Global Virtual Workshop

Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19

Case Study: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

August 12, 2020
Bishkek is the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic

**Area**: 169 sq.km

**Population**: 1053,9 mln people.

As of January – June, 2020:

- **GRP**: 1197,8 mln USD (real growth – 92,4%)
- **Industry**: 209976 USD (real growth – 95,3%)
- **Market services**: 1481,2 USD (real growth – 84,2%)
- **Trade turnover, car and motorcycle repair**: 1008,1 USD (real growth – 81,4%)
- **Investments in fixed assets**: 199024 USD (real growth – 90,4%)
Brief description of Covid-19 crisis in the city

- **March 16, 2020:** a City Shtab on Minimizing Negative Impact from External Factors Connected with COVID-19 and Achieving Economic Stability in Bishkek City
- **March 22, 2020:** Emergency Situation, Civil Defense Commission
- **March 25, 2020 – May 10, 2020:** the State of Emergency (the curfew from 20.00 p.m. to 07.00 a.m.)
- **May 11, 2020:** Quarantine (The List of Allowed Economic Activities)
- **As of August 11, 2020:** 16782 infected (7320 confirmed cases and 9462 pneumonia cases), or 41.48% from all infected in Kyrgyzstan, 666 deaths
- **Hotline 118:** 105157 calls
- **Application Stop COVID-19:** 3106 downloads
- **From July 4, 2020:** 16 contemporary field hospitals, 98561 patients (currently, 6 with 631 treatment beds)
Main economic and financial impacts

**Labour Markets**
- Officially registered unemployed people in Bishkek City: 5539 people, or 96,5% compared to the same period of 2019 (1st quarter 2020).
- Level of official unemployed people in Bishkek City: 1,1%

**Business Environment**
- During emergency situation and state of emergency, 88,8% of economic entities temporarily suspended its activities
- 69,48% of employees tele-commute and/or leave without pay

**Financial Environment**
- As for January-June 2020, the revenues of the local budget of Bishkek City: 45874 USD against the plan of 56481 USD, the plan is fulfilled by 81,2%, non-fulfillment: 10606,4 mln USD.
- Compared to the same period in 2019, the growth rate of actual receipts: 87,7% (fact in January-June 2019: 52335 USD), which is less by 8258,4 USD.
Crisis response

The City Shtab on Minimizing Negative Impact from External Factors Connected with COVID-19 and Achieving Economic Stability in Bishkek City

- Monitors social economic state of Bishkek City
- Monitors prices on socially significant food products in the retail sale and analyzes its stock on a daily basis
- Develop effective mechanisms of countering possible negative impacts of external factors on urban economics in the context of the possible coronavirus spread

- The Action Plan of the City Shtab
Examples of local response and recovery measures

- The Mayor’s Office of Bishkek City announced the collection of voluntary donations to a special account of Bishkek City.
- As of August 1, 2020, a special account of the Mayor’s Office received an amount of 148807 USD in the form of voluntary donations from individuals and legal entities. In total, an amount of 124781 USD is allocated from a special account for the provision of targeted social assistance to vulnerable groups.
- As of August 11, 2020, 151067 citizens have received the aid (food packages).
- Bishkek City Hall has received humanitarian aid from 7 sister cities (masks, protective costumes, etc.).
- Bishkek City Council has adopted the resolution on amending the approved local budget for 2020, where revenue and expenditure parts of the budget are optimized by about 3896,1 USD.
- Private sector, volunteer community and civil society unite its efforts in organizing volunteering help (New York times, RBK).
Mid- to long-term economic recovery strategy/plans

Development of the draft Action Plan of the Mayor’s Office of Bishkek City for 2020 to recover economic activity and support the activities of entrepreneurship entities

- Economics
- Budget
- Employment creation

- Engage structural units of the Mayor’s Office of Bishkek City (Department of Economics and Finance, Municipal Administrations in City Districts, etc.)
Thank you for your attention