

ONE-OFF AID TO LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Successful implementation of economic and social development programs in the Issyk-Kul oblast is among the company's top priorities.

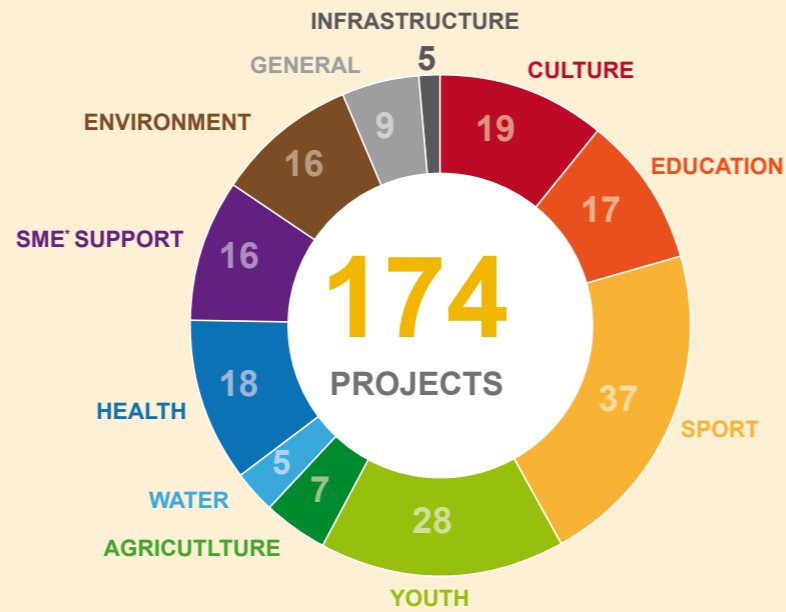
Kumtor Gold Company strives to contribute to the development of the region in accordance with the area's Sustainable Development Strategy.

The strategy includes four main directions:

- development of the agricultural sector;
- support of small and medium businesses;
- engagement of the youth and support of educational initiatives;
- ecology.

These principles are also applied when the company reviews requests for lending one-time aid to the local communities.

* Small & Medium Enterprises



44,104,700 KGS CONTRIBUTED

TRAFFIC AND DUST ASSESSMENT STUDY

This year Kumtor Gold Company starts a new type of monitoring on the technical road, leading to the mine site. The ninety-kilometer-long road passes through Barskoon village in Djeti-Oguz district.

Two types of special device were established along the road with the assistance of independent experts, representatives of the public environmental organizations, as well as members of the Jashyl Oi youth eco-camp.

The first device is an automated counter that collects data on the number of passing cars, their size, and the direction of their movement.

The second type traps and collects dust. Dust sampling in forty dust traps will be implemented in two ways: analysis of the dust components, and the concentration of heavy metals contained in it.

The Company involved representatives of the local community to ensure transparency of research. These devices have been installed by Kumtor according to the recommendation of AMEC, an international consulting company, which advises the Kyrgyz Government on environmental issues in the negotiation process with the Centerra Gold Inc.

The purpose of this work is to get scientifically proven data on the influence of dust on the environment. All results and measurements will be sent on a monthly basis to Alex Stuart - an independent laboratory. Once the data is received, Kumtor can make informed judgments and take any required action if necessary.



Vehicle counter device logs direction and size of vehicles traveling on the technical road.



Jashyl-Oi eco-camp participant installing a dust trap.

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RAISING A RESPONSIBLE GENERATION

Planning and caring for the future generations are an integral part of development and well-being of our country. For many years, Kumtor Gold Company has been supporting various educational, cultural, and sports endeavors aimed

at the development of inner potential of the youth. The company always responds to the young people's requests and is keen to contribute resources to the rising generation as the youth is the ascending backbone of the country.

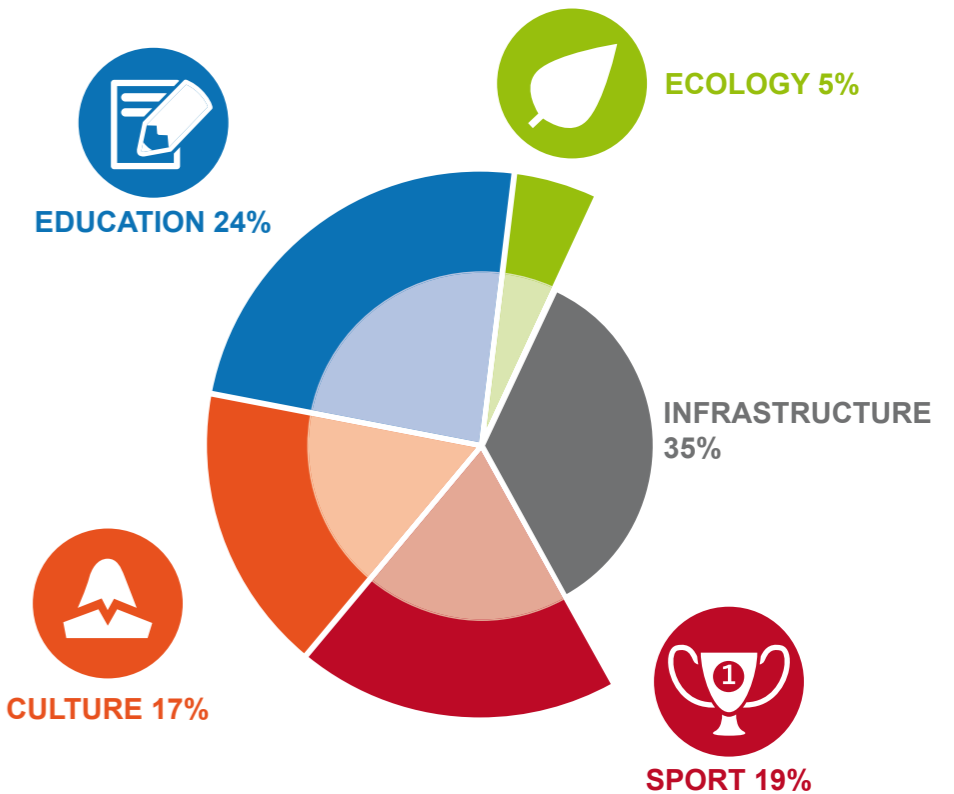


ISSYK-KUL REGION YOUTHBANKS

The "YouthBanks for Issyk-Kul" project started in 2013 and has been run in the region by the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) for almost two years now.

Thanks to this program, many urgent undertakings have been completed in the villages, including the repair of infrastructure facilities. Most importantly though, the youth aged 14-25 have been given a remarkable opportunity to make their own contribution to the development of their region. Read more about this project in this issue.

From the beginning of the project until now, the participants of "YouthBanks" implement their ideas in a variety of areas. All the projects are socially orientated, with a clear purpose of benefitting their communities. The number of projects is detailed below.



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SUPPORTING YOUNG SPORTSMEN OF ISSYK-KUL



The opening ceremony of a newly built football field took place in Tort Kul village of Ton district in November. Kumtor Company financed the construction of the football field and local authorities provided the land for the field. The budget to build the field was 2.85 million soms.

Kanatbek Arpachiev the head of Tork Kul local authorities: **"We are happy to have modern fenced field, with illumination and special carpet"**.

Jety Oguz village is famous for the accomplishments of its Tae Kwon Do sportsmen. Five fighters won country championship titles. All of them are trainees of Issyk-Kul branch of the Tae Kwon Do association WTF Kyrgyzstan.

Kumtor Company provided 250m² of special mats, to improve the training environment of the students. At present around 60 sportsmen, aged from 7 to 25 years attend trainings in three groups.



In early November Kumtor football team from Karakol won the youth division championship in its debut season. In the crucial match, Karakol beat the team from Abdysh Ata. Kumtor allocated around 1 million soms for the team sponsorship in 2014; allowing the team to buy kits and travel to matches.

LARGE-SCALE RENOVATION OF ISSYK-KUL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

Three departments of Issyk-Kul province hospital: therapeutic, hemodialysis, and bacteriological laboratory were recently renovated with financial support of Kumtor Gold Company.



Large-scale renovation of water supply system, replacement of doors and windows, floors, heating system and finishing works were completed to a value of 5.5 million soms.

KUMTOR COMPANY RESTORES THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE ISSYK-KUL REGION VILLAGES

A new deep ground pump was installed in Eshperov village to provide the villagers with drinking water. New equipment and pipes were delivered and assembled with the support of Kumtor Gold Company.

the Issyk-Kul Development Fund and Kumtor Gold Company.

The excavator serves six villages in the area, with a population of over 16,000 people.



"Due to deterioration of the existing equipment we always suffered huge water losses even before the water reached the houses of the villagers. We are grateful to have our plea heard and now all inhabitants, which is about 2000 people, have access to pure water", - noted the head of village authority of Bolot-Mambet rural district Ilichbek Kokorov.

A new excavator was added to the vehicle fleet of Jety-Oguz local authorities by virtue of a Swiss project,

It will be used in different ways, including in irrigation channels cleanups, garbage removal and at alleviation of possible natural disasters.

SUPPORTING THE MUSEUM AND KINDERGARTEN IN BALKYCHY

The museum dedicated to the life and creative work of Sayakbai Karalaev, the greatest narrator of the Kyrgyz Manas epic was established in Balykchy.



The opening ceremony coincided with the celebration of 120 years anniversary of the great narrator. Kumtor Gold Company provided financial support to acquire and set up the necessary exhibition equipment. The museum is now open and welcomes everyone interested from the town and further afield.



New playgrounds, furniture and home appliances were purchased and installed in the kindergarten "Maksat", Balykchy town. Overall 20 bunk beds, 6 play cabinets, 8 five-door wardrobes, towel shelves, 120 chairs, 6 benches and a fridge were purchased. The capacity of the kindergarten and has been increased and the children's learning environment has been improved. Three new playgrounds were also established with Kumtor's help, allowing the children to enjoy playing outside even more.

"The project participants are united by one common goal – to contribute to the development of their region."

Interview with Shavkat Abdujabarov, Project Manager, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA)

The two-year YouthBank project is nearing completion. What are some of the highlights of the project? What have you achieved? Has the program met your expectations?



The main goal of the project was to support the youth in implementing their own ideas, which were aimed at the development of their communities individually as well as the Issyk-Kul region as a whole. It was imperative

to show the young people that they can make their own decisions, help those in need and improve their region. We wanted the youth to grow their potential, not only just as individuals, but also as responsible members of a wider community. The YouthBanks project was implemented in six locations – Bokonbaevo, Tamga, Kyzyl-Suu, and Tyup villages and in the cities of Balykchy and Karakol. All in all, about 400 people aged 14-28 participated in the endeavor.

We had expected that the teens and young adults would have some difficulty understanding the concept prior the start of the project. That is why we arranged a series of seminars where the youth not only got introduced to the idea of youth banks, but were also trained how to properly submit applications.

The YouthBanks' members have successfully carried out about 140 projects so far. The projects were quite diverse and aimed at sports development, healthy lifestyle promotion, and rural infrastructure improvement such as bridge and playground construction. We've also had a number of educational projects.

What projects were special or extraordinary?

Each project was unique in its own way. Each small problem has a big story behind it. I was surprised at how sometimes a seemingly difficult issue can actually have a simple solution. The youth of the Tyup village, for one, solved the problem of transportation for the local government workers by purchasing bicycles for them. This has allowed for more efficient work for the workers. Moreover, the youth of the Tamga village dealt with important infrastructural concerns by committing resources to the reconstruction and building of small bridges. In Karakol the the young adults raised a question of recycling paper and encouraged the locals to do so by exchanging wastepaper for T-shirts or stationery.



What do you think the project has taught the youth?

First and foremost, young men and women that participated in the project saw their own significance and realized how much they can contribute to the development of their communities. In my opinion, it is very important to give young people an opportunity to understand the problems of the region from within, make their own independent decisions, apply ideas in the real world, and, above all, have faith in the successful implementation of these ideas. All participants are united by one big goal – to make their own contribution to the development of their region.

SUCCESS! ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR THE KARAKOL CHILDREN

Karina Almazova, a 10th grade student of the Karakol school #14, filed an application with an idea of conducting English language lessons for children coming from disadvantaged families.

"I really enjoyed teaching and seeing my students improve."

Over the period of 2 months about 20 kids aged 12-14 attended classes organized by Karina. "My friends and I have been going to different kinds of training programs and classes in Karakol for several years now. However, not all can afford expensive classes. So, the four of us decided to pass our knowledge on to others free of charge, and we were able to do so thanks to the YouthBanks project. We taught the kids twice a week, which was an invaluable experience".

SOLVING THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Janara Kubanchbek kyzy applied to the YouthBanks project because she had always wanted to help the Kelechek children's home in Kyzyl-Suu village. She proposed building a chicken house on the territory of the orphanage. At the moment the construction is well under way. Janara suggested that not only would the chicken house provide the kids with fresh eggs, but it would also teach them to take care of the poultry. The chicken house is designed for 20 birds.

"I was very happy such a great project as the YouthBank started in our region. It allowed me to help the kids at the children's home. I hope they will learn to take care of the birds, and these acquired skills will prove useful in the future."