

# LAW OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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## On the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic

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### Article 1. Subject of Regulation of this Law

This Law defines the organizational and legal framework for the activities of the National Red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as the Red Crescent Society), regulates the forms of relations between the Red Crescent Society and government agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic and other organizations.

### Article 2. Basic Concepts Used in This Law

The following basic concepts are used in this Law:

- 1) humanitarian action - action to save lives, alleviate suffering and ensure respect for human dignity in the context of man-made crises and natural disasters, and to prevent and strengthen preparedness for them. It includes the protection of civilians and non-combatants, as well as the provision of food, water and sanitation, shelter, medical services and other items of assistance to facilitate their return to normal living conditions;
- 2) volunteer - an individual who acts of his/her own free will, and not out of material or financial interest, or under the influence of external social, economic or political pressure;
- 3) The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (hereinafter referred to as the Movement) is an organizational form of constant interaction between the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies recognized by them in order to carry out humanitarian activities most effectively;
- 4) The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (hereinafter referred to as the Federation) is an international non-governmental humanitarian organization created for the purpose of international coordination of the humanitarian activities of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and consisting of all Red Cross or Red Crescent Societies.

### Article 3. Red Crescent Society

1. The Red Crescent Society is recognized as the only national organization of the Movement on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic which plays a supportive role and provides assistance to state bodies in humanitarian, material, medical, social, psychological spheres and other assistance.

The Red Crescent Society can also provide the types of assistance specified in the first paragraph of this part, both in peacetime and during emergency situations and armed conflict.

2. The Red Crescent Society is the legal successor of the Red Cross of the Kyrgyz ASSR, formed on October 6, 1926, and an integral part of the Movement, as well as a full member of the Federation.

### Article 4. Legal Basis for the Activities of the Red Crescent Society

The activities of the Red Crescent Society are based on the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, this Law and other relevant regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party.

### **Article 5. Principles of the Red Crescent Society**

The Red Crescent Society in its activities is guided by the following fundamental principles of the Movement:

- 1) humanity - the motive to provide assistance to all victims, without exception or preference, to try, under any circumstances, both at the international and national levels, to prevent or alleviate human suffering, to protect people's lives and ensure respect for the individual, as well as to promote mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and consolidation of peace between peoples;
- 2) impartiality - freedom from national, racial, religious prejudices and class political convictions;
- 3) neutrality - non-acceptance of anyone's side in armed conflicts and non-participation in disputes of a political, racial, religious nature in order to maintain universal trust;
- 4) independence - the provision by the Red Crescent Society of humanitarian, material, medical, social, psychological and other assistance to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with the current legislation, on the basis of the fundamental principles of the Movement;
- 5) voluntariness - assistance activities that are not aimed at obtaining benefits;
- 6) unity - the presence of only one Red Crescent Society on the territory of the country;
- 7) universality - the Movement consisting of societies with equal status and bearing the same responsibility is worldwide.

### **Article 6. Tasks of the Red Crescent Society**

The Red Crescent Society, as an auxiliary organization for the state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic, within the framework of its competence and in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, performs the following tasks:

- 1) participation in the implementation of measures to protect the health of the population in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, including those aimed at alleviating human suffering;
- 2) organization on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic of assistance to victims of armed conflicts, other situations of violence, as well as to persons affected by natural and man-made emergencies;
- 3) participation in the provision of care for various categories of citizens, the provision of humanitarian, material, medical, social, psychological and other assistance to people in need;
- 4) dissemination of knowledge about international humanitarian law;
- 5) ensuring the fulfillment of other tasks arising from the principles and goals of the Red Crescent Society.

### **Article 7. Main Directions of Activity of the Red Crescent Society**

In order to fulfill the tasks listed in Article 6 of this Law, the Red Crescent Society in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic and within its competence:

- 1) participates in the implementation of measures for the prevention of infectious and non-infectious diseases among vulnerable groups of the population in agreement with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of health care;
- 2) in accordance with international standards and recommendations, as well as taking into account the recommendations of state bodies in the field of health care of the Kyrgyz Republic, organizes training in first aid skills for employees of private and state organizations and institutions, who are faced by the nature of their activities with injured or acutely ill people;
- 3) together with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of health, participates in the organization of donation of blood and its components in peacetime and during armed conflicts, promotes the donation of blood and its components for medical purposes among the population;

- 4) participates in the provision of medical and sanitary, psychological and other medical and social assistance to persons in need of it, jointly with the state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 5) participates in taking care of those in need at home, providing assistance to vulnerable groups of the population;
- 6) makes a request to the constituent parts of the Movement for the provision of international emergency assistance in the manner prescribed by Article 11 of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On International Emergency Assistance";
- 7) organizes the reception, storage and distribution of humanitarian aid received from the components of the Movement in agreement with the authorized state body determined by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 8) jointly with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of civil protection, in order to provide assistance to the affected population as a result of emergencies, organizes the collection of charitable donations from the population, legal entities and foreign states;
- 9) jointly with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of civil protection, carries out activities to reduce disaster risks in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 10) assists in the implementation of assessment and preparation, also takes part in the prevention of emergencies;
- 11) in order to eliminate emergency situations on a scale up to the regional level, jointly with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of civil protection, coordinates, receives, stores and distributes humanitarian aid to the population;
- 12) jointly with state bodies and civil protection units, provides first aid in cases of emergencies, including armed conflicts, creating voluntary rescue teams;
- 13) provides assistance to state bodies in organizing temporary shelter for victims of emergency situations, including armed conflicts;
- 14) jointly with state bodies, creates a tracing service in order to search for missing persons, helps to restore ties between family members separated as a result of armed conflicts, emergencies, and assists in reunification of families;
- 15) interacts with the constituent parts of the Movement in order to provide assistance to victims of armed conflicts, as well as to persons affected by emergencies, assists these organizations in carrying out humanitarian activities on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic and beyond;
- 16) carries out activities to disseminate knowledge of international humanitarian law among the population;
- 17) carries out publishing and research activities in agreement with the authorized state body of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of science;
- 18) performs other functions assigned to it by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as by international treaties to which the Kyrgyz Republic is a party.

#### **Article 8. International Cooperation of the Red Crescent Society**

1. The Red Crescent Society cooperates with the constituent parts of the Movement and other international humanitarian organizations to carry out activities corresponding to its tasks and main areas of activity provided for in Articles 6 and 7 of this Law.
2. The constituent parts of the Movement carry out their activities on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic and on the basis of agreements with the Red Crescent Society.

#### **Article 9. Use of the Emblem and Name of the Red Crescent Society**

The emblem and name of the Red Crescent Society are used in the manner prescribed by the legislation.

#### **Article 10. Interaction of the Red Crescent Society with State Bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic**

1. To implement the tasks provided for in Article 6 of this Law, the Red Crescent Society interacts and cooperates with government bodies of all levels, government agencies and organizations and has the right to conclude agreements that determine the main directions and methods of cooperation.

2. State bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic can involve the Red Crescent Society and its structural divisions and provide support for joint activities, including on the basis of a state order.

3. Payment of the annual contributions of the Red Crescent Society to the Federation is carried out at the expense of the republican budget.

#### **Article 11. Provision of Information**

At the request of the Red Crescent Society, state bodies, institutions, organizations and officials provide information within their competence in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

This information may include statistical data on morbidity, injuries, victims of emergencies and conflict situations, as well as various categories of vulnerable groups of the population.

State bodies provide information on detainees, internees, displaced persons in cases of their search and establishment of contact with relatives and close ones, with the exception of confidential information.

#### **Article 12. Financing of the Activities of the Red Crescent Society**

Financing of the activities of the Red Crescent Society is provided from the following sources:

- 1) annual membership fees;
- 2) charitable contributions, donations and grants;
- 3) income received from holding charity fairs, concerts, exhibitions, lectures, sports and other entertainment events, as well as the sale of charitable coupons, stamps and tickets;
- 4) income from the sale of products of its own and other institutions, enterprises, organizations, regardless of the form of ownership, as well as individuals and services with a charity mark-up;
- 5) other types of income and receipts not prohibited by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### **Article 13. Tax and Customs Advantages**

The provision of customs, tax benefits and preferences to the Red Crescent Society is carried out in accordance with the current customs and tax legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### **Article 14. Responsibility for Violation of the Legislation on the Activities of the Red Crescent Society**

Persons guilty of violating the provisions of this Law shall bear responsibility provided for by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

#### **Article 15. Entry Into Force of This Law**

This Law shall enter into force upon the expiration of 10 days from the date of its official publication.

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