

Kyrgyzstan

Reducing Technical Barriers to Entrepreneurship and Trade (RTBET)

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Brief description

The government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the World Bank have agreed a project aimed to develop technical regulations and build the Metrology, Standard, Testing and Quality (MSTQ) infrastructure in the country. The Reducing Technical Barriers for Entrepreneurship and Trade Project has one component dedicated to Standards and Metrology system and infrastructure. Project activities under this component will support the:

- establishment of the national measurement reference standards (étalons),
- capacity of NISM to provide calibration and measurement services to laboratories and basic metrology services to enforce technical regulation and meet the demands of the industry;
- in the area of standards, the establishment of procedures for the preparation, adoption and application of standards in accordance with the WTO TBT Agreement and provision of information on standards and international practice necessary for development of technical regulations

This project component will be implemented by the government of the Kyrgyz Republic that designated the National Institute for Standards and Metrology (NISM) as the implementing agency. The project will be financed through the grant allocated to the Kyrgyz Republic by the World Bank.

The RTBET project also benefits from a PHRD Grant made available by the government of Japan to support the implementing agencies in the implementation of such complex reforms. A Twinning Arrangement between NISM and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), the German Metrology Institute, was signed under the RTBET project to sustain project activities implementation and overcome technical setbacks by allowing bundling of scientific technical assistance activities, plan their timing and sequencing from a scientific standpoint and oversee implementation.

PTB is recognized as one of the leading metrology institutes in the world, with a sound technology and management base. PTB's mission is to support the efficiency of German economy and to promote consumer protection by providing services in the field of metrology. Its main task is to assure the realization and dissemination of the SI units and to provide traceability to calibration laboratories as well as other national metrology institutes.

Target groups

Actors of all industrial and economic areas, especially in export, health services, environment;
consumers

Mediator

Employees of state authorities,
Specialists and managers of quality infrastructure institutions

Project executing agency

National Institute for Standards and Metrology of the Kyrgyz Republic "Kyrgyzstandard" (NISM)

Term & value of the commission

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| Prospective total promotion period: | 2008 – 2010 |
| Present phase: | 2010 |
| Total amount of contract value: | 130,500 USD |