

# Bilim Nuskasy: Skill Development Workshop for Children With Disabilities in Rural Villages of Kyrgyzstan

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## Description:

Project is working in Toktogul, Kyrgyzstan to improve the quality of education in rural villages in our region. Through the workshops such as computer, handicraft, English language, leadership and community improvement projects, we give opportunity for children with disabilities to develop hard & soft skills and enhance own knowledge despite absence of conditions in the villages.



## Mission:

To empower children with disabilities in rural villages of Toktogul, Kyrgyzstan by expanding their knowledge and skills through variety of workshops.

## Outcome:

- Students broke stereotypes about their disabilities completing community improvement projects.
- Parents actively collaborated in their children's academic and social development.
- Project empowered children to get an education at universities.

## Impact:

Our team consist of 3 people who take most of the responsibilities on project work and 5-12 volunteers who help students during the workshop activities. Every year we have different number of children. In one workshop, we have 15-18 students. Overall, the project impacted 118 people.

## Challenges:

- Buildings are not adapted
- Lack of support from local schools ( renting computer classes) .

## Collaboration:

- Mini Grants from International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)
- Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV)
- Parents