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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC: PROTECTING THE POOREST

VIDEO

AIDA AND HUSBAND IN SOCIAL
WORKERS OFFICE

AIDA SPEAKING WITH SOCIAL
WORKER,

SOCIAL WORKER HOLDING
CALCULATOR

PEOPLE ENTERING SOCIAL
WORKERS OFFICE

AIDA SATYBALDEV, SOCIAL
SERVICES RECIPIENT, ON
CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Aida Satybaldev and her husband Urmat are in the Social Protection Office of their town in the Kyrgyz Republic. (6")

Food prices are so high now; they tell social workers... they can no longer afford to feed their family. The social workers calculate the income Urmat makes as a farmer, and ask about any other goods the family owns. (12")

Aida and Urmat are among the increasing number of people visiting such offices around the country these days, hoping for financial assistance. (7.4")

AIDA SATYBALDEV (IN KYRGYZ) F

"It is really difficult for our family to cope with the rising prices, especially for our family which has four children, and no income other than what we grow." (8")

NARRATION

AIDA WALKING AWAY WITH HER BABY AND HUSBAND	Aida says she needs the cash to buy food, especially flour. (3.45")
MARKET/FOOD AND PRICES	That is just one of the staples in the Kyrgyz Republic which have as much as tripled in price.
VAR. SHOTS OF FOOD/COMMODITIES GAS STATION WORKER	Bread has skyrocketed as well, along with rice, and cooking oil, and dairy products. Complicating matters are the rising costs of fuel. (14.75")
PEOPLE GOING TO MATERNITY CLINICS EXTERNAL SHOT OF CLINIC	In an effort to help the poorest and most vulnerable, the Kyrgyz government is using a World Bank grant to help finance a Health and Social Protection project. (9")
WOMEN IN THE CLINIC WOMAN BREASTFEEDING	The project supports maternity clinics around the country, where poor, pregnant and nursing mothers receive nutritional supplements and health care for free. (8.8")
MEN LOADING TRUCK WITH BAGS OF FLOUR TRUCK PULLING AWAY FROM MILL	And 300,000 of the country's poorest households are set to receive bags of flour... fortified with vitamins, at a highly reduced cost. (9")
OFFICE WORKER WITH CASH TRANSFER FORMS	A system of cash transfers is also being scaled up, to increase the amount allotted for children of the poorest families. (6.7")
TATYANA WALKING INTO SHARMANT'S HOUSE	Social worker Tatyana Samsonova has been visiting poor families in the Kyrgyz district of Moskovski since 1994. (7.5")

TATYANA WITH SHARMANT &
HER FAMILY IN THE GARDEN

She says the increase in aid – from about three and a half US dollars to four and a half per child per month – will certainly help bigger families, like the one of Sharmant Oktomanova, she recently visited. (12”)

TATYANA INSIDE SHARMANT’S
HOUSE

TATYANA SAMSONOVA (IN RUSSIAN) F

TATYANA SAMSONOVA, SOCIAL
WORKER, ON CAMERA

“This is of course a considerable assistance to the family budget. For example, this family has six children, so an additional six dollars per month is a considerable amount they can spend on food or school items for their children.” (24.5”)

NARRATION

SHARMANT WALKING WITH HER
BABY
PAN AROUND HER HOUSE AND
KIDS

Sharmant’s husband has yet to find steady work, and she’s been ill since giving birth to her sixth child. Her family depends on the monthly cash transfers to survive: (9.5”)

SHARMANT OKTOMANOVA (IN KYRGYZ) F

SHARMANT OKTOMANOVA,
HOUSEWIFE, ON CAMERA

“The cash transfer is not big but it is still a help for us to cover our food expenses, so we usually eagerly await the monthly transfers. Feeding six children at these days is hard.” (11.5”)

NARRATION

TATYANA LEAVING
SHARMANT WALKING INTO HER
HOUSE

So hard that she says she sent her fourteen-year-old daughter to find work harvesting local fields over the summer vacation. (7.25”)

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For the United Nations, this is James Martone reporting. (4)

