



Impacts on Youth during COVID-19 in Tajikistan



Student activism for health

Student volunteers have helped spread critical information about prevention of COVID-19 in their communities, and even raised money for a Solidarity Fund in one community to provide food and medical supplies for hospitals and those in need in the community.



Economic support

Healthcare workers received bonus payments by decree of the President, and many young doctors and medical professionals benefitted from this support payment.



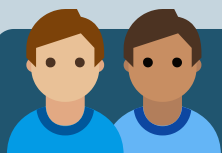
Medical student involvement

Medical students became involved in the pandemic response, with older students volunteering to assist medical workers and hospitals, while younger students participated in door-to-door campaigns of COVID-19 awareness and testing and data collection.



Job creation

While youth are commonly employed in the informal sector and the most vulnerable to job loss during the pandemic, the government of Tajikistan put a strong focus on the economic stability of the country, facilitating the creating of almost 200,000 jobs in 2020, particularly in the agriculture and construction sectors, which heavily employ youth.



Raising youth awareness

The Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports facilitated the creation of internal headquarters for COVID-19 in its member agencies, and ensured coordination of awareness-raising campaigns across the country targeting youth.



Youth-led awareness-raising

Young people played a key role in communicating about COVID-19 prevention with other young people through youth forums, information campaigns, and flash mobs.



One group of youth in northern Tajikistan created a radio program about COVID-19 prevention that was broadcast across their school's intercom during breaks to help young people prevent the spread of the virus.