



“The attitude of the population of the Kyrgyz Republic towards the gender quota in local keneshes”

*Results of a sociological survey commissioned by
the Central Commission for Elections and Referendums of the Kyrgyz Republic*

October 11, 2024, "Ball room", hotel "Sheraton"

PREREQUISITES

At the request of the Central Commission for Elections and Referendums of the Kyrgyz Republic, a sociological survey was conducted during the summer of 2024, one of the goals of which was to assess the attitude of the population of the Kyrgyz Republic towards the gender quota applied in the process of elections to local keneshes. The survey showed that about 80% of citizens of Kyrgyzstan support the gender quota in local keneshes, but extreme differences are noted across districts. The difference in positions regarding the quota is not related to the quality of work of female deputies, which the majority of citizens rated as "excellent". The conditions for expanding women's political leadership depend on the family, and most families in Kyrgyzstan build relationships between genders on the foundations inherited from their ancestors, therefore, in certain territories, the status of "kelin" affects women's opportunities to expand political rights.

Government can make a difference by helping to improve the conditions for women's political empowerment, and activists and civil society must use an effective entry point to support women through widespread recognition of their economic and social contributions to development.


The survey was conducted by the Development Policy Institute on behalf of the Partnership for the Local Self-governance Development in the Kyrgyz Republic. The total number of respondents was 2,637 people, including 1,660 women and 977 men. Field data collection was carried out by the Erfolg Consult company.

Presentation materials are available in electronic form via QR code





AGENDA

Time	Theme / action	Speaker / Responsible
09.00 – 09.30	Registration. Welcome coffee	DPI
09.30 – 10.00	Greeting. Objectives and tasks of the event. <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Nurzhan SHAILDABEKOVA, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic– Olivier BARGENTER, Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kyrgyz Republic	
10.00 – 10.30	Overview of the research results: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>Level of support for gender quota by district</i>– <i>Evaluation of the quality of work of women deputies</i>– <i>The population's views on women's political rights and the status of "kelin"</i>– <i>Conditions necessary for expanding women's political leadership</i>	Nadezhda DOBRETSOVA , Chairman of the Board of DPI
10.30 – 10.35	Demonstration of the video “ Kimdin kelini mykty? ” (in Kyrgyz language)	
10.35 – 11.00	How does the district achieve greater results in increasing women's participation in local keneshes?	Ainura BEGMATOVA , representative of the Club of Women Deputies of the Kara-Suu district of the Osh oblast
11.00 – 11.20	What measures of support for women candidates for local council deputies will work? <ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>Arguments and facts</i>– <i>Language and Values</i>– <i>Materials</i>– <i>Training and Consulting</i>	Saliya AKULOVA , coordinator of the Club of Women Deputies of Local Keneshes, LGACA
11.20 – 12.00	Questions and Answers	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	