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Switzerland donates personal protective equipment for medical workers to fight against COVID-19

On March 27, 2020, the Government of Switzerland has equipped mobile units of the Family Center of Medicine of Chui Region and Regional Family Center of Medicine of Pervomayskii rayon with necessary personal protective equipment.

This support in the amount of more than 3 million soms has been provided within the framework of the Swiss funded project “Effective Management and Prevention on Noncommunicable Diseases in Kyrgyzstan”. The project has purchased the necessary personal protective equipment and other medical supplies in the following amount:

- Protective anti-epidemic suit – 2020;
- Medical disposable robe – 1335;
- Medical Disposable Mask – 6000;
- Protective glasses – 400;
- Respirator for protection against suspended matter – 99;
- Filters for respirators – 490;
- Examination gloves – 9700;
- Disposable spatula - 24100;
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, 65 ml bottle – 2980;
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, 900 ml bottle – 100;
- Biohazardous waste sack – 2900;
- Pulse oximeter – 30.

According to the World Health Organization, the COVID-19 virus is transmitted between people through close contact and droplet transmission. The people most at risk of infection are those who are in close contact with a COVID-19 patient or who care for COVID-19 patients.

Personal protective equipment protects healthcare workers and prevent infection transmission in healthcare facilities. The Swiss funded project ensures the effective control of coronavirus infection by providing vital personal protective equipment and other medical essential supplies to health workers.

Switzerland encourages citizens to stay at home to help health facilities reduce the burden.

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About Swiss support to Kyrgyzstan:

The Government of Switzerland provides assistance for the development of the Kyrgyz Republic. Since 1994, Switzerland has granted more than CHF 400 million to Kyrgyzstan (more than KGS 28 billion) in the form of technical, financial and humanitarian support. For more information, please visit <https://www.eda.admin.ch/bishkek>.