

Project fact sheet



Peaceful Villages Evolvment (PVE)

Implementing organisation(s)	<i>Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (DVV International)</i>
Duration	<i>2020-2022</i>
Project budget	<i>Total budget - € 827,108 EU contribution - € 744,397</i>
Project partners	<i>Youth of Osh, Adult Education Association of Tajikistan, AEAT</i>
Location	<i>Kyrgyzstan, Batken region, Kara-Bak, Kok-Tash, Uch-Dobo villages; Tajikistan, Isfara district, Lakkon, Samanion, Hodzha Alio villages.</i>
Keywords	<i>Violent extremism, conflict prevention, Central Asia</i>
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Program Development Objective

The action aims at supporting two civil societies - "Youth of Osh" and "Adult Education Association of Tajikistan" - from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to prevent conflict and violent extremism by enhancing their capacity for addressing the root causes - economic and social - of these issues.

Main target groups

2300 border residents of three villages in Batken region of Kyrgyzstan and three neighbouring villages of Isfara district of Tajikistan will be involved into the project action as direct target groups, including:

- 1,200 NEET youth and senior schoolchildren
- 150 respected elderly;
- 60 women-leaders;
- 140 local government officials /stakeholders, police, religious;
- Minimum 160 entrepreneurs;
- 600 parents and school teachers.

Indirect target group - minimum 2400 community members will participate in cross-border festivals, information sessions, and Open-Door days.

Key challenges that the program helps to address:

- High levels of conflict and violent coexistence in the zones situated near the borders;
- Lack of collaboration and trust in the region;
- Lack of respect for diversity and tolerance across ethnic divisions;

- Low level of capacity building among the local grassroots institutions;
- Low social and economic development, including low access for women to the decision making process in the regions

Expected outcomes

- Operational and institutional capacity of Kyrgyz and Tajik CSOs strengthened, and coordination (networking) among CSOs is enhanced;
- Viable and effectively operating community-based structures (ATC/CLDC) as spaces for community security dialogue, social development and community mobilization established;
- Women, youth, and traditional leaders empowered in fostering cross-border confidence-building and in addressing conflict;
- Cross-border cooperation improved through supporting mutual economic interests of Kyrgyz and Tajik communities and joint business development.

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