

HIGHLIGHTS

- Second round of polio campaign completed on 27 August 2010.
- Major funding gaps for urgently needed health cluster activities.

HEALTH IMPACT

No outbreaks of infectious diseases have been reported. No cases of acute malnutrition were reported. Medical equipment and structural reconstruction of health care facilities are still needed in Southern Kyrgyzstan.

HEALTH CLUSTER RESPONSE

The health cluster prepares for the Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) 2011. CAP 2011 will cover the whole country with a special focus on the southern region. However, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports a certain donor fatigue towards the Kyrgyz crisis. Only the shelter, food and protection clusters are receiving funding and are in donors' focus. The CAP process will start in mid-end September with a workshop carried out by OCHA.

Health cluster coordination meetings were conducted in Osh on September 3 and in Bishkek on September 6. Cluster members discussed coordination issues as customary and provided updates on the status of ongoing and planned activities.

Health cluster partners in Osh reported unrestricted access to health care facilities. No armed persons were present at health care facilities, except in one case reported by ICRC last week, when police officers were noticed in a health care facility involved in the second round of the polio immunization campaign. However the police officers did not check documents, register patients or were directly involved in access procedures. Health cluster members are asked to further monitor any presence of armed forces in health care facilities, in order that possible concerns regarding free access to health care facilities can be channeled to the Ministry of Health for appropriate action.

In Osh an inter-cluster Communication Advocacy Group was established to send out messages from the Humanitarian Community to beneficiaries, general public and media. It also will serve communication needs of individual clusters upon their request.

Each cluster presented the three most frequently asked questions by beneficiaries and their answers. Related to health the most frequent questions are:

- How do I obtain secure health services?
- How do I obtain psychological support?
- How do I pay for health services?

WHO RESPONSE

WHO is preparing to carry out a mental health needs assessment based on existing questionnaires from Chechnya and Georgia adapted to the situation in Southern Kyrgyzstan. This needs assessment should deliver evidence on the urgency and details of the required mental health support for those affected by the conflict. Health cluster partners are ready to assist in the wide distribution of the questionnaires in Osh and Jalal-Abad cities and regions

MINISTRY OF HEALTH RESPONSE

The Ministry of Health, in close cooperation with the health cluster partners, finished the second round of polio vaccination campaign throughout the country. The preliminary reported national vaccination coverage was 95.1%. WHO is financing an independent assessment of the National Immunization Days.

Polio vaccination coverage (preliminary data from Ministry of Health):

Region	Numbers of entitled children	Number of vaccinated children	Percentage
Bishkek city –	90134	80130	88.9%
Osh city-	29742	25515	85.8%
Osh Province-	131475	129589	98.6%
Djalal-Abad –	138238	129058	93.4%
Talas Province-	30389	29243	96.2%
Batken Province-	55586	52803	95.0%
Chui Province-	95378	95098	99.7%
Yssyk-Kul Province	54150	51522	95.1%
Natyn Province –	34913	34486	98.8%
Country	660005	627444	95.1%

URGENT NEEDS

Medical equipment and building reconstruction of health care facilities are still needed especially in Southern Kyrgyzstan. WHO continues compiling an up to date list of detailed needs. The list will be published in Russian and English on <http://kg.humanitarianresponse.info>
All partners will be encouraged to consult the list before initiating projects on assistance to the health system of Southern Kyrgyzstan.

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