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**New Project Designed to Improve the Efficiency of State Social Procurement**

Bishkek - On October 24-25, 2017, a seminar will be held to develop criteria for the evaluation of social services offered through the state social procurement. Representatives of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Health, civil society organizations and experts will discuss the main principles of the implementation of the State Social Procurement, as well as approaches to monitoring and evaluation of results. The seminar will start at 10:00 a.m. at Recreation Center “Koi-Tash” named after Gulmira Mambetalieva at the address: 1 Tsentralnaya Street, village Koi-Tash, Alamudun Rayon.

The seminar is held as part of a new project aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development to implement the State Social Procurement. Development Policy Institute (DPI) implements the project with the support of the USAID Collaborative Governance Program.

State social procurement is a relatively new approach for the Kyrgyz Republic that includes the involvement of both non-profits and the business sector in providing social services and addressing social issues. The year of 2017 has become an important milestone for SSP development as in the spring a new law was adopted to regulate the mechanism of its implementation.

[The Collaborative Governance Program (CGP)](https://www.linkedin.com/fetch/contextImportLanding?inviterID=396841758&recordImp=true&goback=%2Enpv_AAsAABenUx4BKaGdQnJtCvcpZ9I0AQQL*5douf*4A_*1_*1_name_tc*4*5_*1_*1_*1_306663646*4I6102775134035202049*4500_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_*1_eml*5M2M*4Invitation*5hero*53*5profile%7Etext_*1_*1&trk=eml_inv_accept_non_email&report%2Esuccess=XXhEbGMMtiQZnMVGqQ3QQZuno2heI6WPLoZEMTuko2heN6OHTlmW7CsVuxKXdJQ6YGQ2Q0knoVKsdcLDLLQEW0kDoNLNE6OHf9107hj4s7K_dJM6YB8jVWUQC9g97Z4g1RFiqS7rtI3JMbsRHx8KdSx3-O9sjZG1g74aSYy4uDKndaP8vl1J7hy4Q7b0dSLpLLME50kAoJheItW-LwIvX0k3oV8W8ZzJg_lTSbUTYlVrbQJ1Htj8dceKCf6MbWy0e74kPOcQCXdI7PAEJDsiqPvOgQ2i_9CJE7zkamo9UlIo8KCUNBdoZWBwCf6rr-9ZHUjGqcM5tAkfv13ZFiHAmZZ8ClOIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhNdtIuS2oaMyZZZZhN4f_scElRBIiZqWXNGfDuLX0RN0iZqiQlz5Gso3RaNt_mv_LzGGGbLXZ4NVotWBweVtTjlCEHD4vtWiwzGGGb5XJtUCydnrXgWIN3FXCIihttp://www.ewmi-cgp.org/ru/) promotes effective collaboration among civil society, the private sector, and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), and is implemented by East-West Management Institute (EWMI).

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