

2021 GOOD NEIGHBORS TAJIKISTAN ANNUAL REPORT



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From Tajikistan to the world, “We are Good Neighbors Tajikistan”

For the past 24 years, thanks to the support of our valuable sponsors, donors, partners, and volunteers, Good Neighbors Tajikistan has been designing and implementing good changes in the lives of our communities, and protecting children’s life, throughout the country.



Tajikistan Country Director & West Asia Regional Coordinator Foreword



WON IL HYOUNG

*Tajikistan Country Director
& West Asia Regional
Coordinator Good
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The ongoing pandemic has continued to create challenges in 2021. Nevertheless, with the hard work of our dedicated staff and the help of our international sponsors who trust our organization, we were able to press through these hurdles and accomplish our goals.

The negative effects of COVID-19 are causing more suffering to the poor and increasing economic inequality. The role of civil society organizations is more necessary now than ever before. To respond to these needs, we must increase our efforts to secure more resources and improve our capabilities to execute high-level project operations and perform at the highest caliber.

We were able to carry out more projects by securing more budget through stable fundraising efforts year after year, and 2021 was no exception. By expanding social economic projects, we provided opportunities for economic independence. Thank you once again to our supporters who believe in and support our organization.

The good news is that in 2021, the South Korean government has selected Tajikistan as its New Northern Policy partner, and more official development assistance funds from the South Korean government will be directed to Tajikistan over the next few years. Through this opportunity, we expect to carry out more national-level cooperative projects and partnerships through other Korean NGOs.

Good Neighbors International, which is emerging as a global international NGO, will continue its efforts to create better changes based on professionalism, accountability and transparency.

Once again, I would like to thank our Korean and international donors, colleagues from Good Neighbors Tajikistan, the Tajikistan government officials and the leaders, volunteers and residents of the Tajik community in our project areas our project areas.

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*Tajikistan Country Director & West Asia
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Good Neighbors International

Message From The Acting Country Director

Dear colleagues,

I express my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our work of helping children in Tajikistan and around the world.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Good Neighbors in Tajikistan stepped up its work to help the most vulnerable children and their families in 2021.

The commitment of local staff, partners, and Good Neighbor volunteers is as strong as ever. It is a commitment that means we can work together to meet the urgent needs of children while coping with the additional demands that the pandemic brings.

We invite you to take a look at our 2021 results and ensure that our work goes ahead in 2022. We are continually adapting to new realities and striving to do our best to give children the childhood and future they deserve.

In 2021, Good Neighbors in Tajikistan ran various programs and projects in the field of Education, Health and WASH, child protection, and income generation. Moreover, we have helped children and their families affected by the humanitarian crisis, especially in Khuroson and Kulob areas. Working together with the Ministry of Education and Science and the Republic In-Service Teacher Training Institute, we have focused on advocacy, in particular, on integrating the Positive Discipline and Positive Parenting approach into the in-service teacher curriculum to ensure our programs are applied throughout Tajikistan. As a Child Rights organization, Good Neighbors continues to amplify the voices of children; they are considered the most important factor in achieving our goal. The strategy development process for 2022-2024 provided a timely opportunity to focus on our role and commitment to the wider Good Neighbors movement, ensuring that we look to a brighter future and stay fit for purpose.

We also play a key role in efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and we will scale up our high-quality programs for children determined to leave no child behind. In addition, we engaged more funds from institutional and multilateral donors such as the EU, GIZ, and UNICEF.

We remain on the ground responding to the needs of children and I strongly believe that our commitment to achieve the best results for children should stay a Good Neighbors priority.

I am honored and humbled to serve as Acting Country Director for a dynamic, energetic, and dedicated team, many thanks to everybody for making all this possible and working with Good Neighbors.



FAROGHAT MIRZOEVA

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About Good Neighbors

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian development NGO bringing Good Change for children and communities around the world through international development projects and social welfare programs to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

Mission

Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

Good Neighbors respects the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters, and oppression, and helps them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild their hope.

Core Values

- We respond to all calls for aid, regardless of ethnicity, religion, doctrine, or region.
- We support the development of the individual, family, and community, in order to encourage independence.
- We prioritize children's rights above all.
- We create a healthy, self-sustaining, and respectful culture.
- We encourage local neighbors to participate on our community projects.
- We collaborate with those who share our visions.
- We work with professionalism, with transparency in our financial and operational reports.
- We strive to induce more people to join our work as members.

Our Focus



CRC Child Rights Protection

We plan and implement projects that respect the human rights of children based on our unchanged belief in human dignity under the principle of faithfully fulfilling the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



NETWORK

We stimulate our projects and maintain our network by mobilizing the human and material resources of communities in field countries, encouraging them to actively engage in our projects as an organized group of volunteers, partners, and community committees.



ADVOCACY

We conduct advocacy projects, such as campaigns, government relations, and seminars, to promote our projects and raise the awareness of governments and the general public as part of citizenship education.



Globally Where We Work



● Global Office
4 Countries

● Support Country
7 Countries

Where we work

Presence in 45 Countries



● Field Country

Asia 17 Africa 13
Latin America & Caribbean 7

Good Neighbors Tajikistan

Good Neighbors Tajikistan (GNT) is one of the 45 partnership countries of Good Neighbors International (GNI). Good Neighbors Tajikistan was founded in 1998 to support orphans in Dushanbe. Every year, we support more than 12,000 children in 5 regions through regular sponsors and conduct various Community Development Projects.

We will discipline the independence of the community and ensure a better life for children and local people.

In 2016, our organization became a member of the Emergency Assessment and Coordination Group (REACT). In the same year, we signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Committee of Emergency Situations in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Target Group



Children

Good Neighbors Tajikistan works for more than 13000 children in Tajikistan by ensuring their education, health and protecting rights.



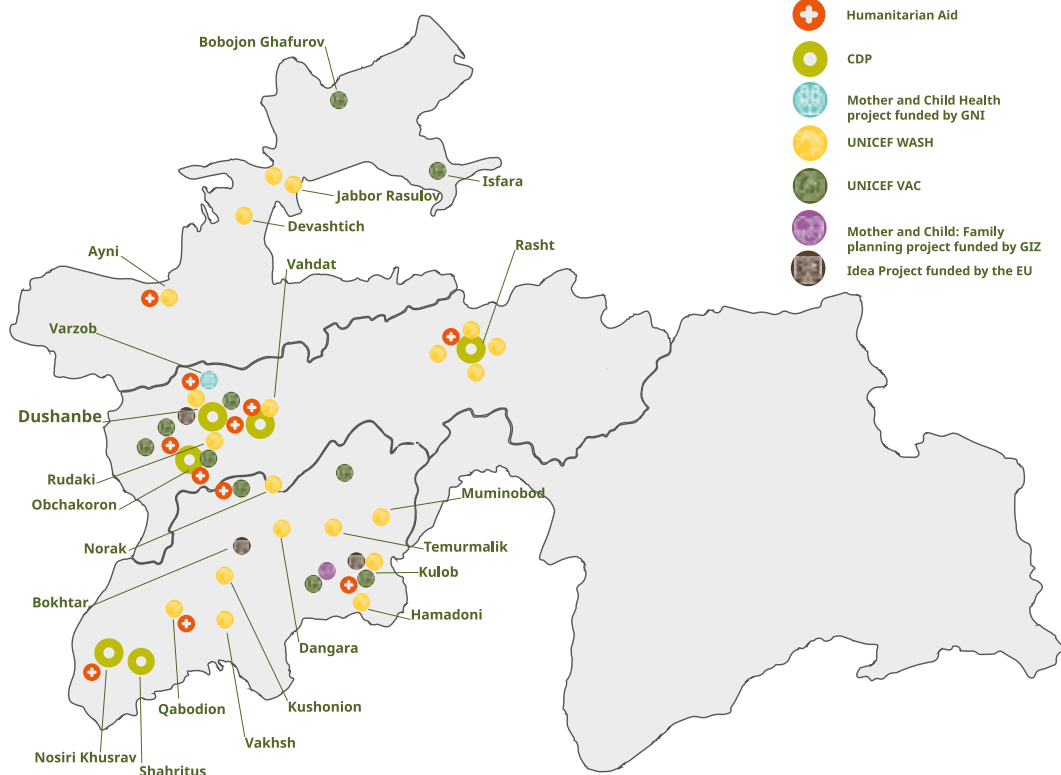
Women

Good Neighbors Tajikistan develops Income Generation opportunities for the marginalized women through cooperatives, income generation and women groups, which help them to become self empowered.



Youth

Good Neighbors Tajikistan involves youth in every development activities, which help them to develop their leadership skills and prepare themselves for a better career.



2021 AT A GLANCE



334 106
sponsored and non-sponsored children with improved access to quality education



2974
teachers and educators have participated in capacity-building training



55130
people whose awareness on child rights has increased



36965
mothers and children under the age of 5 with improved access to Maternal and Childhood Health (MCH) services



11903
children with improved access to health services



77384
people who participated in WASH programs



4919
people with improved access to clean and sufficient water and sanitation



209
people with strengthened economic capacity



2021 AT A GLANCE

Partnership development

Since late 2020 GNT has been able to raise more than \$ 950 000 in short term and multi-year awards from which other institutional and multilateral donors, such as the European Union, UNICEF, and GIZ in line with the GNI vision 2030, especially strategic goal № 3 «Strengthen partnership». The following projects were carried out by Good Neighbors Tajikistan in line with other donors:

- Mother and Child: Family planning project funded by GIZ;
- Safe schools and communities: «Combating Violence against children, with focus on girls in the families, schools, and communities», funded by UNICEF;
- Healthy children – Health community; changing and sustaining behavior through 3-Stars approach in schools to promote a safe learning environment, funded by UNICEF;
- Enhancing of Primary Health Care (PHC) services to mothers and children in the rural areas of Tajikistan, funded by Challenge Fund;
- «IDEA Generation Project: Inclusive Digital Empowerment and Awareness for Tajik Next Generation, funded by the European Union;
- In 2021 - the Memorandum of Understanding was signed between GNT and the Ministry of Education and Social science for 5 years that extended our areas of intervention.





GIZ MCH project kick-off meeting



UNICEF Violence Against Children project kick-off meeting



MoU between GNT and the Ministry of Education



UNICEF WASH kick-off meeting



Enhancing of Primary Health Care (PHC) services, funded by Challenge Fund



EU funded IDEA Generation Project kick-off meeting

Child Sponsorship Management

WE support the development of children particularly those deprived of basic needs and services like health, education, and livelihood opportunities. We actively involve children, their families, and community actors to address the needs of the children and to create an enabling environment for them. We always make sure to promote child protection, child rights, and governance through our work and encourage community mobilization and gender inclusion.

In 2021, GNT was able to improve the well-being of more than 12,000 children through support from the sponsorship program. Children have been provided with study materials, uniform, and health check-up service during each sponsorship event; annual child letter (ACL), annual progress report (APR), and gift money/letter (GML).

In addition, a regular home visit was carried out by the project staff to ensure the child would not give up on education and they would stay safe and healthy with their families.



9883
Sponsored Children Received Material Support

2047
Children received Gift Money and letter

11,119
sponsored children completed the medical check-up

Rukhshona's small victory



Parents can't get enough joy looking at Rukhshona. They often repeat with gratitude that: - «It is thanks to the financial support of Good Neighbors Tajikistan and its staff that their daughter's health has been restored.

The organization always comes to the aid support of those in need, not leaving them in the lurch! Thank you GNT».

Rukhshona Burieva is only 16 years old, and since her birth, she has been suffering from a serious illness - genetic anemia B-thalassemia. From the age of two, she has been under the supervision of a hematologist. Rukhshona tries not to lose hope and tries to be like other friends around: she goes to school, studies, likes to smile and enjoys life. However, the disease constantly gave her discomfort: the temperature rose, the girl lost energy and was weak. During the next annual check-up, the doctors issued a disappointing verdict - Rukhshona urgently needs an operation to remove the spleen, the cost of which (which is 10,000 somoni) was very high for Rukhshona's family, since they lived very modestly. Rukhshona's mother approached Good Neighbors Tajikistan for help as Rukhshona is sponsored by GNT. The organization provided assistance in the amount of 5250 TJS, and on June 2 she underwent surgery at the Karabolo hospital. The operation was successful. Now she has returned home, feels well, and even passed her school exams.

You are not alone

This is a slogan of the Sponsorship Service Department that helps children in need with food, medicine, learning materials, uniforms, and other assistance they need to improve their lives. In 2021, 928 Foodstuff, 8 disabled wheelchairs, 2 hygiene kits, 2 medications, 35 clothing, 167 surgery, and treatment were handed out to our sponsored children by special cases.



167
Sponsored Children Supported with Medical Service and Treatment



628
provided Special Case for Sponsored Children



13443
Children received home visit





Education

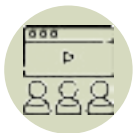
Education is an essential human right that enables individuals to develop their own abilities and improve their quality of life. We work closely with the Ministry of Education and Science to strengthen their systems and to develop implement policy reforms. We also have strategic partnerships with Republican Teacher Training Institutes, Regional and District Education Department to reach out-of-school children and provide them with learning opportunities.

In addition to supporting them to revise a curriculum covering all necessary skills and competencies and have also worked to increase the attendance of girls, provided learning materials, furniture, uniforms, and books to vulnerable families, and help create an inclusive learning environment for children with disabilities. Given the digital boom and the rising young population, we increasingly utilize technology in our interventions to reach even the most remote regions. We couple ICT interventions, with English, Russian, and computer classes with after-school remedial support for underperforming students. Our interventions start with teachers, training them with the necessary knowledge and new methods to provide a more holistic approach to supporting children's education.





16 964 children have directly benefited from the Education program of Good Neighbors Tajikistan



51 schools renovated and equipped within 5 CDPs



4490 of sponsored children from families in need received school uniform and supplies



1344 sponsored and non-sponsored children have received life skill training



4303 teachers participated in capacity building training such as Positive Discipline and Active Learning Methodologies



More than 1400 sponsored and non-sponsored children were covered by extra-curriculum lessons



2973 teachers have participated in capacity building training



4 kindergartens were renovated and equipped

Building teacher capacity with the “Positive Discipline” method

In response to the corporal punishment, the «Positive Discipline in the Reading Classroom in School» Training Module was developed as a part of the Safe school, Violence Against Children project. The Module is intended to help teachers, school administrators and education officials to effectively manage students in the classroom. It provides them with non-violent ways to deal with behavioral challenges positively and pro-actively.

The book is a source of knowledge

One of the main focuses of “Good Neighbors Tajikistan” is assisting in the development of the correct worldview of the children. In this regard, GNT also is sponsoring educational institutions where the sponsored children study and opening their “Book corners” to make available the books for children from different areas without going far from home. In total, 29 “Reading corners” were organized in targeted schools in different areas of the country. The content of the books includes children’s fiction books, including the most popular fairy tales, stories among children, as well as educational guidelines for extra-curricular activities.



Saifiddinova Saida, sponsored child winner of the competition:

«This competition has made my old dream come true. I tried a lot, but I never won a ticket to the republican competition. Thanks, GNT for making my dream come true» - says Saida.



Now we insured, that “Reading Corners” is very popular among the children, because in nowadays arranges educational contests within the framework of republican competitions for best book reader with the slogan “Books are - Wisdom of Dawn Radiance” and have so many winner students from sponsored schools. During the contests, the students are competing with each other on their reading skills, knowledge of Tajik poems of classical poets and writers.

The local Education Departments and local people were fully involved in the activity and they appreciate Good Neighbors Tajikistan on the improvement of the educational opportunity for children through these kinds of activities.

Tajik «Gurdofarids» from the Gulparvar village

A long time ago we started sponsoring Taekwondo classes for local girls in a village outside of the big city. It was a very good opportunity for the girls to take part in a free lesson in the village. They were so active and completed all the difficult tasks of the coach. They knew that hard work brings fame and respect. This year a republican completion of one of the well - known international types of martial arts taekwondo (WTF) was conducted. Six of our girls from this training class won medals and we are proud that out of this group of girls, 5 are sponsored, children.

Our pride: Saidsharipova Mohira (44 kg) gold medal, Davlatova Makhvash (47 kg) silver medal, Davlatova Sitora (49 kg) silver medal, Safarova Mokhtovi (37 kg) bronze medal, Olimatova Fotima (52 kg) bronze medal and Astankulova Safina (55 kg) bronze medal.

They expressed their gratitude to GNT for providing them the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular course of Taekwondo, and mostly to organize this course in their village Gulparvar.



Making quality education a priority

The Education Sector “Good Neighbors Tajikistan” aims to improve the quality and accessibility of education, allowing children from the target area to reach their potential. To this end, in 2021, Good Neighbors Tajikistan reconstructed schools and provided school furniture to targeted educational institutions, provided school uniforms and stationery for sponsored children, and organized extracurricular activities and various other activities to broaden the horizons of children. Good Neighbors also helped develop a new curriculum and teaching methods, and provided teachers with the opportunity to improve their skills through training programs.

IT educational programs and others round out the efforts of Good Neighbors Tajikistan to ensure that more children can receive the benefit of education and grow up as valuable and healthy members of their community.



Distribution of school supply for sponsored children



Distribution of school uniform for sponsored children



Russian language course for school children



English language course for school children



Programming (Early Coding Education)



Creation of Reading corner and Reading contest.



ToT training for public school trainers on ALM and Inclusive education for secondary school teachers



School construction



Equipment for schools (boards, desks and chairs)



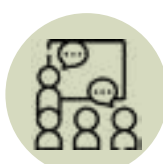
Advocacy



To ensure that our children can live in a society that guarantees their rights, we provide child rights education and campaigns as well as other advocacy projects in cooperation with the local community and the government.



2578 children protected from violence, abuse, discrimination, and other threats



3295 teachers and educators increased awareness on Child rights



About 500 teachers participated in the training on Positive Discipline

The module developed by Good Neighbors Tajikistan integrated into National Teacher Training Institute Curriculum

In November 2020, Good Neighbors Tajikistan launched the Safe schools and communities: Combatting Violence against children, with a focus on girls in the families, schools, and communities project, funded by UNICEF. The main goal of the project is to raise awareness of children and the community about the ways and means of preventing violence against children, especially girls.

In line with Good Neighbors Tajikistan strategy and advocacy activities Good Neighbors intended to develop and integrate a training module on Positive Discipline and Positive Parenting into the National In-service Teacher Training Institute (TTI) curriculum. Hence, in cooperation with the National in service TTI, a module on «Positive Discipline and Positive Parenting» was developed, tested, and submitted to the final approval and integration to the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) Republic of Tajikistan.

By the MOES Academic Council and National In-service TTI order No. 5/8 dated June 26th, 2021, the GNT developed module was endorsed and integrated into the national in-service TTI curriculum.

According to the signed order, this module will be replicated to the non-targeted areas and scaled up by all regional in-service TTIs in Dushanbe, Soghd, Bokhtar, Kulob, and GBAO in Tajikistan through in-service training for teachers. Annually 1,000 teachers will pass the courses and will be acquainted with the GNT developed module on Positive Discipline and Positive Parenting through In- service training.

The management of the National in-service TTI pledged to make access to all branches and take control over the usage of the module. Through the courses of the institute, every teacher once every 5 years can improve their qualifications and get acquainted with the innovation in the field of pedagogy.

This bright torch is an important symbol of the unique success and achievement of Good Neighbors Tajikistan in the field of advocacy.



Health

Good Neighbors Tajikistan Health program focused on improving knowledge and health-seeking practices among the households and communities through social and behavior change communication and outreach for prevention and treatment of illness, malnutrition, and family planning.

WE also partner with the Ministry of Health & Social Protection and other relevant ministries, medical doctors, academic institutions, partners, and donors to improve the provision of quality of care at healthcare facilities by strengthening the existing systems, scaling up life-saving interventions, and enabling quality maternal and child health access: Quality health services provided to mothers and children. Hence we put effort into promoting community awareness and capacity development of health service providers for maternal and child health. In addition, we promote the practice of healthy reproductive and family planning through the awareness raising.



In 2021, three directions of GNT health program outcomes considered on implemented activities: 1. Reduce risk of mortality and morbidity rates among target population. 2. Increase of population awareness on promotion of healthy life style and disease prevention. 3. Improve technical conditions of community based PHC health facilities through to mobilization of community efforts.



15756 people improved access to primary health care services



8 disabled children received basic equipment



11093 (97%) sponsored children passed health check-up



26 community based PHC facilities received basic medical equipment



167 children received additional treatment after health check-up

About 300 000 populations from targeted communities benefited from GNT conducted health promotion and disease prevention activities at a large scale and dissemination of 20464 pcs of promotional materials on health and hygiene.



628 Children received medical support by special cases

748 women group members from 48 women groups GNT established involved in the process of improvement of life of the population from targeted communities.





The Women Group is in act!

The story of a two-year-old girl burned with oil while her mother cooked for the family illustrates the importance of such women's groups in rural Tajikistan. When this happened, the young mother of Samadova Bibioisha did not have the money to urgently act and deliver her burnt daughter Zulaikho Anvarzoda to the nearest hospital. Unfortunately, at the time of the accident, the father of the child was not at home. The mother did not know what to do with the injured daughter, because there was no one at home who could help take the child to the hospital. Samadova Bibioisha urgently contacted members of the women's group established by the GNT, as she was a member of this group, and they allocated 53 somoni from their Emergency Fund to help transfer her child to the nearest hospital and purchase basic medicines. The girl's family is low-income. The father is a labor migrant and at the time of the accident he was trying to find any job. There are three other small children in the family.

The child's parents are very grateful to the members of the GNT women's group for the timely assistance provided to the family in difficult times, and hope that women will continue to help everyone in their needs.

Women incorporation supported making decisions on issues that affected community health

Good Neighbors Tajikistan initiated establishing women groups at 48 GNT targeted communities where most of the villages are remote. The overall goal of the idea was to improve rural women's wealth and influence, by fostering decision making, reducing isolation and improving access to services and resources. The women group members meet frequently in order to support and help each other in such not stable economic and social situations in the country. The GNT is also searching for solutions to the negative effects of sudden health-related costs. It has initiated establishing of community-based emergency transportation funds within community in the project targeted districts in Tajikistan.



Emergency Transportation Fund involving communities in improving access to health care

The ETFs are one way to organize community initiatives. ETF model is relying only on voluntary and small pools with little or no subsidization of poor and vulnerable groups. ETFs can play only important role in helping community members to reach health services Access of women, children, and other community members to good quality basic health services albeit considered a human right and central to the alleviation of poverty remains a strong constraint in Tajikistan. This is the central objective for the Health programming of GNT. The GNT is also searching for solutions to the negative effects of sudden health-related costs. It has initiated the establishment of community-based emergency transportation funds within the Women Groups members in the project targeted districts in Tajikistan. The ETFs aim to provide a mechanism to finance access to health care during a case of emergency. The main conception

of this instrument is a predetermined amount of money collected by Women Group members on a monthly basis. Subsequently, these funds can be proposed by members to cover the costs of emergency healthcare services of members of the team or their family members. The WG members themselves decide for which cases these funds may be used..

Good Neighbors Tajikistan sponsored children's health was improved by health check-ups, additional diagnostic, and health special case support

We can do a lot of good things when we are together



NO CHILD LEFT WITHOUT HEALTHCARE

The Health check-up of GNT sponsored children was carried out in order to early and timely identification of diseases and health risk factors for child development, as well as provide recommendations for children parents and GNT staff on how to improve child health. In total, 11093 (97%) children were examined by involving qualified family doctors and pediatricians. More than 4000 (42%) children examined by doctors and who had needs for more detailed medical examination and treatment were recommended and sent to the next stage of primary health care. In 2021, 62 sponsored children received additional support on diagnostic at the 3rd level of country lead medical clinics. GNT special case health support was provided to 28 sponsored children by allocation of 94198,90 somoni (USD 8314,11) in total.



Story of Zohid.

Zohid is a sponsored child of Good Neighbors Tajikistan and lives in the village of Chorshanbe, Shakhrituz region. During the annual medical examination in 2021, GNT discovered that Zohid had heart disease. Doctors recommended additional diagnostics at the main cardiology center in Dushanbe. For Zohid and 15 other children with heart defects, Good Neighbors Tajikistan conducted additional diagnostics at the Dushanbe clinic. The doctors of the clinic recommended a heart operation for Zokhid Mamaradjabov. Since coronary angiography showed that the child has a congenital heart defect with a membrane defect between the wall of the ventricle with a shunt from left to right. With the financial support of his parents, relatives, residents, and GNT, the child was successfully operated on, and now Zohid is doing well. The boy's parents and relatives are very grateful to the Good Neighbors Tajikistan organization for taking care of Zohid's life. If this support had not been provided, who knows how Zohid's later life would have turned out. We can do many good things when we are together. GNT is the hope of children.



Water & Sanitation



Supporting people's access to safe water and sanitation: Water is essential for health and ultimately life. We will work together with communities in order to ensure sufficient and safe water for everyone. Hygiene and sanitation are also crucial to good health. We will promote people's awareness of good hygiene and sanitary practices. The WASH program focuses on improving WASH outcomes through student education, community participation, and mobilization, water and latrine facilities improvement.

4 newly constructed and renovated WASH facilities/toilets where the girl needs have been considered

More than **14000** sponsored children, school teachers, community members improved their hygiene and sanitation conditions through to newly constructed facilities/toilets

34% of the funds were contributed by community members for the construction and renovation of the WASH facilities at schools

More than **90** school children and adults engaged in celebrating World Oral Health Day

20464 pcs distributed promotional materials on health and hygiene

About **300000** populations from targeted communities benefited from GNT conducted health promotion and disease prevention activities

Health promotion and diseases prevention

Every year we ask schoolchildren to come together and help reduce the burden of disease that affects people in the present and future around the world. By celebrating World Health Day - World Oral Health Day in March and World Handwashing Day in October - we empower people with raising their awareness and improving their knowledge on health and hygiene.



The amazing time for children and adults

Good Neighbors Tajikistan celebrated World Oral Health Day in Vahdat, where more than 300 schoolchildren and adults took part in the event. Similar events for more than 100 children were held in Rasht, in the spring of 2021, 450 children from Shakhrituz and Nosiri-Khusrav regions and 100 children from the Rudaki region joined them. These events are designed to draw attention to the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, raise awareness about oral health, as it is important for everyone to follow the rules of oral hygiene. There were many activities and performances for children and adults to laugh, sing and smile.

In the city of Vahdat, the children of Afghan migrants took part in the event. On behalf of Good Neighbors, Tajikistan, the children received gifts in the form of hygiene kits.

It was a great time for kids and adults.



Income Generation

The global goal of the project is aimed at the optimal use of limited resources and the use of environmentally friendly - natural, energy, and material-saving technologies, to preserve the stability of social and cultural systems, to ensure the integrity of biological and physical natural systems to improve the well-being of target communities by creating prerequisites for equal access to opportunities for the development of small and medium-sized businesses, employment, creation of new jobs and income opportunities.



149

Women received non-interest loan

190

Sponsored children who received benefit

80

women completed a series of training on the topic «How to write a business plan» and «How to receive grants»

1667

beneficiaries received affordable loans from partner banks

Better income - Better life

Since 2021, we have launched a new program to support women entrepreneurs in agriculture and families with children sponsoring GNT. Initially, the income generation program was launched and implemented only in the Rudaki district, and after receiving good results, we expanded coverage to the Shakhrituz and Nosir Khusrav districts. The Income Generation Program helps create new jobs and empower low-income families. The aim of the program is to improve the economic situation of rural women and mobilize them in their communities by identifying and solving problems, using knowledge, and attracting internal and external resources.

With the financial support of women from different regions of the country, we develop their entrepreneurial abilities, which subsequently increases family income. Now women are confident in their ability to solve economic, social, and family problems. In particular, they were engaged in informing the population about a healthy lifestyle and family planning, helped build and repair first-aid posts, rural schools, and repair roads.



All Done by Kindness



The subtle smell and sweet taste of honey, the buzzing of bees, the beauty of wildflowers, her father's skillful hands. All these things have been replayed again and again in the memory of Ruqiya Murodova, a resident of Nosiri Khusrav district. Since her childhood, she helped her father to work in the apiary, watched him for a long time, and learned all the subtleties of this business. Years went by. Sometimes she wanted to revive the family business but didn't have enough funds.

Contacting the staff of the Good Neighbors Tajikistan she got an interest-free loan and decided to start beekeeping. With the money from the organization, she managed to buy all the necessary equipment, hives, and bees. Experience and desire did not keep her waiting and the result surpassed her expectations!

The honey was fragrant, amber-colored, and tasted.



«At a family meeting, it was decided that part of the honey we collected should be shared with those in need and receive their blessing. And so we did! Ten children from vulnerable families who are sponsored by the GNT received healing honey! What's more, honey was also donated to Kindergarten No. 1 of the Nosiri Khusrav district!» - says Ruqiya Murodova.

The rest of the honey was left for sale and future business. Honey can be bought at the local market of Shahritus and Bokhtar.

Ruqiya Murodova is grateful to Good Neighbors Tajikistan for the interest-free loan and the fact that her dream of restoring her family business has finally come true!







The first step of “Good Neighbors Tajikistan” towards cooperation with the UNICEF Children’s Fund in Tajikistan!

Safe schools and communities:

«Combating Violence against children, with focus on girls in the families, schools, and communities»



265

teachers of the project’s subprojects attended 5-day training



510

parents attended training on positive parenting.



58

mentors attended the training on the Complaints Mechanism.



1326

members of the Children’s Council in 51 schools under the project targeting institution participated in the training.

Good Neighbors Tajikistan engages with the UNICEF Tajikistan in delivering the Safe schools and communities: «Combating Violence against children, with focus on girls in the families, schools and communities» project in seven districts of Tajikistan with an objective to improve methods and means of preventing violence against children, especially girls.

The main goal of the project is to raise awareness of children and the community about the ways and means of preventing violence against children, especially girls.

This project will play an important role as a pilot to further validate developed mechanisms for children’s support, generate evidence on the strength of the approach. The approach will be overseen by school management and delivered in partnership with communities, focusing on 4 areas:

- 1) Preventing violence in and around schools;
- 2) Responding to violence (tertiary prevention and response); and, to a lesser extent;
- 3) Transforming Discriminatory Gender Norms and Power Dynamics which underpin SGBV in and around schools;
- 4) Support ICT skills through running the ICT classes focusing on girls.

The GNT activity provides direct implementation to 7 districts in the Republic of Tajikistan: Vose, Yovon, Hisor, Rudaki, Dushanbe, B. Ghafurov, Isfara, Baljuvon, Kulob, Shahrinav.





«I am happy that I was appointed the Principal of the school, and I am glad that my work was rewarded. At the same time, I am sad that I will no longer be able to work with the group I formed» -says Saidkul Gafurov, a former GNT mentor.

Saidkul Gafurov a mentor at school №26, Yovan district within the «Safe Schools: Preventing Violence in School, Family, and Society» project.

Saidkul Gafurov was selected as a mentor of school № 26 of the Yavan district within the framework of the «Safe Schools: Prevention of Violence in School, Family, and Society» project.

From the early days, he engaged in the project, swiftly formed a Student Council, and through them spread the information and key messages on violence against children, especially girls, and children's rights among other students.

However, in August, our mentor Saidkul was appointed director of school № 27, Yavan district. It should be noted that this school is not included in the list of target schools of the project. But, nevertheless, from the first days of his leadership, the problem of preventing violence against children, sexual gender-based violence has been a priority in the positive education of children, since he is well aware that if a child is subjected to violence, this has a significant impact on his education and upbringing. Therefore, without the help of the project, he began to replicate the activities carried out within the framework of the project in this school. Currently, non-target school №27 has an Information Board and formed Student Council.

Student Council members speak at the morning assemblies and all students at the school are informed about violence prevention.

«I am glad that even in a short time I was able to develop and study violence prevention methods and replicate them in my new school within my new position» - said Saidkul.





The second step of “Good Neighbors Tajikistan” towards cooperation with the UNICEF Children’s Fund in Tajikistan!

Healthy children – Health community; changing and sustaining behavior through 3-Stars approach in schools to promote a safe learning environment.



45
schools



43492
pupils



2600
teachers



11175
parents

Good Neighbors Tajikistan, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, has implemented a threestar approach to improving the efficiency and sustainability of water, sanitation, and health services as part of the Healthy Children - Healthy Communities project. Changing Behavior through a 3-star approach to improving a safe learning environment at school “is integrating for toilet infrastructure, water, sanitation, and personal hygiene to prevent COVID 19 infections in support schools. Girls benefit more from the program. Due to the lack of additional toilets, hygienic rooms for washing during menstruation, lack of soap and water, or any way to dispose of sanitary items specifically for girls, they face many obstacles. To address this problem, Good Neighbors Tajikistan is evaluating 45 target schools and conducting training.

The project will achieve its Specific Objectives by reaching the following outputs and results:

1. Established safe learning and hygienic environment for students, especially children with a disability, small children, and girls at schools that meet essential WASH criteria;
2. Schools developed and implemented WASH operations and maintenance plans with the participation of students;
3. Enabling environment is created for improved hygiene and sanitation by setting SoPs and protocols at the schools level.





Training on WASH and P/MHM for school based mentors



Establishing/or strengthening existing Student Council



Exchange and learning visits



Training for school teachers on WASH and P/MHM



1 day workshop for Community, parents and women groups



Development and printing of IEC materials



Trainings to schools on importance, use and maintenance of WASH facilities and introductions on puberty education



Training for Student Council members on Hygiene/ sanitation and Puberty/MHM (PMHM) and UPSHIFT



Distribution of soap and other hygiene supplies





Improve access to primary health care services and reduce maternal, neonatal, infant mortality rates in Vazob rayon, Tajikistan.

Enhancing of Primary Health Care (PHC) services to mothers and children in the rural areas of Tajikistan.

In January 2021 GNT launched the “Enhancing of Primary Health Care (PHC) services to mothers and children in the rural areas of Tajikistan” project.

The Overall Objective of the Project is to improve access to primary health care services and reduce maternal, neonatal, the infant mortality rates in Vazob rayon, Tajikistan. The project’s main lines of activities are related to improving PHC service delivery through better planning and management as well as empowering communities, especially women, to take more responsibility. Infrastructural and equipment investments shall go along the mainline of activities and enhance the effectiveness of other activities.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING



20 primary health care workers were trained in maternal and child health, community mobilization, and interpersonal skills

150 Women Groups and 150 Community Group members were used as key health messengers

15 training were held for 150 members of women’s groups organized in 15 ETF pilot villages

50 Education sessions for pregnant women and mother-in-law on MCH. Covered by 6000 village women

150 members of Community Groups were trained on community mobilization and maternal and child health

50 Education sessions for pregnant women and mother-in-law on MCH. Covered by 6000 village women

10 Skype calls were conducted for exchange experiences between medical staff, community, and women’s groups. In total, 60 people were covered

One-minute cartoon (animation) developed and broadcasted through National TV, 15 billboards established with GN logos

Improving access to health services for mothers and children

15

midwife kids

3556

women of reproductive age

256

pregnant women

1857

children under 5 yearr old



Maternal and child health remains a priority in national development policies and health sector strategies in Tajikistan, including Tajikistan's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The branch of the international organization "Good Neighbors" in Tajikistan, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population, implemented the "Mother and Child Health" project in the Varzob region. During the implementation project, medical workers in 15 pilot villages were provided with the midwife kids.

The purpose of this event was that the medical workers of the pilot villages will timely and efficiently provide medical care to all women, newborns, and children under 5 years old in the region, during pregnancy, the postpartum period, as well as prevention and treatment of the most common childhood diseases.



«It all started when two female doctors who worked for Good Neighbors came to our village, I was one of the activists in the village, was included in the training list, and received training on maternal and child health. The women formed a group and organized an Emergency Transportation Fund to provide timely assistance to the women and children of our village», - says Munavvara.

The acquired knowledge and teaching skills at the training on safe motherhood, the importance of breastfeeding and the rules of breastfeeding, timely care for children with diarrhea, respiratory infections, and recognition of danger signs in newborns, led to the decision of the women of the village to choose her as leader of the women's group.

«I am confident that the knowledge the women received at the training will also help them make the right decision to help the people around them in need, just as I did».

«One evening I went to visit my neighbor and found her in a bad condition. She was pregnant and there was no one at home except her small children. Using the Foundation's money, I took her to the nearest hospital, where the doctor on duty examined her and prescribed the appropriate treatment, and told me it was good that you got her there in time. Only thanks to the knowledge I had acquired at the training, I suspected that there might be a threat of miscarriage and decided to take her to the hospital immediately», - says Munavvara.

SUCCESS STORY

My experience - the key to keeping others healthy.



11
equipped rural health
houses

16960
people in rural areas

Improving access to health services for mothers and children

Maternal and child health issues are extremely important and affect everyone in particular, and the community as a whole because improvements in this area lead to a decrease in infant mortality.

In order to provide quality and timely medical care to mothers and children living in rural areas, 11 medical points in pilot villages were equipped with medical and non-medical equipment. It should be noted that construction and repair work, as a community contribution, was carried out by the villagers themselves using the hashar method.

The provided equipment fully meets the standards developed and approved by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan.





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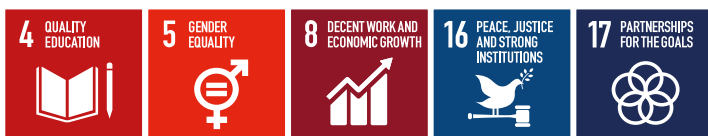
We have exciting news, GN Tajikistan has been selected for its first EU-funded project «IDEA Generation Project: Inclusive Digital Empowerment and Awareness for Tajik Next Generation».

An EU-funded project and implementation by GNT In order to support Tajikistan in making progress in the achievement of SDG 4 and implementing its recently adopted National Strategy for Education Development for the period until 2030, the project aims to train teachers in the teacher of training institutes/schools in the areas of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The action will enable access to education for children with disabilities in line with relevant UN Conventions. Access to technology, and the internet, in particular, can help Children & Youth with Disabilities access information, services, take part in socio-cultural networks, and engage in economic activities.

Within this project, the Ministry of Education and Science, as well as the Ministry of Labour, Migration, and Employment of the Republic of Tajikistan, will be supported to strengthen the quality of education in STEM fields with the use of ICTs.

The duration of the project is 30 months, starting from April 1st, 2021 to October 2023, and will be implemented at Tajik Technological University, Tajik State Pedagogical University, Bokhtar Nosiri Khusrav State University, Kulob Abuabdullo Rudaki State University, and 20 secondary educational schools in Dushanbe, Bokhtar and Kulob areas.





20
schools



4
universities



7280
pupils



150
students



80
university
professors



20
school
teachers



“The project will expand the opportunities for students to acquire skills and applied competencies necessary for the digital economy and the labor market, and it is in line with the goals of the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030”- said **Faroghat Mirzoeva, Acting Country Director of Good Neighbors in Tajikistan.**



“The launched project of GNT is another step along with the development of a national roadmap for the digital transformation of the education system of the Republic of Tajikistan, which is currently underway and being implemented by UNICEF in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science funded by the European Union” - noted **Khurmat Dushanбиев, UNICEF Tajikistan National Education Officer.**

“Within the framework of the Week of Science, Technology, Innovation, and Inventions of adolescents and youth in Dushanbe, this project is a positive start. The Republican In - service teacher Training Institute is ready to support the implementation of the project” -stated **Sino Egamberdiev, the head of the Science and Innovation Department of the Republican In- service Teacher Training Institute.**

Action sustainably impacts pre-service training at two levels: Firstly, nationwide guidelines will be introduced; secondly, it will work directly with Pre-service Teacher Training Universities (PSTTU) and secondary schools to encourage learning and knowledge sharing between teachers and youth/children. Good Neighbors, local partner the Public Organization «Center for Information and Communication Technologies” and South Korea’s leading digital Korea Cyber University will facilitate the development of an Early Coding Education curriculum, which will be integrated into the formal PSTTU and secondary school curricula.

Teachers awarded with certificates

As part of the project, the partner NGO «Center for Information and Communication Technologies (CICT)» is organizing and conducting training courses on the basics of Scratch and Python programming in Dushanbe for professors of Kulob, Bokhtar and Dushanbe State Universities.

The project is implemented in line with the state program of training highly qualified personnel, and after studying these courses qualified teachers can share their knowledge, skills, and experience in programming with teachers and students of schools.

After completing the first part of the course, teachers received certificates of completion of Scratch programming language. The next step is to learn the Python programming language.



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Professors
awarded with
certificates



SUCCESS STORY



Toshpulatova Firuza

The computer science teacher of the Ayni Tajik Pedagogical University and teacher of the Secondary School №12 Dushanbe.

Experience in Scratch programming language: since December 2012

Toshpulatova Firuza participates Early Coding Education (ECE) courses conducted by CICT under the «IDEA Generation Project: Inclusive Digital Empowerment and Awareness for Tajik Next Generation» funded by the European Union and implemented by Good Neighbors Tajikistan.

This programming course was prepared for teachers of higher educational institutions in Kulyab State University, and the Nosiri Khusrav Bokhtar State University, and Ayni Tajik State Pedagogical University.

During the course, teachers will acquire skills and abilities to work with «Python» and «Scratch» programs.

Firuza Toshpulatova, having finished the first part of the ECE courses with good grades, started teaching Scratch programming language at the school for children in 7th grade. The students liked this method very much and began to study the program with great interest because the program allows children to create their own animated and interactive games, presentations, and projects, and Firuza Toshpulatova says:

«Students started to develop their agenda for a short period and began to study it independently, they come to class with new knowledge and ideas. In the future, I intend to teach this program to my pupils and students to help them to begin their journey into the world of programming.

Scratch is the best program to enrich students' knowledge and mathematical imagination to independently develop and write programs».

The aim of the project is to integrate the future training models into the educational process of Tajikistan, after having approvals by the Institute for Advanced Studies of Teachers and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan.

This step shows that we are on the right track.





Implemented by



The project «Mother and Child health: Family planning», funded by GIZ GmbH (German Society for International Cooperation) and implemented by the organization «Good Neighbors Tajikistan» (GNT).

Good Neighbours International in Tajikistan (GNT) partners with GIZ Tajikistan in delivering the Community Based Family Planning Project in 200 rural and remote villages in two districts - Vose and Hamadoni - in the Eastern region of Khatlon province with the goal “Improve pregnancy planning and spacing and prevent unintended pregnancy”. The targeted areas have been identified as having a high fertility rate, low contraceptive prevalence rates, limited availability, access and usage of family planning services, and lower female education levels than in other areas of Tajikistan. The aim and strategies of the project are as follows:

- To integrate family planning into current Health interventions and build the capacity of health staff at district and community levels;
- To employ demographic pressure and build resilience among the community for increased involvement in their health care and ownership of their wellbeing.



18

jamoats covered



200

villages covered



7036

women participated
training

SUCCESS STORY

The training to the women on the Family planning was organized by the Good Neighbors Tajikistan and funded by the International Organization for Cooperation in Germany (GIZ). As per assesses of Mrs. Zamira Muhammad (the family medicine nurse at the Rural Health Center in Shobika, of Jamoat of Tugarak) - The opinion of the women are radically changed. The active participation of community groups, primary health care, and a healthy lifestyle center has been established and involved. Before the training, women were more likely to seek medical help to terminate their pregnancies, as abortion was considered a method of contraception or family planning, while abortion could have serious consequences. Only after receiving complete information about contraceptives and voluntary sterilization methods were women able to find the right solution to prevent unwanted pregnancies. At present, women can consult specialists and learn about intrauterine devices and pills to avoid unwanted pregnancies and voluntary infertility surgery.



Humanitarian Assistance

Good Neighbors implements a wide range of humanitarian assistance programs ranging from disaster response to protracted refugee situations across the world. In 2021, Good Neighbors Tajikistan provided humanitarian assistance recipients, from a targeted and non-targeted large population of rural and remote areas of Tajikistan.



3326

Total number of people received humanitarian aid

Totally 11858 pieces of humanitarian goods were distributed on the amount of

\$ 832 907

BENEFICIARIES

Community people:

Clothing, boots, and shoes were distributed to all recipients from the Obshoron and Norin communities of Yavon region, Rajabov community of Vose district, Chorbogh community from Varzob region, Gissar community from Gissar city, Razr community from Ayni region and Firdavsi district of Dushanbe city.



Good Neighbors Tajikistan distributed schoolbags and reading materials to Children and youth with disabilities from targeted and non-targeted areas.

Local representatives and parents of the children who took part in the distribution thanked GNT and expressed their hope for further cooperation.

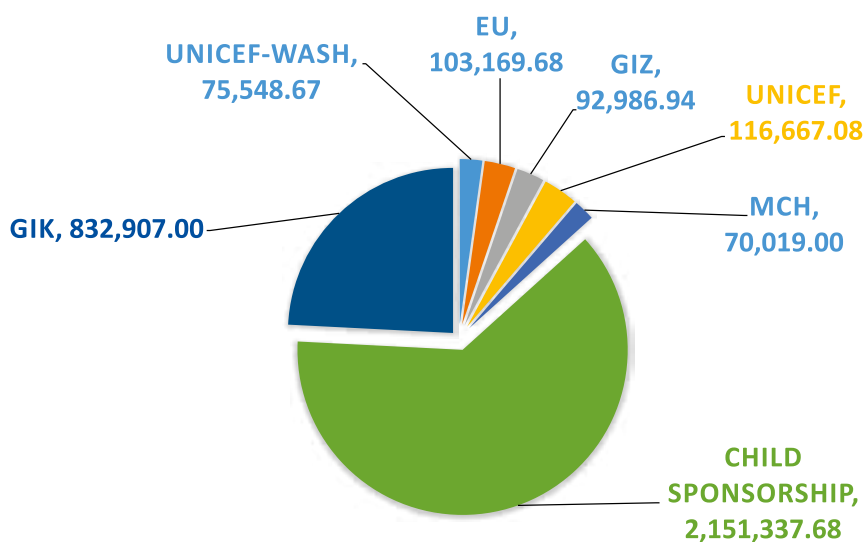


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As a public non-profit organization, Good Neighbors is committed to financial transparency and accountability.

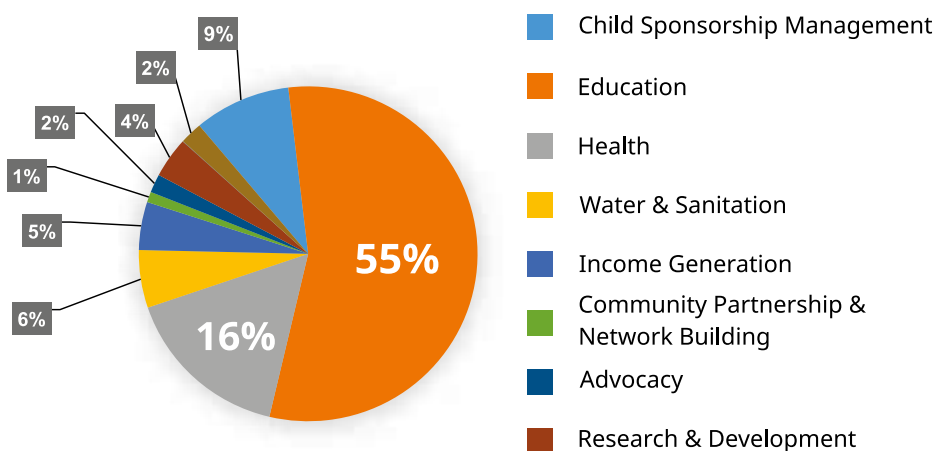
- We use publicly reliable accounting standards, that comply with national laws and regulations.
- We thoroughly conduct external audits in all partnership countries around the world and open the budget and settlement of accounts to the general public.
- We organize regularly capacity-building training for financial management.

Income Sources



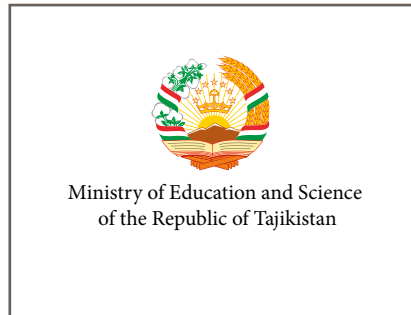
Total budget in USD
3,442,636.06

Expenditure



OUR PARTNERS

We are very excited about our partnership, we value all of our partners, both government and non-government, private, including corporations, foundation and individual supporters and fundraisers. Your generosity powers our work for the children of Tajikistan. Together, we're transforming their lives and their futures.





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