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## Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management and Fostering Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia

**National Component:  
Development and Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management Strategies in Kyrgyzstan**



## Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management and Fostering Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia

“Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Fostering Transboundary Dialogue in Central Asia” is a regional project implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

The key issue for the region is a more efficient water resources management, rather than water deficiency.

This Project is to provide further advancement of IWRM already initiated in the partner countries that have been created by previous projects and other initiatives, and will in particular build on successful experiences at both national and transboundary levels.

### Expected Results of the Project:

- Contribution to the elaboration and implementation of the IWRM strategies in Kyrgyzstan;
- Contribution to the elaboration and implementation of IWRM strategies in Tajikistan;
- Strengthening the transboundary dialogue and cooperation in the Ili-Balkhash Basin;
- Improved capacities and IWRM dialogue on the regional level.

## National Component: Development and Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Strategies in Kyrgyzstan



The Kyrgyz Republic is well endowed with water resources and has a great water potential. In the context of climate change, growing water scarcity, the rising

impact of water sector on economy, water has become one of the key aspects of sustainable development in Kyrgyzstan.

The main objectives in the development of Kyrgyz water sector are outlined in the country’s Water Code: a shift to hydrographic (basin) method of water governance, coordination of interests of all water-consuming industries, involvement of public organizations in the management processes.

One of the most effective ways to address these issues is to develop and implement strategies for integrated water resources management (IWRM).

National component “Development and Implementation of Integrated Water Resources strategies in Kyrgyzstan” focuses on elaboration of approaches to improve water management system in the country, and implements pilot projects in the framework of IWRM principles.



## Development and Implementation of IWRM Strategies in Kyrgyzstan: Aims and Objectives of the Component

The project focuses on specific interventions to improve and facilitate:

- Irrigation, rural water supply and sanitation sectors;
- Coordination in development and implementation of IWRM and institutional reforms in water sector;
- Development of cross-border dialogue on selected water basin.

### Expected Results:

- Improved irrigation technologies which demonstrate feasibility of obtaining high crop yields with reduced water use for irrigation;
- Elaborated plans for improvement of rural water supply and sanitation based on results of pilot projects which showcase practical management tools and provide feasibility studies of donor funding;
- Elaborated realistic national strategy for development and implementation of IWRM, institutional reforms, financial policy, investment plans that will optimize the water sector;
- Support to bilateral Kyrgyz-Tajik cooperation on joint water management in the selected basin.
- Support to bilateral Kyrgyz-Kazakh cooperation on joint water management in the Chu-Talas basin.