustainable growth through community-driven participatory initiatives

ACTED is engaged in activities aiming at reducing poverty by stimulating community-based sustainable development and growth. To this end, ACTED has launched a community-led initiative in the poverty-stricken districts of Ala-Buka (Jalal-Abad) and Leilek (Batken), aiming at improving socio-economic conditions of the population by rehabilitating local infrastructures, supporting on-farm value chains (e.g. dried fruits), promoting environmentally-conscious agriculture and promoting the development of off-farm income generating activities.

ACTED's continuous commitment to disaster relief, conflict mitigation, peace building and the prevention of violent extremism

In the wake of the May 2016 earthquake which damaged nearly one thousand houses in Chong-Alay District of Kyrgyzstan, ACTED provided 545 households with in-kind donations and unconditional cash assistance. In addition, ACTED helped 65 extremely vulnerable households repair or rebuild their houses.



Following the inter-community violence in Osh and Jalal-Abad, ACTED was **one of the first aid agencies to respond to the crisis in June 2010**. This intervention included the distribution of food and non-food items to over 533,000 people, and the provision of cash injections through temporary employment. In order to assist Kyrgyzstan with recovery, ACTED, together with its partners, helped rebuild 1,900 houses in Osh and Jalal-Abad.

To minimise the risk of instability and mitigate the systemic sources of tension across the southern regions of the country, ACTED launched the REACH initiative (<http://reach-initiative.kg/>) to support **peace-building activities** through the collection of primary data on conflicts affecting rural communities throughout Osh, Jalal-Abad, and Batken provinces. In 2012, this work made possible the creation of an **early warning network (EWN)** composed of nearly 800 civil society stakeholders, religious and community leaders who work together to detect and analyse local disputes and act as mediators to resolve or refer them to the relevant authorities.

In line with its ongoing involvement in conflict mitigation, in 2014 ACTED launched a programme to support in-country capacities to prevent conflict and contribute towards durable peace, with a focus on women. ACTED helped establish a network of 71 women's organisations across Kyrgyzstan to facilitate the enforcement of Kyrgyzstan's **National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325**. In 2017, building on its unique community outreach and vast experience in peace building and social cohesion, ACTED developed a **Comprehensive Strategy for the Prevention of Violent Extremism**, designed to tackle the root causes of this growing phenomenon. ACTED's approach consists of empowering communities to detect early signs of radicalization while creating the conditions for their members, in particular women, to become agents of peace and prevent violent extremism, particularly among the youth.

ACTED's Partners in Kyrgyzstan

