

# Project “Creation of rehabilitation resource centers for invalids in Bishkek”

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The Kyrgyz Republic, one of the former Soviet Union’s countries gained independence in 1991. Bordering with China in the East, with Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in the West and the North, and with Tajikistan in the South, it is situated on the territory about 200,000 square kilometers (77,000 square miles).

Kyrgyzstan mainly is a mountain republic lying along Tian-Shan range which lengths through northern-eastern part of the Central Asia with an average altitude about 2,750 m above sea level. The period after independence declaring is characterized by large changes influencing in population and development of the country. In their number following aspects are entered: large scaled migration of ethnic minority, and firstly of Russians and Germans; reforming of public administration and management structure; transition of economy from centralized planning to market orientation, and also establishment of more broad contacts in such spheres as economics, health care and education.

These changes brought new hopes as well as problems. After disintegration of the Soviet Union and independence declaring Kyrgyzstan automatically became a country of transition period. Among the most important problems connected with development there are such aspects as high poverty, growing unemployment, decrease of GNP and high level of inflation. Poverty and

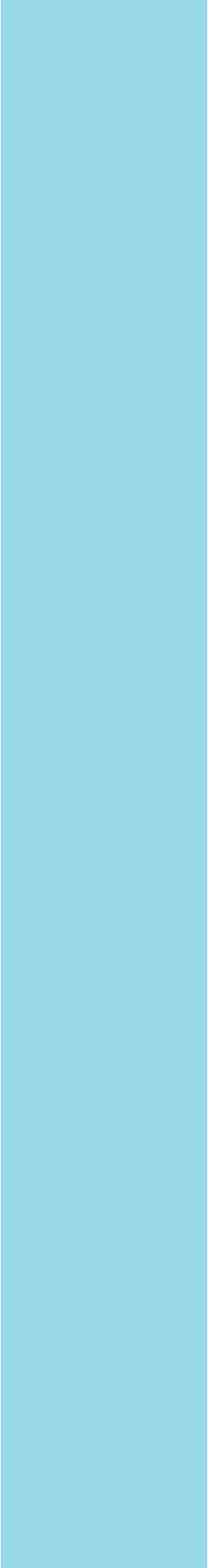
unemployment also unfavorably influence in ability of people to satisfy their main needs including nourishment, health care, and education.

At the present step of development under weak economy, poor attention is paid to problems of invalids. Under the row of objective and subjective circumstances the state can not show concern about invalids at proper level. Due to the lack of necessary means to make life of this vulnerable part of population easy, invalids often do not get even essential for normal existence. The reason is an insufficiency of financial provision. Many international organizations render humanitarian assistance, but this assistance is directed to global aims and in general it is shown as a training for personnel of various ministries and other state departments how to work with this group of population. Unfortunately, such usually technical assistance does not cover needs of each invalid individually.

One of our fund's aims is rendering material, humanitarian, and other kinds of charitable assistance, solving problems of poorer parts of Kyrgyzstan's population. Within the framework of this aim a project on rendering assistance to invalids "**Creation of rehabilitation resource center for invalids in Bishkek**" is proposed to render purposeful help to concrete groups of invalids.

The main aspects of this project's activity are as following:

- Fulfillment of independent sociological survey to reveal main groups of invalids in Bishkek, classify them by age, gender and disablement categories.
- Organizing of the resource center for invalids with database, which will be updated regularly. The database should show information about number of invalids in the city, their classification by groups and needs of each invalid.
- Organizing of studying courses for invalids under the Center (courses on personal computer using, audit, office work, foreign languages, etc.)
- Fulfillment of educational work among population with aim to develop solicitous and respectful attitude to invalids and their social problems.
- Organizing of small production for placing invalids in a job (cardboard box, handicraft, and other kinds of production where partially able-bodied invalids can work).
- Providing invalids with medicines and necessary medical equipment.
- Organizing of social-patronage service for invalids.



The duration of the project is supposed for one year and it can be extended in dependence on its implementation and financing. Coordination of the project's implementation will be done by "Sodeistvie" charitable fund.

The project personnel will report to a donor quarterly. In the end of the project activity a tri-partite meeting will be held for its evaluation, recommendations for the project's extension or closure.

All equipment, furniture, transport, and other facilities should be transferred to the resource rehabilitation center of invalids upon completion of the project.

P.S. The detailed project budget can be presented if required.