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Preface

This bulletin is prepared to inform the general public about activities implemented in the framework of Result 1 and Result 3 of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Project «Multi-sectoral Cooperation for Interethnic Peacebuilding in Kyrgyzstan» under financial support of the UN Peacebuilding Fund. The project is implemented in 23 communities of five oblasts of Kyrgyzstan.

Outcomes 1 and 3:

- Outcome1: Effective involvement of religious leaders and community leaders as agents of peace in activities promoted human development, forming respect to other cultures through appealing to own audience to take positive decisions and avoid violent actions.
- Outcome 3: Effective involvement of religious leaders, community leaders and LSG representatives in dialogue within community and multichannel approaches aimed at supporting sustainable and effective behavioral patterns, norms, and activities.

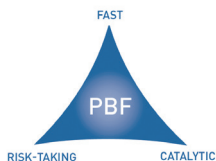
The main partners and implementators of the project Results 1 and 3 are:

- Foundation for Tolerance International (FTI) – a nongovernmental organization, working in conflictology and peacebuilding sphere more than 15 years and having necessary skills and capacity to train people on basics of conflictology and to involve population in peacebuilding initiatives. In the framework of the project FTI is the partner responsible for work with local self-governmental bodies and for involving them in peacebuilding initiatives.
- Progressive Association of Women «Mutakallim» – a nongovernmental organization, having expertise in the sphere of religion and experienced in work with religious leaders. Mutakallim works in the country more than 15 years and renders material, social, and educational support to people. Mutakallim is the project partner responsible for involving religious leaders in peacebuilding process.

The project also cooperates with governmental agencies, including the Department of Ethnic and Religious Policy and Interaction with Civil Society of the Office of the KR President, the State Agency of Local Self-Government and Interethnic Relations (SALSG&IR) under the Government of the KR, and the State Commission on Religious Affairs (SCRA) under the President of the KR. Moreover, concerning the issues of religion and work with religious leaders, the project cooperates with the Religious Board of Muslims of Kyrgyzstan (RBMK).

UNFPA, FTI, and Mutakallim express their gratitude to the project partners for joint work and support of project implementation.

Project prehistory



The UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) renders assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic in the sphere of strengthening peace and stability after the tragic events of June 2010.

In 2010, PBF allocated 10 million US dollars to Kyrgyzstan for immediate response projects to build peace and trust in country's regions affected by the conflict.

In 2013, in response to the request of the country management, the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon approved allocation of additional funds for systemic peacebuilding in Kyrgyzstan and building institutional foundations to prevent recurrence of conflicts in future.

A Joint Steering Committee (JSC) was created by the decree of the President A. Atambaev in March 2013 to provide activities of the UN Peacebuilding Fund in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Committee consists of 28 people, including representatives of the KR Parliament, governmental agencies and ministries, as well as civil society organizations and UN agencies.

JSC is aimed to implement strategic guidance during development and implementation of the Peacebuilding Priorities Plan (PPP) for the Kyrgyz Republic. Moreover, JSC conducts monitoring of the projects implemented by UN agencies and financed by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, and monitoring of progress in achieving key results of PPP.

Based on analysis of peacebuilding needs in the Kyrgyz Republic, in 2013 a 3-year Peacebuilding Priorities Plan (2013-2016) was developed and approved at a meeting of JSC.

For implementation of PPP, UN agencies in cooperation with the national partners developed 10 project proposals which were reviewed and approved by JSC on three directions: strengthening justice and the rule of law; developing the capacity of LSG on building peace and unity; promoting the ideas of diversity and tolerance.

The project «Multi-sectoral Cooperation for Interethnic Peacebuilding in Kyrgyzstan» is implemented within the direction on developing the capacity of LSG on building peace and unity. The main project goals are the following:

- promoting dialogue and cooperation for peace and stability in Kyrgyzstan,
- forming social values,
- promoting spreading of responsible behavior,
- promoting of respect to diversity in community and civic responsibility, and
- promoting of zero tolerance for all forms of violence.

Information about the project

The project is aimed at promoting interethnic dialogue and cooperation, supporting positive relations between communities, building trust and tolerance among people through joint activities of officials and informal community leaders having influence on people.

The project covers Osh, Jalal-Abad, Talas, Issyk-Kul, and Batken oblasts of Kyrgyzstan. Together with the Government of Kyrgyzstan 23 target communities of these oblasts were selected.

Osh oblast (10 communities):

- Nookat rayon: Nookat town, *aiyl aimaks* (Note: hereinafter AA) "Gulistan" and "Mirmakhmudov"
- Aravan rayon: AA "Chek-Abad"
- Kara-Suu rayon: AA "Shark", "Kyzyl Kyshtak", "Ak-Tash"
- Osh city: Territorial public council (Note: hereinafter TPC) "Sulaiman-Too", "On-Adyr", and "Alymbek Datka"

Jalal-Abad oblast (5 communities):

- Jalal-Abad city: TPC "Kurmanbek" and "Sputnik"
- Suzak rayon: AA "Suzak", "Tash-Bulak", and "Atabekov"

Batken oblast (2 communities)

- Leilek rayon: AA "Kulundu" and "Jany-Jer"

Issyk-Kul oblast (2 communities):

- Karakol city
- Jeti-Oguz rayon: AA "Yrdyk"

Talas oblast (4 communities):

- Talas city
- Bakai-Ata rayon: AA "Bakai-Ata"
- Kara-Buura rayon: AA "Kyzyl-Adyr" and "Amanbaevo"

The project target audience:

- Local self-governmental bodies (*aiyl okmotu* and local *kenesh*) and public organizations (women and youth committees, courts of *aksakals*, public-preventive centers, etc.)
- Religious leaders, who enjoy people's respect and authority to promote peace and respect among people.

This target audience plays an important role in community life and can assist in building peace in the country through their work in communities. They can promote social values and culture, responsible behavior and civic liability among people.

Undoubtedly, the main project beneficiaries are residents of communities - representatives of different social, ethnic, and age groups, for whom and with whom all project initiatives are implemented.

In order that local leaders could popularize values of peace and tolerance among people, it was necessary to train them how to work with the population. For that purpose special trainings were arranged for representatives of aiyl okmotu, local kenesh, public organizations, and religious leaders of each target community. In total, 13 trainings were conducted, and more than 400 people participated in the trainings. Local leaders received skills on the following topics: interethnic accord, rights of women and children, peaceful ways of conflict resolution. The training sessions gave people an opportunity to share their experience, discuss issues related to conflicts in Kyrgyzstan. Representatives of SALSG&IR, SCRA, RBMK, and independent experts on conflictology and religion were the training speakers. Together with the training participants they discussed problematic and burning community issues and searched for possible ways and activities to work with the problems.

Trainings called on us to unity, compassion, and not to be indifferent. We managed to express our opinions free, without shyness, and listened to other people. I understood that before starting something, you should know for what purpose you are going to do it, and after you need to develop a correct action plan, shared his impressions one of the participants of the training in Jany-Jer AA, Leilek rayon of Batken oblast.

After trainings, local self-governmental bodies and religious leaders arranged and conducted a number of activities with support of the project. The activities were aimed at improving interethnic situation in communities. Initiatives are called «communication for development» and contribute to improving the interethnic situation and are parts of the Framework for Strengthening Cohesion of the Nation and Interethnic Relations in the KR.

At the same time, the project works with religious institutions such as madrasah where it is planned to include the subject «education for peace» in madrasah curriculum. This subject combines modern theory of conflict resolution and religious doctrine and ethnic principles, as well as covers the issues of mutual communication, building contacts, preventing violence on sex ground, and conducting healthy way of life. For successful development and implementation of the subject, the curriculum of current madrasahs was analyzed. The analysis focused on the following issues: organizing of the learning process in madrasah, subjects to study, and teachers' capacity. The work is conducted on creating a database of religious leaders who can teach this subject. It is planned to select 40 madrasahs and integrate «education for peace» in their curriculums.

In autumn 2015, it is planned to arrange intercultural oblast festivals with participation of youth of target communities. It is expected that festivals will be platforms for communication and interaction among students of secondary schools and madrasahs. The theme of festivals will be related to education, diversity, respect and protection of human rights, observing the rule of law and promoting tolerance to reduce disagreements on the basis of ethnicity, age, social or other status.

INITIATIVES

«COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT»

«Communication for development» is one of the most important project components. The activities within this component are initiated and conducted by community residents themselves under the guidance of local self-governmental bodies and religious leaders. LSG working groups and religious leaders' working groups were established to review the proposed ideas and identify the main initiatives taking into account the situation in communities. In the period of January-June 2015, with consulting support of FTI and Mutakallim, the working groups arranged and implemented 46 initiatives in 23 communities. The project allocated 300 US dollars for each initiative to acquire necessary goods and services to conduct the activities.



Initiatives of LSG and religious leaders were diverse, including joint social and ecological actions, public discussions, cleaning days, sports games, exhibitions, camps, contests, and other activities aimed at overcoming current interethnic barriers. Each community has managed to arrange work, involve residents, and state bodies and heartened to improve the situation. In this bulletin we will tell about some of the initiatives.

The project implementation has shown that during participation in joint activities people are no longer divided based on ethnicity. Achieving of a joint goal becomes an important thing for them. All participants have emphasized that there is a need to meet more often, and do something together. Such activities bring people together, remove artificial psychological barriers, help to understand each other better and recognize the uniqueness of each person.

The established dialogue needs logical continuation. In the period of July-November 2015, the second phase of the initiatives is expected. The same number of initiatives (46 initiatives) will be arranged and implemented, however it will be joint initiatives of local self-governmental bodies and religious leaders.

The initiative

«Shireleshken dostuk», city of Talas

The working group of Talas city under the guidance of the mayor proposed an original idea to arrange a 1-day camp «Shirleshken dostuk» («Strong friendship»). The idea was to arrange cultural and entertaining activities with participation of youth and city residents of different ethnic groups during one day in different parts of the city. The working group headed by the mayor involved as partners the representatives of SALS&IR, Talas City and Rayon Department of the Ministry of Labor, Migration, and Youth of the KR, the State Motor Vehicles Inspection, youth artistic groups, individuals and professional lyceum №90. In addition to the project funds, the mayor's office allocated resources from the local budget to arrange meals and souvenirs for participants. The lyceum managers took a responsibility for sewing special headscarves for participants as distinctive attributes.

The camp was inaugurated on June 5 by the mayor of Talas A.K. Kushubekov. In his speech he emphasized the multi-ethnicity of the city, and the necessity to make efforts to preserve and strengthen friendship between all ethnicities. The opening ceremony was held in the national complex «Manas Ordo», where participants paid tribute of respect to Kyrgyz heroes and conducted a rite «zyiarat». The main activities took place in Talas forest, where sports games and artistic performances were conducted with participation of more than 65 young people. Moreover, master classes on modern and folk dances were arranged. After contests, all participants received souvenirs. The event was finalized by representatives of different ethnic groups: they released pigeons into the sky as a symbol of peace, friendship, and unity among residents of Talas city.



Boys and girls, and we too like the camp very much. We love lively communication, contests, and sports competitions. It helped us to know each other better, become good friends. Previous stereotypes we heard or imagined about each other are being to be overcome, said about the camp V.B. Riffel-Kalashnikov, a representative of the German diaspora.

The initiative «Strengthening interethnic accord and unity in Kyrgyzstan» of the territorial public council «Kurmanbek», city of Jalal-Abad

In TPC «Kurmanbek» of Jalal-Abad city, women-otynchas (Note: educators) conducted a series of workshops for members of women's organizations. The workshops were aimed at explaining the principles of religious tolerance, promoting diversity in Islam; informing about activities of destructive organizations, the essence of radicalism and terrorism in Kyrgyzstan, and activities of law-enforcement agencies on preventing and counteracting religious extremist organizations. During the workshops participants also discussed the role of women in conflict prevention. During preparation to the workshop the initiative group used materials of the manual «Building Peace and Interethnic Accord in Kyrgyzstan» and other materials of the trainings conducted in the framework of the project. The workshops' speakers included representatives of law-enforcement agencies (the 10th Main Department on Counteracting Extremism of the Ministry for Internal Affairs of the KR), senior officials of айыл окмоту, representatives of aksakals' court, and women committees. Presence of a wide range of actors has motivated women to participate actively in peacebuilding initiatives in their communities.

The workshops were conducted in February 2015. 70 women participated in the workshops.



I like the project idea on joint work with people and representatives of different communities on conflict prevention. During that event I built communication with community leaders and religious leaders. Now we cooperate and conduct joint explanatory work among people. For me, the most important acquisition is trust relations and established contacts, and valuable knowledge and skills, shared his impression about the event Abdisalam Dushiev, a staff of the 10th Main Department of MIA of the KR.

The forum against school racketeering in aiyl aimak «Ak-Tash», Kara-Suu rayon, Osh oblast.

School racketeering is an important problem in the country. On April 28, in aiyl aimak «Ak-Tash» of Kara-Suu rayon this issue became a topic of the forum on prevention of racketeering and crimes among teenagers. School racket is not based on ethnicity or social status, but it can grow into interethnic enmity, if a victim and a racketeer represent different ethnic groups.

The forum participants included both teenagers, and police staff, teachers, and parents (approx. 60 people). The problem was approached off the beaten path: the problem was shown in the form of a theater performance. For staging a theater performance, participants of a forum theater which cooperates with the Foundation for Tolerance International were invited. Members of the forum theater made a performance on the topic of school racketeering among girls and boys. The theater performance gave a spur to hectic discussions, because the performance allows spectators to become actors and participate in the dramatized show to search for ways out of the negative situation. During the discussion the following causes of racketeering were emphasized: migration, lack of leisure-time activity, parents' irresponsibility in relation to their children, and weak coordination among all structures on racket preventing activities.

The focus of the discussion was not on searching guilty persons, but on searching ways of problem resolution. Adults and children talked about what should be done at family, community, and country level in order to solve the problem. At the level of Ak-Tash aiyl aimak, participants recommended to conduct regular meetings and explanatory work with school students to inform them about harm of racketeering and responsibility for unlawful activities.



The initiative

«Through sport to interethnic accord» of aiył aimak «Kyzyl Adyr», Kara-Buura rayon, Talas oblast

On April 26, the religious leaders gathered at one ground all people who love sport and want to lead a healthy lifestyle. People of different ethnicities, including Turks, Kyrgyzes, Kurds, and others (approx. 50 residents) played football, chess, and arm wrestling. Such competitions are rather regular in Kara-Buura rayon. Boys and girls participate in oblast and even republican competitions. However, it was for the first time, when sports competitions were arranged by religious leaders. Representatives of Kurd diaspora were newcomers to such competitions. In spite of rain and strong wind, everybody was inspired by playing football, and nobody wanted to leave the football field.

Chess competitions were arranged among juniors. Aibek Seitkaziev, a student of the 9th form of A. Sulaimanov secondary school, won first place in chess. Arm wrestling competition among strongmen arouse significant interest. The winners of all games received diplomas and gifts.



Thank you very much for the invitation. Such event is conducted for the first time, and we are glad to participate. It will be great if such sports activities are conducted every year. As we know, sport brings people together and promotes youth development, shared her impressions Zemphira Karausmanogly, a head of Kurd Committee of Association of Kurds of Kyrgyzstan «Media» in Talas oblast.

The initiative

«We are for peace and friendship among people» of Jany-Jer aiyl aimak, Batken oblast

In aiyl aimak «Jany-Jer» people decided to raise the problem of excessive costs for conducting different events. Residents emphasize that costs for toi, wedding, funeral are very high and that situation causes displeasure among community residents and many family conflicts (families take loans, sell property, spend their last money, etc.). The working group organized a round table to discuss the problem. Directors of secondary schools, imams, representatives of women and youth committees, aksakals' courts, village heads, police officers, and deputies of local kenesh participated in the round table. The result of the meeting was achieving of general understanding that it is necessary to struggle against excessive costs. Moreover, it was decided to develop a regulation «About reduction of costs in aiyl aimak Jany-Jer». The village imam Seyitbek Polotov asked his colleagues to use every opportunity to call people to stop wasting money.



On a par with adults, young people also raised the problem of wastefulness. Youth arranged essay and drawing contests on that theme. On April 24, a solemn exhibition with works of young people was conducted under a slogan: «We are for peace and friendship among people». Drawings of participants were presented in the foyer of the House of Culture. In their essays and drawings students tried to cover two issues: excessive costs during different events; and the theme of peace, tolerance, and interethnic friendship and unity. After the contest, the best works were printed out at special banners and hung in public places of aiyl aimak. All contest participants received gifts on behalf of the project and the management of aiyl aimak Jany-Jer.

THE FESTIVAL

«Multi-Cultural Day» in aiyl aimak «Yrdyk», Issyk-Kul oblast

The festival «Multi-Cultural Day» took place in Yusuf Khazreta secondary school of Yrdyk village of Yrdyk aiyl aimak, where representatives of Uigur, Kyrgyz, Dungan, Kazakh, Russian and other ethnicities live.

Through the festival, residents of aiyl aimak would like to involve youth – school students, who live and study in different schools and are divided based on ethnicity, in a creative process of learning culture of each other. Children participated in song, dance, and poetry contests; they found new friends, communicated, shared their impressions about current interesting and funny events. During the festival people sang Russian, Kyrgyz, Dungan, and Uzbek folk songs and performed dances. The festival was deeply didactic: children have seen the diversity of cultures and the unity of people of different ethnicities living in Kyrgyzstan. During the process of preparation to the events, friendly relations were established among youth of different ethnicity and age. More than 30 school students of 5-11 forms participated in the event.



I would like to thank the initiative group of Yrdyk village, which gained support of the project: «Multi-sectoral Cooperation for Interethnic Peacebuilding in Kyrgyzstan». First of all, I would like to thank them for paying attention to children, as children are our future, expressed her opinion Z. Yusupova, a director of Yusuf Khazreta secondary school.

The bicycle tour «Youth for peace» in Karakol city

Karakol is one of the oldest cities of the modern Kyrgyzstan. It is famous for its ethnic diversity and culture. City residents headed by the mayor, rectors of universities, directors of vocational and training schools, administration of secondary schools decided to arrange the bicycle tour with participation of boys and girls – representatives of different ethnic groups. The main purpose of the event was to attract attention of the city residents to the issues of diversity and peaceful coexistence of people, irrespective of their sex, age, and ethnicity. At the same time, for bicyclists the event was a platform for communication and establishing friendly relations with each other.

The bicycle tour was arranged on April 23 under the slogan: «Youth for peace». Young bicyclists accompanied by the City Motor Vehicles Inspection, rode through the city, calling people not to be indifferent to life in the city and in the country. Representatives of the mayor's office and governmental agencies, prominent city residents, representatives of different ethnic groups made welcoming speeches and as well as young residents they called people to peace and accord.



THE INITIATIVE «From knowledge to actions» of Tash-Bulak aiyl aimak, Jalal-Abad oblast

Religious leaders and residents of Yntymak village together with the social department of aiyl okmotu decided to conduct negotiations between residents of aiyl aimak, aiyl okmotu, and a municipal enterprise to solve the problem of waste. In Yntymak village in the traffic area a hole about 15 meters wide and 10 meters deep was dug. Local residents began to use it as a refuse pit. First of all, the pit blocked the road, and, second, village residents accused each other of throwing garbage to the pit. Nobody wanted to be responsible for waste removal and problem resolution. The initiative group used the provided project funds for buying road metal, and involved residents in waste removal activities. As a result, 25 truckloads of road metal were delivered, and the hole was filled up and leveled by graders. Due to joint work, residents stopped scolding on the subject of the hole.



KVN «Peace, friendship, and unity» i n aiyl aimak «Chek-Abad», Osh oblast

On March 20, 2015 KVN of friendship was held under the slogan: «Ynty-mak, dostuk, jana birimdik» («Peace, friendship, and unity») among students of three schools of Chek-Abad aiyl aimak. Until recently joint initiatives among school students were rare in aiyl aimak. Disunity and dividing based on ethnicity was observed. There were no points of contact between school students. The initiative group decided to conduct KVN (amateur arts contest) to establish positive communication and relationship between youth of monoethnic communities of Khizirabad and Kuchbaev villages.

School students liked the idea of organizing KVN and worked enthusiastically: teams conducted preparatory work, developed creative numbers, and built communication between each other. Spectators, participants, adults and children enjoyed teams' performances. All participants tried to say good words about culture and traditions of different ethnic groups, living in the country. Moreover, they found out that hospitality is a common feature of all Central Asia people. During «blitz-questions» all teams showed good knowledge of Kyrgyzstan history.

The peculiarity of the game was that teams were mixed in order that school students from different schools could communicate and prepare to the game together and establish the environment of unity (each team included 4 people from each of three schools). Positive dynamics, competition, and, of course, mutual support among participants were observed during the event. A small event, but participants will feel joy of the event for a long time.



THE INITIATIVE

«Islam and peace», Nookat town

Having knowledge and understanding of the foundations of the religion and its correct interpretation not only by religious leaders, but by students of madrasahs, is one of the important postulates for building peace. In this connection the initiative group of religious leaders of Nookat town decided to arrange a contest on reading and interpretation of Islam norms on peace, tolerance, diversity, and respect for human rights. The contest had to show the necessity of not only reading skills, but understanding and interpretation of the read text.

The contest was held on January 25 in Moldo Taabaldy madrasah of Nookat town separately for girls and boys. In total, 60 people participated in the contest. During reading, participants discussed the foundations of Islam, and religious principles of peace. Moreover, there were a discussion about the role and status of women in Islam, in particular, about respect, care and protection of women. The participants told about Khadises giving examples of tolerance and respect for diversity. Favorable environment of the contest promoted communication and friendship among youth.



THE INITIATIVE

«A happy mixed family» of aiyl aimak «Atabekov», Jalal-Abad oblast

The initiative group of aiyl aimak «Atabekov» under guidance of aiyl okmotu decided to show positive examples of people's life to demonstrate that ethnicity, age, and social status are not important when people love each other.

Together with residents, a festival «A happy mixed family» was arranged. The festival program included dances, songs, and special contests for participants. 10 interethnic families of aiyl aimak were invited to participate in the festival. The youngest couple married two years before, and the most prominent couple married 39 years before.

Not all families agreed to participate in contests quickly, because they did not believe that their mixed marriage could be interesting and serve an example for somebody. In some cases, parents of young couple were against their participation in the festival. However, after the beginning of the festival, and each minute the attitude of participants and spectators to the festival changed positively. The event was opened by the respected family, who in their welcoming speech emphasized that difficulties were not caused by ethnic belonging, they were caused by unwillingness to listen, understand, respect and compromise. The couple noted that their love became even stronger after many years of marriage, and they wish the same to all participants and couples.

Changes happened among spectators too. One of aksakals said that he regretted that he had not permitted his children to participate, because he had thought their participation in the contest would have been inappropriate. The project would like to share the impression of one of participants:

In our family we had a difficult period, when quarrels were often, however in public we looked happy, maybe because of that we were invited as a happy family. I was worried, how we would participate, when we have such problems. But the process of preparation to the festival, discussions, what and how we should show in order people could understand that the problem is not in the ethnic belonging, but in mutual understanding and mutual respect. And we reconciled unwittingly for ourselves. We became even more united family. Maybe the status of «A happy family» imposes a responsibility, said a smiling female participant of the contest.



Planting of greenery in aiyl aimak «Amanbaevo», Kara-Buura rayon, Talas oblast

Since olden time a tree is a symbol of peace, life, prosperity, welfare, health, and love. Joint planning of trees is a good way to arrange green spaces in aiyl aimak. Moreover, joint work creates the sense of unity and friendly relations among people. Residents of aiyl aimak «Amanbaevo» participated in activities on planting trees, flowers, and cleaning of the village territory. Activities took place on April 19, and May 7 under guidance of LSG and religious leaders.

Among those who planted trees and flowers were aiyl okmotu staff, representatives of women and youth committees, aksakals' courts, religious leaders and community leaders, social specialists, and, of course, village residents (Kyrgyzes, Dungans, and Turks). On May 7, people, who participated in the cleaning day, arranged a small concert, where local talents sang songs, and performed dances after fruitful work.

The event united residents, joint work promoted establishing of respectful and friendly relations between groups. Moreover, it motivated youth to work and promoted understanding of the diversity in the society, tolerance, as well as care of environment.



Town, village, in which there are favorable conditions for work and upbringing children is the earnest of peace, emphasized one of aksakals, the participant of the action.

Appendix A. A list of communities and their initiatives «Communication for Development»

Initiatives of local self-governmental bodies	Initiatives of religious leaders
Osh oblast	
<p>Kara-Suu rayon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiyl aimak «Shark» arranged sports contest among youth, March 9, 2015. • Aiyl aimak «Kyzyl-Kyshtak» arranged sports games among youth, May 6, 2015. <p>Nookat rayon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiyl aimak «Mirmakhmudov» arranged a round table on the theme of family conflicts and wastefulness, March 24, 2015. • Aiyl aimak «Gulistan» conducted sports games, March 25, 2015. <p>Osh city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPC «Amir-Timur» arranged a contest «We are family» among secondary school students, March 2, 2015. • TPC «Alymbek Datka» arranged a festival, devoted to the unity of people, March 19, 2015. 	<p>Kara-Suu rayon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious leaders of aiyl aimak «Shark» conducted explanatory hutba among youth about interethnic accord, 1-2 February, 2015. • Religious leaders of aiyl aimak «Ak-Tash» conducted a meeting in mosque concerning: «Peace in Kyrgyzstan», January 30, 2015. <p>Nookat rayon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious leaders conducted a meeting among residents of Mirmakhmudov village on the theme of interethnic accord, January 24, 2015. • Religious leaders of «Gulistan» aiyl aimak arranged a meeting among residents on the theme of interethnic accord, January 23, 2015. <p>Osh city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious leaders of TPC «Amir-Timur» conducted hutba on the theme: «Peace among people», January 27, 2015. • Religious leaders of TPC «Alymbek Datka» conducted hutba on the theme: «We are citizens of Kyrgyzstan», January 30, 2015. • Religious leaders of TPC «Sheyit Dobo» arranged a meeting of residents on the theme: «Peace and accord», January 26, 2015. <p>Aravan rayon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious leaders of aiyl aimak «Chek-Abad» arranged hutba on the theme: «Peace among people», January 23, 2015.

Jalal-Abad oblast

Jalal-Abad city:

- TPC «Kurmanbek» together with community residents arranged the celebration of Nooruz, March 18, 2015.
- TPC «Sputnik» together with community residents arranged the celebration of Nooruz, March 20, 2015.

Suzak rayon:

- Aiyl aimak «Suzak» together with community residents arranged the celebration of Nooruz, March 21, 2015.

Jalal-Abad city:

- Religious leaders of TPC «Sputnik» arranged seminars for women's organizations on strengthening interethnic accord, February 21, 2015.

Suzak rayon:

- Religious leaders conducted a seminar on the theme: «Strengthening interethnic accord», February 18, 2015.

Talas oblast

Kara-Buura rayon:

- Aiyl aimak «Kyzyl-Adyr» conducted an event devoted to the Victory Day and called people to interethnic tolerance, May 7, 2015.

Bakai-Ata rayon:

- Aiyl aimak «Ak-Dobo» cleaned and planted the territory and arranged a concert, May 5, 2015.

Talas city:

- The central city mosque arranged a cleaning day under the slogan «This is the place we will live», April 14, 2015.

Bakai-Ata rayon:

- Religious leaders together with residents cleaned the territory of Khalim Inay madrasah, April 17, 2015.

Batken oblast

Leilek rayon:

- Aiyl aimak Kulundu arranged a festival of friendship among school students, April 23, 2015.

Leilek rayon:

- Religious leaders arranged a cleaning day in the territory of Tair madrasah in Kulundu village
- Religious leaders of aiyl aimak Jany-Jer arranged cleaning works in the territory of Al-Khidayat mosque, June 4, 2015.

Issyk-Kul oblast

Jeti-Oguz rayon:

- Aiyl aimak «Yrdyk» arranged the celebration of the International Children's Day, June 1, 2015.

Karakol city:

- Religious leaders arranged a round table on interethnic accord, May 15, 2015.

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