



Strengthening Social Assistance and Labor Market Programs Project (P179024)

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Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Labor, Social Development, and Migration, The Kyrgyz Republic

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 06-Sep-2022

Effectiveness Date: 23-Mar-2023

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 02-Sep-2024

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 01-Sep-2025

Revised Closing Date: 01-Sep-2025

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the Project is to support the Kyrgyz Republic in mitigating the impact of the economic crisis on poor households and labor migrants, and strengthening effectiveness and resilience of the social assistance and labor market programs delivery systems, to be better prepared for future shocks.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Providing Emergency Support through, and Enhancing the Effectiveness of, the UBK Program:(Cost \$19.80 M)
Increasing the Employability of Vulnerable Groups Including Labor Migrants:(Cost \$8.70 M)
Strengthening the Delivery Systems of Social Protection:(Cost \$1.50 M)

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project implementation progress is satisfactory. The Ministry of Labor, Social Services, and Migration (MLSSM) has prepared and adopted the Sub-Manuals on Part 1.1 (for Cash Transfers subject to retroactive financing), Part 2.1 on Social Contract, and Part 2.2 on Youth Employment. The Project Operational Manual has also been prepared by the MLSSM and cleared by the World Bank. Thus, the retroactive financing condition set out in the Financing Agreement has been met, leading to the disbursement of US\$ 12 million in October 2023 to cover the cash transfers to poor and vulnerable households of the Uy-bulogo Komok (UBK) program.

Activities on the social contract and youth employment under Components 1 and 2 are planned to start in early 2024. Under Component 3, a Project Implementation Unit was established and fully operational.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Macroeconomic	☐ Substantial	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Fiduciary	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Environment and Social	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Stakeholders	☐ Low	☐ Low	☐ Low
Other	☐ Low	--	--
Overall	☐ Substantial	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Mitigating the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Poor Households and Labor Migrants				
▶ Number of children receiving UBK top-up payments (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	346,334.00	346,334.00	340,000.00
Date	31-May-2022	27-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	09-Jan-2023
Comments:	This indicator tracks the number of children from poor households--beneficiaries of the UBK program who receive the top-up payments as per the Government's schedule supported by this project. The indicated actual number is the 7-month average for the period of June 1 - December 31, 2022.			
▶ Number of families receiving increased UBK benefits on time (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	105,626.00	105,626.00	105,000.00



Date	01-Jun-2022	27-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	09-Jan-2023
Comments:	This indicator measures if the UBK-supported families receive the increased benefits including remote areas coefficients and corresponding bank transfer fees as per the Government's schedule supported by this project. The indicated actual number is the 7-month average for the period of June 1 - December 31, 2022.			
► Number of families receiving UBK support through the new piloted eligibility criteria (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Date	01-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	02-Sep-2025
Comments:	This indicator tracks the number of families-beneficiaries of the UBK program, who become eligible for the UBK benefits through the new piloted eligibility criteria.			

Strengthening Effectiveness and Resilience of the Social Assistance and LM Programs Delivery Systems				
► Number of beneficiaries of the Social Contract program with productive inclusion initiatives operating after 6 months (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	16-May-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	This indicator will measure the result of the social contract intervention.			
► Number of beneficiaries of the Youth Employment program with a job after completing the in-class training (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	30-Jun-2025
Comments:	This indicator will measure the results of the youth employment programs supported under component 2			
► Share of MLSDM district offices that have access to central level Information Technology (IT) resources (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	This indicator measures the results of increased effectiveness of the social project and labor delivery system by the effective data sharing between the central Ministry and its district offices.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components



Providing Emergency Support through, and Increasing the Efficiency of, the UBK Program				
► Number of families registered to participate in the pilot to test the targeting system (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	09-Jan-2024
Comments:	This indicator will track the progress in piloting and testing the new methodology for selecting beneficiaries			
► Methodology to select beneficiaries of the UBK has been defined and adopted for piloting (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	31-Oct-2023
Comments:	This indicator will track the first step to the implementation of a new methodology to select beneficiaries and reduce exclusion errors in the UBK program.			

Increasing the Employability of Vulnerable Groups Including Labor Migrants				
► Labor demand survey completed to inform youth employment program (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	Labor market analyses will be based on a survey among employers as well as focus groups and other qualitative tools to identify current skill shortages in the labor market (subcomponent 2.2)			
► The social contract sub-manual has been approved and adopted (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	30-Dec-2022
Comments:	This indicator tracks the first step towards the implementation of the social contract			
► Households from UBK has been selected and enrolled in the social contract program (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00



Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Jun-2023
Comments:	This indicator tracks a necessary intermediate step for the implementation of the social contract			
► Number of beneficiaries who have successfully completed a business plan (approved) and awarded a grant for economic inclusion (Number (Thousand), Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-May-2024
Comments:	This indicator monitors the last intermediate step for the full implementation of the social contract.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female beneficiaries who have successfully completed business plan and received the grant (Number (Thousand), Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
► The youth employment sub-manual has been approved and adopted (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	09-Jan-2023
Comments:	This indicator tracks the first step towards the implementation of the youth employment program			
► Youths have been selected and enrolled in the in-class training courses (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	03-Jul-2023
Comments:	This indicator is an intermediate measure to track the progress of implementing the youth program. It indicates not only the selection but also the fact that courses have been defined and agreements with employers have been reached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female youth have been selected and enrolled in the in-class training (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
► Number of youths who have completed the in-class training and received life skills mentoring (Number, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Date	01-Sep-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	31-Jul-2024
Comments:	This indicator tracks the progress toward the full implementation of the youth employment and shows the number of youths ready to be allocated in a temporary job			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female youths who have completed the in-class training and received life skills mentoring (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach activities to raise awareness among migrants on the registry of migrants have been completed (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	To maximize the number of migrants with support needs captured in the registry, an outreach activities will be carried out, focusing on areas of the country with high emigration rates, to mobilize labor migrants and inform them on the process and benefits associated with registration in the migrant database.			

Strengthening the Delivery Systems of Social Protection				
<input type="checkbox"/> Percentage of beneficiaries who report that the Project has established effective engagement processes (participatory needs assessments, satisfaction surveys, and focus group discussions) (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	The indicator will measure the extent to which the various project interventions under Components 1, 2 & 3 and the CE activities met the needs of the beneficiaries.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Information campaign on UBK benefit increases carried out (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	The project will focus on information, awareness building and outreach to ensure that the population is aware of the UBK benefit increases as well as proposed changes to UBK methodology, and the 2 new activation programs – social contract and youth employment.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Design of revised targeting mechanism for UBK completed (Yes/No, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	07-Jun-2022	21-Jun-2023	17-Jan-2024	01-Sep-2025
Comments:	Targeting mechanisms of the UBK program will be revised to better reach the poorest beneficiaries as well as minimize exclusion errors			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

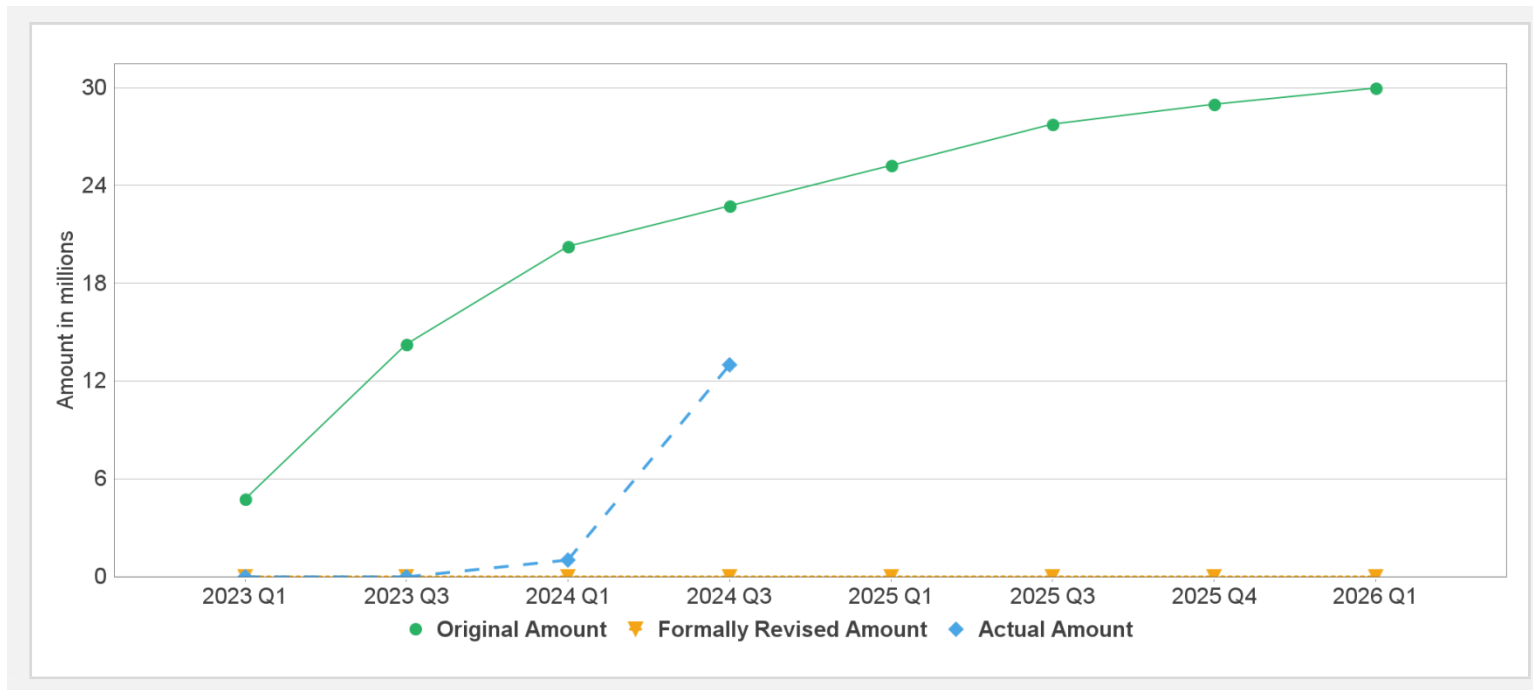
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P179024	IDA-72030	Effective	USD	30.00	30.00	0.00	13.01	16.99	43%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P179024	IDA-72030	Effective	06-Sep-2022	05-Oct-2022	23-Mar-2023	01-Sep-2025	01-Sep-2025

Cumulative Disbursements





Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
