



UN representatives tour Southern Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK (TCA) – The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative Alexander Avanesov, Executive Representative of the UN Population Fund Melder Omurzakov, UNICEF Representative in Kyrgyzstan Jonathan Veitch, heads of Kyrgyzstan's Health Ministry, led by Deputy Health Minister Marat Kaliyev visited a Family Medicine Centre (FMC) at Kara-Suu and a maternity ward at the Karasu regional hospital in Osh oblast, FMC in the Batken region and a maternity ward of the Batken merged regional hospital.

During the tour, participants learned about the situation to ensure the maternal and child safety in the region, talked with experts of the obstetrics service, lying-in women, and woman recently confined.

According to the tour participants, the maternal and child health is a national priority and UN agencies (UNFPA and UNICEF) are making great efforts to improve the health of mothers and infants and strengthen the potential of maternity hospitals in the country.

Presently, the Health Ministry is implementing a joint project with the UNFPA and the



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UNICEF in Kyrgyzstan in order to improve the quality of medical services provided to pregnant women and newborns in Osh and Batken regions. The project has assisted 20 maternity clinics, 7 Family Medicine Centers and 90 first-aid stations in Osh and Batken regions in form of training health professionals and equipment. More than 40,224 pregnant women (35% of the total births) received effective antenatal and prenatal care.

Ten respiratory systems have been purchased and supplied, the clinical training to use this equipment for medical professionals in

Osh and Batken regions was carried out with the financial support from UNICEF.

UN Population Fund has assisted to equip and open two schools on the preparation for childbirth, train more than 200 medical experts in Osh and Batken regions for antenatal care. It is also planned to open four additional schools to prepare for the childbirth and providing assistance in the Family Medicine Centre number 6 and 110, first-aid stations in Osh and Batken regions for antenatal care, which will improve the health of mothers and children.