



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

KYRGYZSTAN - GENDER EQUALITY INDICATORS 2007

Population¹

Total: 5 238 000
 Female: 50.6%
 Male: 49.4%

1. STATE MACHINERY AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

1.1	Ratification and reporting under the UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	Yes ²	Year of ratification: 1997 Second Report (25/09/2002), Third Report was submitted on (02/03/2007).
1.2	Human rights problems as specified in Conclusions of the CEDAW Committee	CEDAW Concluding Observations (Second Report), 2004 ³ : Main concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little awareness of the CEDAW and laws on gender equality; • Gender inequality in the labour market; • High rates of maternal and infant mortality, anaemia during pregnancy, high number of abortions, underweight girls, increase in tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases among women, problem of alcoholism and drug addiction among women; • Negative impact on women of the reform of the health care system; • The serious problem of trafficking in women; • Continuing hidden nature of domestic violence and inadequate performance of the police in dealing with the reporting from the victims; • Increased poverty among women; • Underrepresentation of women in elected and appointed bodies; • Discriminatory cultural practices, stereotypes and patriarchal attitudes undermine women's social status; • Bride abduction and polygamy; • Discriminatory laws and traditional practices regarding ownership, transfer and inheritance of land; • Law on nationality precludes women from passing their nationality on to their children. 	
1.3	Reports made by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women	No	
1.4	National government body on gender or women	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Council on Women, Family and Gender Affairs (NCWFGA) under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic. Its working body is the Economic and Social Policy Department of the President Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic; • Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on Gender Development Issues in the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic.⁴

1.5	Constitutional protection from discrimination on the basis of sex	Yes	The Constitution was adopted on 23.10.2007 Chapter 2, Article 13, Para 3, 4 "No one may be subject to any discrimination, [and] rights and freedoms of persons shall not be abridged on account of origin, gender, race, nationality, language, creed, political and religious convictions, or and other account of personal of public mature. In the Kyrgyz Republic men and women have equal freedoms and rights and equal opportunities for their realization". ⁵
1.6	Gender equality law	Yes ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Law] On Basics of the State Guarantees for Ensuring Gender Equity • The Bill on Social and Legal Protection against Family Violence • The New Family Code on the Kyrgyz Republic
1.7	National gender mainstreaming measures (e.g.: National plan of action on gender equality or gender mainstreaming or other similar commitments)	Yes ⁷	<p>National Action Plan on Achieving Gender Equality in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2007 to 2010</p> <p>Main issues covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of the institutional mechanism to ensure gender equality; • Observance of gender balance at all levels of decision-making; • Gender aspects in health care, education and culture; • Decreasing all forms of violence against women. <p>Gender Expertise Manual of the Legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.</p>
2. POLITICAL SECTOR			
2.1	Per cent of women in parliament (is there a quota for women)?	Single No ⁸	<p>Parliament elected in 2005: Parliament (Jogorku Kenesh) Total number of seats: 75 Total number of seats won by women: 0 Percentage of women: 0%⁹</p> <p>Local decision making Bodies: Deputies at oblast level: 10% Rayon administer: 0%</p> <p>Women in Executive positions: Minister/Deputy Minister: 21.8%</p>
2.2	Is there a fixed quota for electoral lists?	Yes ¹⁰	For the upcoming parliamentary elections on 16 December 2007, a quota has been introduced for party lists. Political parties have to ensure that there is at least a representation of 30 per cent of men or women.
3. ECONOMIC SECTOR:			
3.1	Per cent of women in the paid labour force	43.1% ¹¹	
3.2	Adult unemployment rate: Total Female Male	8.1% 9.1% 7.4% ¹²	

3.3	Estimated earned income (PPP US\$) Female Male	1 422 2 464 ¹³
3.4	Ratio of estimated female to male earned income	0.58 ¹⁴
3.5	Right of women to own property	The law on "Management of Agricultural Lands" does not restrict women's rights to own land.
3.6	Women as percentage of international migrants	58.2 ¹⁵
4. SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SECTOR¹⁶		
4.1	Life expectancy at birth: Female (years) Male (years)	71.3 62.9
4.2	Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (deaths of mothers per 100,000 live births), year 2000	140
4.3	Adult literacy rate (ages 15 and older) Female Male	98.1% 99.3%
4.4	Net primary school enrolment: Female ratio Ratio of female to male	90% 0.99
4.5	Net secondary school enrolment: Female ratio Female to male	N/A N/A
4.6	Gross tertiary education enrolment: Female Ratio of female to male	43% 1.19
5. TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS		
5.1	Ratification of Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	October 2003
5.2	Relevant criminalization legislation	Yes
5.3	Availability of shelters for victims of trafficking	Shelters are organized by NGOs: Association of Crisis Centres, Maana, Women's Support Centre, TAIS-Plus, New Chance, Sezim, and Podruga.
6. MAJOR GENDER EQUALITY ORGANIZATIONS IN KYRGYSTAN		
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¹ <http://www.stat.kg/nsdp/index.htm>

² <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/states.htm>

³ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm>

⁴ <http://www.kenesh.kg/gender/Content.aspx>

⁵ http://eng.president.kg/constitution_ev/const_ev/

⁶ <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Reports/Country-Gender-Assessments/cga-kgz.pdf>

⁷ <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPRS1/Resources/Country-Papers-and-JSAs/cr07193.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.quotaproject.org/displayCountry.cfm?CountryCode=KG>

⁹ <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>

¹⁰ http://eng.president.kg/constitution_ev/const_ev/

¹¹ <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/kyrgyzstan.pdf>

¹² <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>

¹³ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KGZ.html

¹⁴ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KGZ.html

¹⁵ <http://esa.un.org/migration/index.asp?panel=2>

¹⁶ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KGZ.html