



KURAK VOICES: FOSTERING INCLUSIVE PUBLIC DIALOGUE IN KYRGYZSTAN

Kyrgyzstan ranks 90th among 146 countries in terms of gender equality, where women often face violations of their rights at a domestic level and at work. The “Kurak Voices” project opened conversations at local level on ingrained gender inequality through the introduction of inclusive public dialogue (IPD) as a community building tool to foster sustainable change. The project, led by the **Migration and Human Trafficking Council under the Speaker of the Kyrgyz Republic’s Parliament (MHTC)** and **Association DANAHER – Diaspora of Women from Kyrgyzstan in Poland (Danaker)** has not only expanded the safe spaces for women in the region, but also enhanced the institutional strength of both organisations.

Results snapshot



3
focus groups



44
public dialogues



800+
dialogue participants



18
certified facilitators



Institutional impact

As a result of the project, the MHTC enhanced its facilitation and outreach capacities and sharpened its monitoring, evaluation and learning skills. Kyrgyz women diaspora organisation Danaker strengthened its organisational development and professionalisation efforts. Additionally, the initiative trained local community leaders on inclusive public dialogue facilitation, which has been integrated into community meetings, women’s groups, educational and youth settings, local civil society initiatives, and even family and intergenerational discussions. Finally, due to its partnership approach, the project strengthened the collaboration between community leaders, MHTC and Kyrgyz diaspora experts, introducing an innovative and culturally adaptable dialogue methodology in Central Asia.

Outputs

- ✓ Monitoring & evaluation framework
- ✓ Inclusive public dialogue toolkit
- ✓ Network of inclusive public dialogue facilitators



“ It will help women protect themselves, practice self-love and care, think critically within the community, and participate equally in discussions and dialogues regardless of age. It will also support resolving problems calmly and effectively at the local level. ”

Participant of the Inclusive Public Dialogue Training

“ The main strengths of Kurak Voices are its strong partnership model and inclusive approach. This has fostered trust, inclusivity, and meaningful dialogue, ensuring that women’s voices in migration and diaspora communities are heard and contribute to positive change. ”

Ulan Nogoibaev

Head of the Secretariat, Migration and Human Trafficking Council under the Speaker of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic



This is a Capacity Development Lab (CDL) project of the EU Global Diaspora Facility. The CDL is open to public institutions from the EU’s partner countries seeking support for projects which leverage diaspora engagement for development, through institutional capacity development and/or transferring sector-specific expertise from the diaspora.

