



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Kyrgyzstan – Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Project
Project Number	P000915-KYZ
AIIB member	Kyrgyz Republic
Sector/Subsector	Water/Water supply, sanitation, and wastewater treatment
Status of Financing	Under Preparation
Project Description	<p>The Project is proposed to be part of the Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Program, designed and co-financed with the World Bank (WB) under a Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) to provide universal access and improve the sustainability of water supply and sanitation services in the Kyrgyz Republic, through three progressive phases.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the WB Program (the Project) will be jointly co-financed by AIIB and WB, with AIIB providing loan to Component 1 for the construction and upgrade of water supply infrastructure with climate-resilient features and priority improvements to on-site sanitation for households and public institutions (schools, hospitals, etc.) and technical assistance, in 109 rural villages and small towns in Chui, Issyk-Kul, and Osh regions, benefitting around 373,000 people.</p> <p>In addition to the proposed sovereign-backed loan, AIIB has approved a Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF) grant of USD 4 million to support the subproject preparation and early implementation under the Project¹. Through the PPSF grant, AIIB will support the detailed design of subproject with climate mitigation and resilience features, E&S baseline survey and institutional development, to enhance technical readiness and ensure high level of E&S safeguards throughout the envisaged PPSF support to project preparation. AIIB's participation and support in the Project also aim to promote the long-term sustainable development of the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector of the Kyrgyz Republic.</p>
Objective	The Project's objective is to increase access to water supply and sanitation (WSS) services and improve the service delivery capacity in selected areas of the Kyrgyz Republic.

¹ [Kyrgyzstan: Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Project - Projects - AIIB](#)

Expected Results	<p>The Project will focus on delivering two key areas of results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) increased access to WSS services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – People provided with at least basic water (Number), – People provided with at least basic sanitation (Number). (ii) improved capacity of WSS services, including quality, financial sustainability and operational efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Water supply service providers with an operating cost coverage ratio of 100% or to the Bank’s satisfactory.
Environmental and Social Category	B
Environmental and Social Information	<p>Applicable Policy and the Categorization. As the lead co-financier, the WB’s Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESF) including its environmental and social (ES) standards will govern this Project, which is in lieu of AIIB’s ESF. The ES risks and impacts are readily identifiable and can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated through proper assessment and the implementation of readily available mitigation measures. The scope of the Project excludes activities that could have high ES risks. Therefore, WB has categorized the ES risk of the Project as Substantial for Environmental risk and Moderate for Social risk. According to AIIB’s ESF, the Project is classified as Category B.</p> <p>Environmental and Social Instruments: While the types of subprojects and the regions/districts to be supported are known, the precise locations and design options for each subproject are not yet determined and will be finalized during Project implementation. As a result, a framework approach to ES risk management will be applied. The borrower is currently preparing the necessary framework documents, including an ES Management Framework (ESMF), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), and Labor Management Procedures (LMP). The ESMF will provide a general assessment of the ES risks and impacts based on the nature and type of subprojects and the location of these sub-projects. It will outline generic mitigation measures in line with the mitigation hierarchy and provide guidance for subproject planning, design, construction, operation, implementation, and monitoring. Subproject-specific ES instruments will be developed during Project implementation, based on the framework documents. An ES Commitment Plan (ESCP) was prepared and disclosed².</p>

² [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Kyrgyz Republic: Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Program-1 Project - P500620](#)

Environment and Social Aspects: The Project's environmental risks and impacts are mainly associated with small and medium scale activities under Component 1 (water supply) and Component 2 (sanitation development). The anticipated risks and impacts during construction include pollution from the generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, traffic congestion, dust, noise, vibration, disturbance to ecosystems, and occupational and community health and safety issues. During operation, risks are mainly related to the management of wastewater and fecal sludge from sanitation facilities, which could lead to contamination of soil and water resources, pathogen exposure, and odors if not properly managed. Site-specific ES instruments such as site-specific ES management plan (ESMP) will be prepared to guide pollution prevention, resource efficiency, and biodiversity management measures in a site specific manner. In addition, the construction of new water supply schemes may require land acquisition, temporary land use restrictions and involuntary resettlement that could impact livelihoods in the area around the project facilities. Similarly, investments under the Sanitation Development component could involve land acquisition, temporary land use restrictions and involuntary resettlement, with potential impacts to community livelihoods. These ES risks and impacts can be avoided, minimized, or mitigated through proper assessment and the implementation of readily available mitigation measures, in accordance with Good International Industry Practice (GIIP).

Occupational Health and Safety, Labor and Employment Conditions: The WSS subprojects involve construction and operational activities that may pose Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) risks, including hazards related to excavations, confined space entry, working at heights, and exposure to pathogens. Many activities will occur near settlements, potentially exposing communities to risks such as traffic hazards, noise, dust, vibrations, and access restrictions during construction. The ESMF and LMP will assess these risks and provide generic OHS and Community Health and Safety (CHS) guidance based on the nature of activities and associated risks. Site-specific ESMPs will screen and address these risks, and subproject-specific ES instruments will incorporate tailored OHS and CHS measures, and the Project will maintain records of accidents, with any fatalities or major incidents reported immediately to the WB and AIIB.

Stakeholder Engagement, Consultation and Information Disclosure: A SEP has been prepared to identify various stakeholders and outline the approach for engaging with them throughout the project life cycle. The SEP provides guidance in citizen engagement and defines appropriate mechanisms to engage with both direct and indirect project beneficiaries and other concerned parties, including vulnerable groups. Furthermore, the ESMF provides mechanisms for effective community engagement through disclosure of project-related information, consultations, input and feedback. AIIB has reviewed the draft frameworks, and the revised versions have been disclosed in English and Russian by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)³ and by WB⁴. Information disclosure in Kyrgyzstan language will be done before Appraisal.

³ <http://tunuksuu.kg/vb-zashitnye-mery/>

⁴ [Development Projects : Kyrgyz Republic: Water Supply and Sanitation Universal Access Program-1 Project - P500620](#)

	<p>Project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM): In accordance with the requirement of the WB and AIIB, a dedicated grievance mechanism at three levels, including subproject level, Aiyi Okmotu (AO) level and national level will be established for the Project as project-level GRM. Specific communication materials including GRM brochures or posters will be prepared to help local residents become familiar with grievance channels and procedures. The Project website will contain clear information on the project GRM as well as how any interested party can submit feedback, questions, comments, concerns and complaints, and will include the ability to submit complaints electronically.</p> <p>Monitoring and Supervision Arrangements: The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and District Water and Sanitation Utilities (DWSUs) will be responsible for managing the project implementation activities, including ensuring the ES compliance of the Project. The PIU will recruit one Environmental Specialist and one Social Specialist, and each local DWSU will recruit one ES Specialist. The PIU will prepare and submit semi-annual reports to WB and AIIB for review in accordance with the agreed format. The Bank's ES Specialists will carry out field visits to monitor the implementation of ES instruments and the Borrower's ES performance.</p>			
Cost and Financing Plan	The Project's total cost estimate is USD 166 million. WB will provide USD 87 million from IDA resources, while AIIB proposes to provide a sovereign-backed loan of USD 50 million, and other financiers will provide loan or grant totaling USD 29 million.			
Borrower	Kyrgyz Republic			
Implementing Entity	State Institution for the Development of Drinking Water Supply and Wastewater Disposal (SIDDWSWD)			
Estimated date of loan closing	December 30, 2029			
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Estimated Date of Financing Approval	Q1, 2025			

Independent Accountability Mechanism	AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) will not apply to this operation. Submissions to the PPM under the program would, therefore, not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. The WB's independent accountability mechanism (IAM) addresses issues raised by persons adversely affected by a WB-financed operation and allows them to report alleged noncompliance with the WB's operational policies and procedures, including WB's DPF Policy. Information on WB's IAM is available at https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/accountability/overview
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