

2.6. Kyrgyz Republic



<i>NPD launched</i>	2008
<i>Present NPD Chair(s) and strategic partners in government</i>	Department of Water Management and Melioration (Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration) Ministry of Economy, State Agency for Construction and Regional Development
<i>Sources of funding for NPD</i>	European Union, Government of Denmark, Government of Finland Government of Germany, Government of Norway, Government of Switzerland

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Strategic financial planning for WSS to achieve MDG targets.
- Implementation of IWRM principles, including the use of economic instruments.
- Support to basin planning and for establishment of basin councils with a pilot in the Chu basin.
- Improving coherence between the water and other sectoral policies (agri-food, energy).
- Setting and implementing targets in context of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NPD

- A national **financing strategy for urban and rural WSS** was developed, including an agreement on targets and policy recommendations to achieve the MDGs for WSS.
- Recommendations for reform options for economic instruments for WRM were developed through the NPD.
- Following the recommendations of the NPD, the government added **clear WSS development targets** to the latest National Strategy for Sustainable Development. The Government established a single body responsible for urban and rural WSS. The NPD also inspired the first formal state programme for WSS development.
- The River Basin Council for the transboundary Chu basin was set up by Ministerial Order. The first components of the **river basin management plan** have been drafted through the NPD. The National Water Council was established and it approved the country's basin boundaries in February 2013.

- Studies on application of modern water-saving irrigation technologies were conducted in 2014-2015 by national and international experts with a set of practical recommendations.
- Targets on water and health were set and adopted in 2013, providing a reference for other countries in the region. In 2016, a project started to assist Kyrgyzstan in meeting these targets.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Work will continue to support the Chu River Basin Council and preparation of the basin management plan.
- Work on methodologies for setting charges for the use of surface water resources and water bodies and the monetary evaluation of damage to surface water resources will continue with support from OECD.
- Implementation of two projects aimed at greater levels of water security through reform of rural WSS and improving coherence between the water and agri-food policies.
- Plan for implementation of the national water and health targets will be prepared and some of the targets implemented in 2016-2017 with assistance from UNECE.

