



Kurak Voices: Fostering inclusive public dialogue in Kyrgyzstan

Overview

Main partner	The <u>Migration and Human Trafficking Council (MHTC)</u> is an executive body under the Speaker of the Parliament. It was established to strengthen the relationship between the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic and its compatriots living abroad, while also facilitating collaboration with various state bodies within the country.	
Associate partner	<u>Association DANAKER – Diaspora of Women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland (Danaker)</u> is women's non-profit organisation devoted to promoting Kyrgyz culture, fostering integration, and empowering migrant women.	
Duration	10 months	
Sustainable Development Goals		

Project design

Objective	To empower local communities through inclusive public dialogue (IPD) in partnership with central institutions and diaspora.
Needs	Despite various existing capacity development programs, there is a gap in initiatives designed to equip local community leaders who work directly with women from vulnerable backgrounds and remote areas with the necessary competencies to facilitate IPD. The lack of training limits the ability to create safe and inclusive spaces where women can openly express their concerns, share experiences, and engage in discussions that lead to sustainable solutions for their challenges.
Context	According to the National Statistical Committee, women in Kyrgyzstan account for about 50.55% of the total population, 63.84% of whom reside in rural areas. According to the Global Gender Gap Report for 2024, Kyrgyzstan ranks 90th among 146 countries in terms of gender equality; women in Kyrgyzstan often face violations of their rights at the domestic level and at work. MHTC and Danaker have established a longstanding partnership to support the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic in engaging communities, including the diaspora in Europe, facilitating effective communication, and fostering knowledge exchange on the country's evolving needs and developments.
Target group(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local community leaders including NGO members, local government representatives and legal advisors. Women from vulnerable backgrounds and remote areas in Kyrgyzstan. Public institutions at the central level and local level, with the primary focus on MHTC. Women diaspora leaders based in Europe.
Impact	This project contributes to long-term social cohesion and gender equality in Kyrgyzstan by equipping community leaders with the skills to facilitate IPDs. As a result, women from vulnerable backgrounds and remote areas will have greater access to safe spaces where they can voice concerns, advocate for their rights, and actively participate in decision-making processes. It directly supports Kyrgyzstan Gender Equality Strategy 2030 by fostering women's empowerment and representation in public life.

Programme of activities

