One of the main strategic directions of social policy of the Kyrgyz Republic is to provide the population and other consumers with tap water and sewage.

Objective of the Programme: Rural and urban communities in Kyrgyzstan have sustainable and equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation (DWSS) by improving the legal environment and management capacity at the national and local levels.

Results

Local level

- 4 pilot communities were selected in the south regions of Kyrgyzstan: Samalyk, Kara-Kulja, Kara-Bak local communities of Osh region, and Dara local community of Batken region.
- 5 demonstration WASH projects were implemented in 4 pilot communities.
- 250 people (47% of them are women) have been trained.
- 23 leaders from the 4 pilot communities were selected.
- 1 technical support center of Community Drinking Water Users Union (CDWUU) was established.
- 4 local development plans were prepared with the consideration of DWSS aspects and gender equality.

National level

- The first Kyrgyz National Coordinating Council on DWSS was established.
- Dialogue on DWSS issues at the national and local levels was initiated.
- The set of equipment transferred to the DWSS Department.
- Website of the DWSS Department was upgraded.

Legal framework of DWSS sector was improved

- Law on Drinking Water;
- Law on Local Governance;
- Bylaw on Terms of use in the system of drinking water supply and sanitation;
- Methodological recommendations on price- and tariff determination for rural associations of drinking water supply.