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Sub-regional Initiatives on SDG4-Education 2030 in Central Asia

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UNESCO Initiatives related to SDG4

- Central Asian Meeting on Mainstreaming Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (ESD) to achieve SDG4 (Sep 2016)
- Central Asian Meeting on Implementing SDG4 (22-24 Feb 2017)
- Workshop on ESD and GCED for teacher education institutions in Central Asia (19-23 June 2017)
- UNESCO-DVV Analysis and Workshop on Lifelong learning (Sep 2017)
- Sub-regional Conference on Open Education Resources (Oct 2017)

Initiatives in Kazakhstan



Inclusive Education

- Conceptual approaches of inclusive education development in the country (June 1, 2015)
- Measures for the further development of inclusive education system for 2015-2020
- In 2016-2017, 3289 schools created conditions for inclusive education
- 10% of kindergartens implemented inclusive education
- 100% of universities have better access for students with special educational needs

Pre-school education

- 1 year of free and compulsory quality pre-school education
- Public-private partnerships
- 100% of children (age 3-6) are covered by the updated content
- 80% of children (age 5-6) have high/average skills

Technical and Vocational Education and Training

- 1st profession - free of charge for everyone





Initiatives in Kyrgyzstan

National Coordinator, Vice-Minister for Education, established a Working Group.

- In Sep 2016, independent accreditation of educational institutions
- Safe schools and pre-schools in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2014-2024
- Double no. of entrants in tech schools
- In 2016, Laboratory of inclusive education
- In 2016, improved inclusive children monitoring



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Initiatives in Uzbekistan

- Work plan for implementing the SDGs
- State Committee on Statistics established a Working Group on M&E
- Textbook rental system
- 87% of all schools improved facilities
- Conceptualization of TVET strengthening
- Development of government and NGO sectors for adult education and lifelong learning
- Improvements in business curricula of professional colleges
- Improvement of educational programs for girls -> will enable them to gain necessary skills
- Implementation of subject assessment in all vocational education institutions
- Developed a system of primary and secondary education boarding schools for children with disabilities

Initiatives in Tajikistan



- In 2017, Education Joint Sector Review
- In 2016, introduced per capita financing
- State programme for preschool education development (2012-2016)
- Programme on developing private pre-school and secondary education institutions (2014-2020)
- State Standard of Higher Education in the Republic of Tajikistan (in 2015)
- Provided equal access to affordable and quality vocational education
- State Programme on Providing Educational Institutions with Classrooms and Equipping with Laboratories (2017-2021)
- State Programme on ICT Implementation in Education (2017-2020)
- 18 legal acts for the education credit system adopted (in 2015)
- Established registration and advisory centres as part of credit system
- Pilot program on student assessment

SDG4 Challenges in Central Asia

- Inefficient management and monitoring of education systems
- Shortage of kindergartens and schools
- Lack of funding and public-private partnerships
- Low teachers' salaries
- Disparities in access
- School drop-outs
- Education Quality:
 - Unqualified teachers
 - Outdated curriculum
 - Lack of classroom support
- Not enough scholarships
- Natural disasters



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Conclusion and Way Forward

- UNESCO recruit local staff in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to support SDG4 national coordination
- Ministries establish and operationalize Working Groups on SDG4
- UNESCO organize the 2nd Sub-regional Meeting on SDG4 in 2018/2019
- Strengthen Central Asian participation in APMED



Thank you for your attention

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