

Participation of Initiative Groups in Decision-Making

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Participation in the Project

The project provided ample opportunities for AO employees, LK deputies, and active citizens of our aimak:

- Training on many issues of local self-government organization and work,
- Training on issues of citizen participation in decision-making, cooperation with LSG bodies and evaluation of their work,
- With the support of the Project, introduce tools of community planning, including conducting a joint priority rural assessment, joint planning of actions to meet the needs, assemblies and meetings of citizens, public discussions of the local budget,
- Visits to other municipalities and learn best practices in addressing local issues,
- Support to the LSG body to raise additional funding to improve the living conditions and LSG work,
- Unite and legally create effective and working initiative groups.

Legal framework for organization of initiative groups

- Constitution of KR (Article 111)
- Budget Code of KR
- Law of KR “On local state administration and local self-government bodies” (Part 2)
- Charter of local community (Article 21)

How did we put it into practice ?

Cooperation with initiative groups (IG) began in 2014.

Eight initiative groups were organized and operate (there were five in 2014) to:

- Participate in solving problems in the aimak
- Participate in preparation of internal rules for the use of aimak resources
- Discuss and plan solutions to various socially important issues.

The groups include: active community leaders, young people, AK deputies, representatives of civil society organizations.

The participation of women in the groups is more than 30%.

How did we put it into practice ?

Aimak's socio-economic development is carried out in accordance with the adopted development programs, which are designed with the participation of local community:

- The Socio-Economic Development Program (SEDP) of 1-Mayskiy AA for 2018-2022 was considered and approved at the aiyl kenesh session by the resolution No. 23, dated November 22, 2017.
- The Socio-Economic Development Program (SEDP) of 1-Mayskiy AA for 2022-2026 was considered and approved at the aiyl kenesh session by the resolution № 1/5, dated December 24, 2021.

How did we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups took part in the SEDP discussion

83 participants participated the hearings, 31 of them were women.

- There were 23 proposals and questions, 11 of them were questions from the IG, 8 questions were accepted in the SEDP.
- Proposals were about providing clean drinking water, problems of kindergartens, organization of leisure time for youth and women.



How do we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups took an active part in public hearings on the formation of the local budget:

- The number of participants was 135 people, including **57** women, 78 men. 25 of them were from initiative groups.

Total of 11 proposals were received, 7 proposals were included in the budget.

The IG also made proposals on:

- Improvement of libraries
- Purchase of vehicles
- Purchase of vehicles for delivery of drinking water
- Purchase of a bus to transport children to school



How do we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups asked the AO to solve the problem of transporting children to school from the border villages of the aimak.

What was done:

Organized transportation of students to and from school to their homes.

- Local budget: 250 000 soms.
- Parents: 50 000 soms.

Result: conditions were created for 85 students to receive education.



How did we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups are involved in solving the problem of drinking water.

What has been done:

Aiyl okmotu attracted investment from UN WFP to lay 4.5 km of pipes to bring drinking water to Airy-Tam village.

The IG consisting of 50 women organized food for the workers during the installation of the pipes.

Local budget: Funds for machinery and fuel

Result: 143 households, 109 women, 155 men and 85 children in Airy-Tam village on the border were provided with clean drinking water.



How did we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups are involved in solving the problem arising from natural disasters, which annually threatens to flood the homes of residents of the village Ajek.

What was done:

Aiyi okmotu, the Ministry of Emergency Situations and members of the IG, local community built a dam 300 m long, paved it with stones and planted trees in the number of 2000 seedlings.

The IG took the initiative to plant the seedlings, actively participated and mobilized the local community to build the dam and plant the seedlings.

Result: 180 families live safely in the village of Ajek.



How do we put it into practice ?

Initiative groups actively participate in events organized by LSG bodies to discuss the development of the Rules of moving and keeping cattle in public places, travel to the field to inspect the territories of the aimak.



Participation in the Project

- In 2014, we took part in the contest “Local Initiatives” with our initiative “Taza suununun bashaty taza bolsun” and won the **1st place**.
 - With this prize we helped AO to improve conditions in the kindergarten (we bought furniture for the kindergarten for 100 000 soms).
- In 2015 we took part in the competition “Real Citizen Participation in the Budgetary Process” and won the **1st place**.
 - With this prize we helped AO to improve conditions for public events (for 170 000 soms, we bought equipment and furniture for meetings with the population).

Results of cooperation: What has changed?

- The charter of local community started working. Initiative groups initiated the development of rules to comply with the provisions of the Charter: on moving and keeping livestock in public places;
- **Close connection emerged** between the local self-government and the population;
- **Increased responsibility** of the local self-government;
- **Improved transparency** in adopting the local budget;
- **Increased public confidence** in local self-government;

Results of cooperation: What has changed?

- Increased community activism;
- The role of public organizations began to increase;
- Meanwhile, collective use of property and municipal property became widespread;
- Members of initiative groups and the local community began to understand that they, too, are responsible for addressing local issues;
- Initiative groups, seeing the results of their work, began to feel their role in addressing local issues



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Thank you!

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