



UNDP / Global Fund Project June Update: Donating life-saving equipment for Covid-19

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Under the Global Fund grant, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) continues to support efforts to end tuberculosis and HIV in Kyrgyzstan. Our work consists in providing best quality and free drugs for all patients on treatment and in need, improving diagnosis, organizing education and prevention activities, supporting NGOs, communities and patients. Here's an update of our June activities.

The UNDP and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria provided ventilators and rapid tests to fight COVID-19



The UNDP's project "**Effective HIV and TB Control in the Kyrgyz Republic**", funded by the **Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** donated **eight ventilators for artificial respiration and 6550 rapid tests** for Covid-19 diagnostic to the Ministry of Health on June 16th, and **two ventilators to the penitentiary system** on June 19th. This life-saving equipment was purchased after request of the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) and will be distributed in regions to strengthen the health system's capacity to respond to the new pandemic.

*"At the UNDP, we are committed to **support health services for all, including the most vulnerable groups of the population. No one should be left behind in this global effort to end Covid-19,**"* said Jenty Kirsh-Wood, Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic, during one of the ceremonies.

Previously, the UNDP under the Global Fund project donated 50,000 surgical masks and 2,000 FFP2 respirators for health care workers in contact with Covid-19. The [UNDP / Global Fund project](#) is also working closely with partners to [adapt its response to the HIV and TB epidemics](#) in the country, **ensuring continued treatment for patients, timely diagnosis and prevention** for key population groups regardless of the difficult situation.



1 - Mr. Nurbolot Usenbaev, Deputy Minister of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mrs. Louise Chamberlain, Resident Representative of the UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic, June 16th



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Press Releases:

<https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2020/06/the-undp-and-the-global-fund-to-fight-aids--tuberculosis-and-mal.html>

<https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2020/06/penitentiary-receives-ventilators-from-undp-gf.html>

Videos :

[The penitentiary system received two ventilators from the UNDP](#)

[The UNDP and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria provided ventilators and PCR tests to fight COVID-19](#)

Children with TB largely undiagnosed due to Covid-19



Diagnosis for childhood TB and TB overall has collapsed in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and the quarantine measures taken to limit the spread of the new virus.

“Since the beginning of the new pandemic, we have had no new consultations or diagnosis for TB,” worries Aysalkyn Teshebaeva, head of the pediatric ward of the National TB Center in Bishkek.

UNDP case managers throughout the country continue to stay in contact with TB patients and their household contacts. Their role is not only to support patients and make sure that they complete their treatment, but also to inform household contacts and regularly screen them for TB. In the region of Batken, Jyrgalbek has had to wait for more than two months to be able to bring two children to Osh to get a CT (computerized tomography).

“The children, 6 and 10 year old, needed to get an CT to confirm their TB diagnosis and start treatment as soon as possible. But we had to wait the end of the emergency state to bring them to Osh,” says Jyrgalbek, their case manager.

Scientists around the world **predict important setbacks in the achievements made in the fight against TB due to the Covid-19** pandemic. The UNDP / Global Fund Project and its partners are doing their best to minimize the consequences of the global pandemic on TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment.



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Read the full story

<https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/presscenter/articles/2020/06/children-with-tb-largely-undiagnosed-due-to-covid-19.html>

Blog: How we change our approach to **TB treatment under Covid-19**



*"Under normal circumstances, many patients with drug-resistant TB get tired of their treatment and skip some pills, and sometimes even stop taking their treatment for a few days, weeks, or all together. **Even a small interruption in TB treatment can lead to poor treatment outcomes, and patients can develop***

resistance to drugs that used to “work” before,” writes **Yulia Aleshkina**, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) specialist for the UNDP / Global Fund project in her blog.

*“So it was **even more important to provide controlled treatment under the emergency state**, when additional factors of stress appear for patients: a threat of new diseases, necessary isolation, uncertainty, unemployment and a lack of money. It’s not enough to just give out pills to patients: we have to make sure that patients take them all and every day.”*

Read about how **video observed treatment** is being implemented in this blog :

<https://www.kg.undp.org/content/kyrgyzstan/en/home/blog/2020/tb-and-covid-.html>

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