



The Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is a global programme that supports country-led efforts to mainstream poverty-environment linkages into national development and sub-national development planning, from policymaking to budgeting, implementation and monitoring.

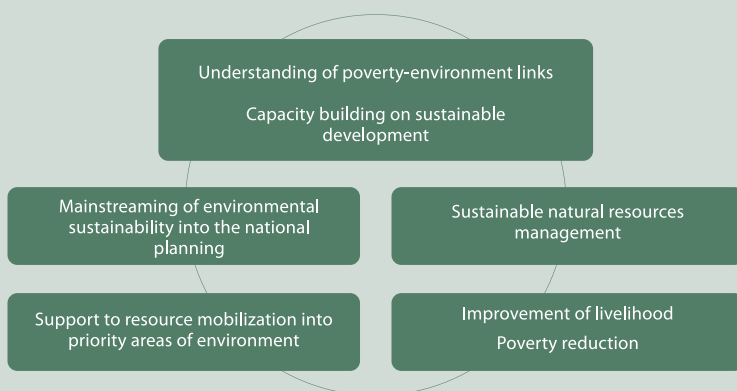
Mainstreaming of the poverty and environment issues is aimed at achievement of sustainable changes in these areas addressed by the governments and their partners through mainstreaming of pro-poor environmental sound management in key activity of the government, national development strategies, poverty reduction, and sector-based planning and investment. More information on PEI is available on the official website: [www.unpei.org](http://www.unpei.org)

In the CIS countries, PEI is implemented in the Central Asian countries – Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and Armenia through provision of the targeted technical assistance.

The PEI is funded by the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, and by the European Commission and with core funding of UNDP and UNEP.

#### FACTS

- Population: 5,551 mln. (National Statistical Committee, 2012).
- Poverty: 38.0 percent (National Statistical Committee, 2012).
- Unemployment: 8.5 percent (National Statistical Committee, 2011).
- Remittances: 1 mlrd. 695 thousand USD (National Bank).
- DGP: 6.2 mlrd. USD (World Bank, 2011).
- During the period 1960-2010 the increase in the average annual temperature was 2.39° C, while from 1990-2010, the increase was 5.82° C
- Often, natural and climate-related emergency situations are caused by mudslides and floods which make up 29 percent of all emergencies.
- As of 1st January 2011, the total agricultural area of the Kyrgyz Republic was 10,650.8 thousand ha (53 percent of the total land fund). Pastures, which constitute the majority of the land used for agriculture (85.3 percent), are steadily decreasing in size. (National Report on the state of the environment of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2006-2011).



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# Kyrgyzstan

## Poverty and Environment Initiative

**Project duration: 2011-2014**

**Project geography:** Naryn province and Suusamyr Reral Area

**Key partners:** Ministry of Economy, State Agency on Local Self-Government and Inter-Ethnic Affairs, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry, State Administration of Naryn Province and Suusamyr rural administration.

UNDP-UNEP Poverty and environment Initiative is implemented by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic with support of UNDP and UNEP since March 2011 and envisages financial and technical contribution to the countries for integration of environment priorities and poverty issues into national, sectoral and local development plans. The current phase of the project has started in March 2011 with signing of the project document by the first vice prime-minister of the KR, UN Resident Coordinator and "Poverty and environment initiative". The duration of this phase is three years. The initiative is aimed at strengthening the contribution of environment into welfare of the population, economic development of poor population and achievement of Millennium Development Goals.

These days PEI is targeted to following results:

- Interrelation of poverty and environment during national planning and implementation of UN
- Interrelation of poverty and environment during planning of budgets at national and local level
- Increasing awareness, capacity, knowledge in environment and poverty issues

### Results

For efficient integration of poverty and environment issues the analyses was carried out of the existing national development programmes and strategies for incorporating poverty and environment issues into mentioned documents.

PEI has supported development of midterm strategy and action plan of the Government for 2012-2014 which includes interrelation of poverty and environment. The support was rendered to Rio+20 and PostRio+20 processes in development of the Programme and plan of the Government on transition of the Kyrgyz Republic to

sustainable development for 2013-2017 that were approved by the National Council of the Kyrgyz Republic on sustainable development.

In cooperation with UNDESA the existing economic, ecological and social statistics of the country were compared against indicators of "green growth" in order to determine their further application. The matrix of indicators was elaborated that will be used as a basis for strategic development. Recommendations on integration of poverty and environment issues into programme of financing of the agricultural sector were developed. The methodology developed on budgeting can be an entry point in to budgeting process in other sectors.

UNDAF for 2012-2016 considers the issues of poverty reduction, economic development and environment as one dimension. Moreover, UNDP CPAP for 2012-2016 signed by the Government of the KR includes integration of ecological sustainability and ecosystem approaches into national, sectoral and local development plans.

Under support of PEI Naryn province development programme for 2012-2014 was elaborated, inventory and economic analyses of pastureland of the province was conducted, in five pilot rural administrations the system of electronic pastureland management is introduced.

One of the major results of the project was implementation of ten grant proposals at the amount of more than 80 000 USD that clearly demonstrate interrelation of poverty and conservation of environment, improvement of welfare of the population of Naryn province and Suusamyr rural administration through profitable activity.

In cooperation with the Academy of Management under President Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic educational methodological set was developed to increase the capacity of stakeholders of all levels of the Government on integration of issues of poverty and environment into the processes of planning and development on the national and regional level.

PEI has supported preparation of the National Report on the State of the Environment of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2006-2011 aimed at broad range of experts and it can be used as a basis for development of social-economic strategic documents and efficient activities to improve ecological situation of the country and rational use of its natural resources.