



## Kyrgyz Best Practices on Youth Participation in Elections

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## Context

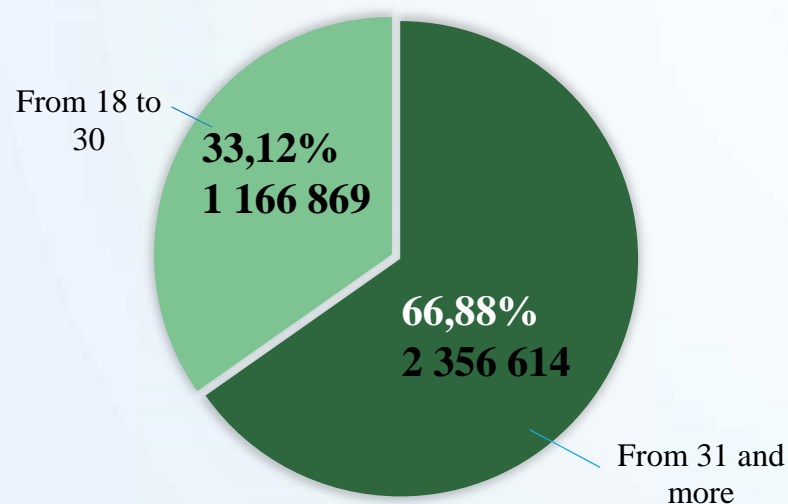
- Passive participation of young people in the elections
- 33% of voters are youth in the age group between 18 and 30, while about 40% of young eligible voters do not participate in elections.
- Lack of voting skills and experience
- Influence of elder generation to the choices of young people



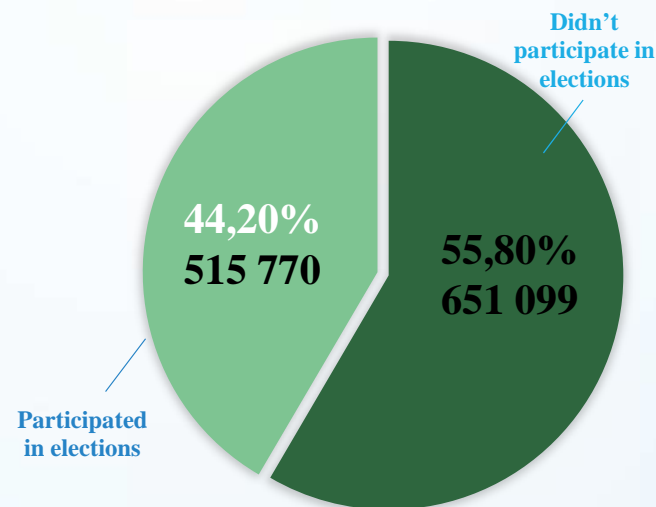
# Participation of young voters in elections

## Parliamentary elections October 2020

**Total number of voters–  
3 523 483**



**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
YOUNG VOTERS– 1 166 869**

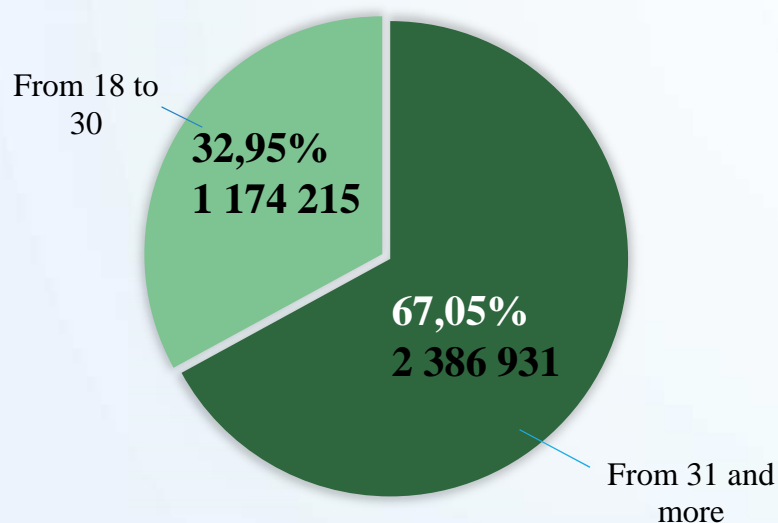


- General turnout within the country– **55,92%**
- Turnout among youth – **44,20%**
- Youth activeness is **11,72%** less than activeness of all voters across the country

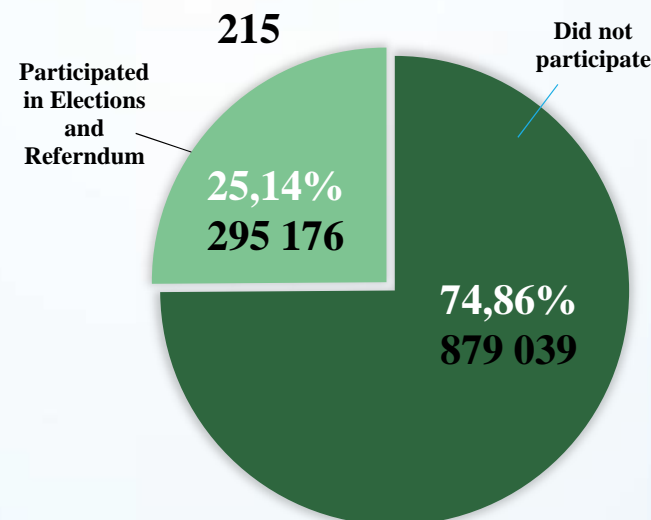


# Participation of young voters in elections Presidential elections and Referendum January 2021

**TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS –  
3 563 574**



**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
YOUNG VOTERS – 1 174**



- General turnout – 39,32%
- Turnout among youth– 25,12%
- Youth participation was 22,75% less, then general turnout across the country

## Sequence of actions



Improving the participation of youth in electoral process



Conducting Youth Laboratory, social media challenge, debates and mock elections among youth



Building trust to the electoral process, increasing youth participation

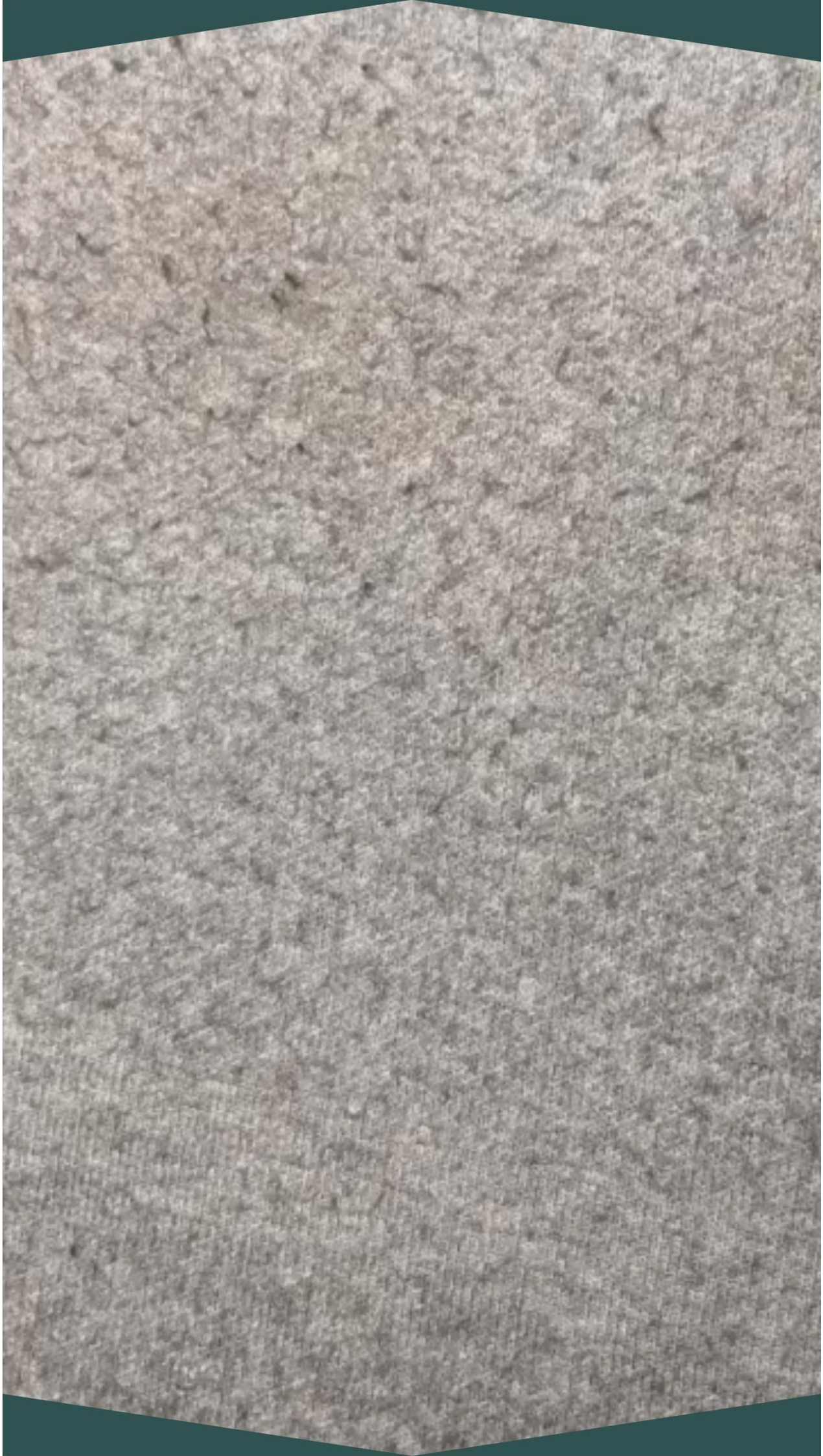


# #VOTE YOUTH LABORATORY COMPETITION

**AGE** 18 – 35 YEARS OLD  
**DEADLINE** 11:59PM, 24.07.2020

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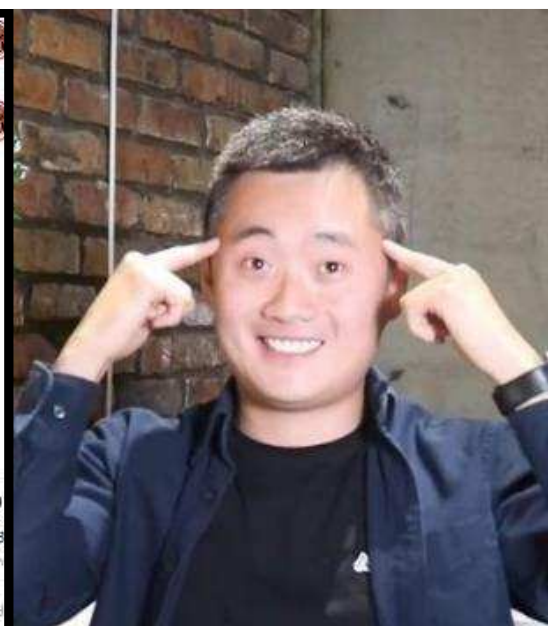
**важно и актуально говорить о честных выборах и**

**призывать людей к тому, чтобы они не продавали свои голоса**

**Обещанный пост**

**#голосуй**  
**«МОЛОДЁЖНАЯ ЛАБОРАТОРИЯ»**  
конкурс

44,375 views  
1 DAY AGO



**«ЖАШТАР ЛАБОРАТОРИЯСЫ»**  
СЫНАГЫ

**ЖАШЫ 18 ДЕН 35 ЖАШКА ЧЕЙИН**  
**АКЫРКЫ МӨӨНӨТ 24.07.2020, 23:59**

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**Кто сказал, что мы с тобой не владеем сверхспособностью?**

«Молодежная Лаборатория» докажет обратное — ведь это не просто конкурс, но отличный повод взяться за будущее всей страны!

Почему так важно проголосовать на выборах?  
Почему так важно не продавать свой голос?  
Что такое административный ресурс, почему его нельзя использовать на выборах?

И если ты уже ответил на эти вопросы, то осталось правильно донести это другим!

**Листай влево**

- On UNDP Facebook: 498,435 within one week
- On UNDP Instagram: 464,056 within one week
- Influencers



Не продавай



СВОЙ ГОЛОС!



Бегиш  
Рэпер



Ростислав Яценко  
Креативный продюсер

менин добушум эч нерсе  
чечпейт деп ойлойсуң.



Аяна Касимова  
Певица  
Бирок менин үнүмдү, добушумду,



Айсүлүү Молдали  
Блогерка  
Суранам, добушуңарды сатпагыла!



Макс Садырбаев  
Певица  
добушуңарды сатпагыла!

Challenge “Don’t sell your vote”  
among youth  
Short videos of celebrities



## Debates

- Improve critical thinking, analytical and communication skills;
- increase civic awareness, competence, and understanding of the political programs of candidates, parties, and electoral processes.
- enable voters to make the right choice of candidates, activating local communities and involving them in the electoral processes
- More than 250 participants



## Topics

- reduction of the voting age to 14 years;
- introduction of a majority electoral system in city councils;
- maintaining the system of electronic Internet voting in elections;
- introduction of a mandatory quota for young people in local kenesh elections

## Regional debate tournaments





## Debates





# Mock elections



- The mock election is a simulation of the real polling
- The topic is not political and is identified together by all partners engaged.
- Conducted among youth aged 15-21 years
- Covered 26 vocational schools
- 2684 students participated



## Mock Elections

- to increase the interest of youth in electoral processes,
- improve their practical knowledge as voters,
- to familiarize them with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



## Mock Elections



## Mock elections





## Partnership

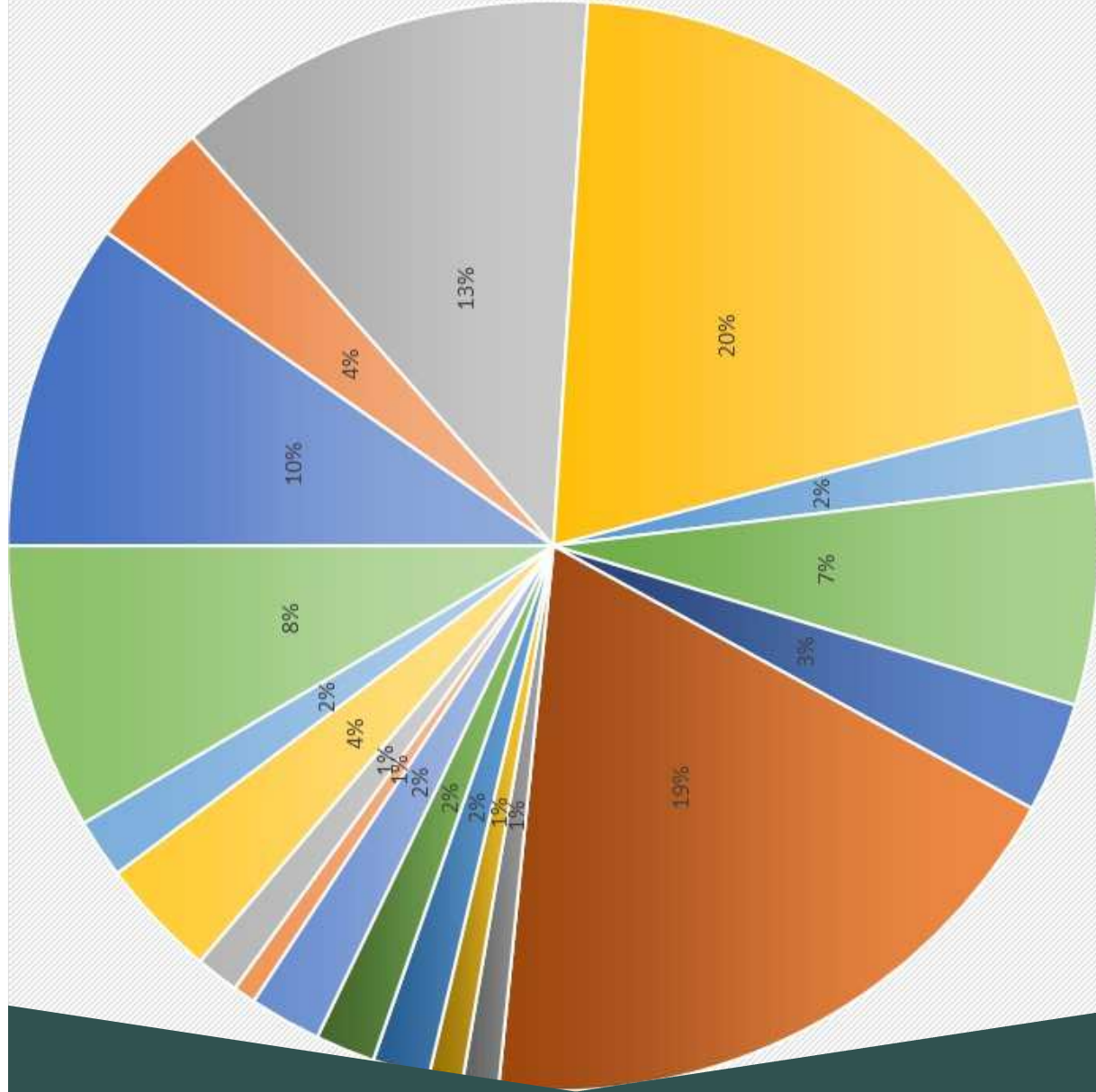
The CEC adjusted the software for the automatic ballot box scanners and polling station staff on how to organize mock elections

The voting results were streamlined on the CEC website in the real time

UNDP supported all logistics and provided overall methodological support of the organization of mock elections

UNICEF mobilized around 70 UNICEF Volunteers who were supporting the organization of the mock elections in all vocational schools





- GOAL 1: No Poverty
- GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
- GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- GOAL 4: Quality Education
- GOAL 5: Gender Equality
- GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- GOAL 13: Climate Action
- GOAL 14: Life Below Water
- GOAL 15: Life on Land
- GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
- GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal
- All goals are important

*"The active participation of youth in elections is very important because youth play a huge role in the development of the country; it is the youth that is the future of Kyrgyzstan. Therefore, it is important for the youth to take an active part in voting, increase their knowledge of voting procedures, and electoral process in order to make an informed, free and responsible choice".*







Thank You!

Kyrgyzstan Electoral Support Programme  
UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic