

Republic of Korea–Central Asia Environment Regional Cooperation Agenda

Building together towards green recovery

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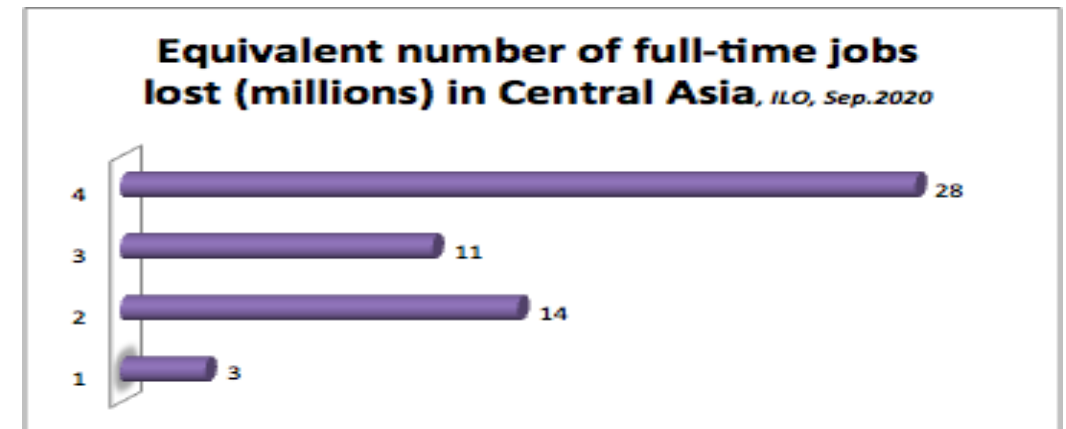
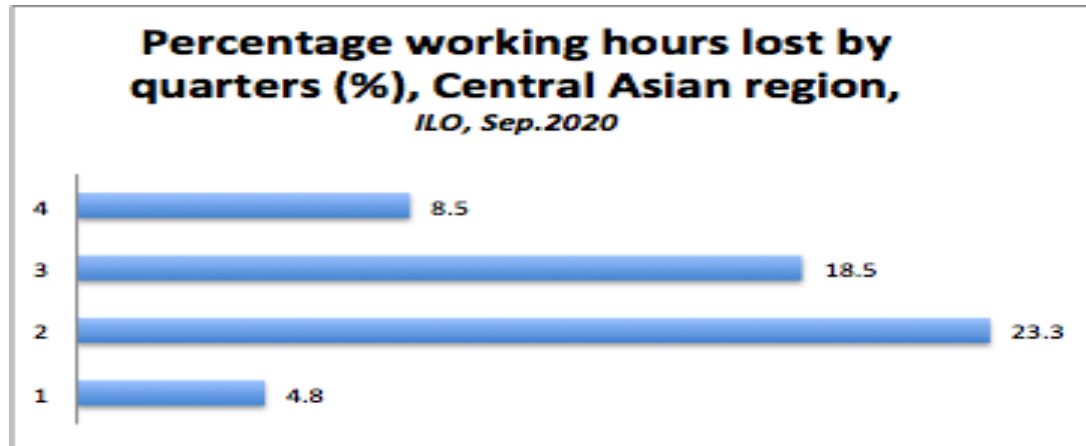
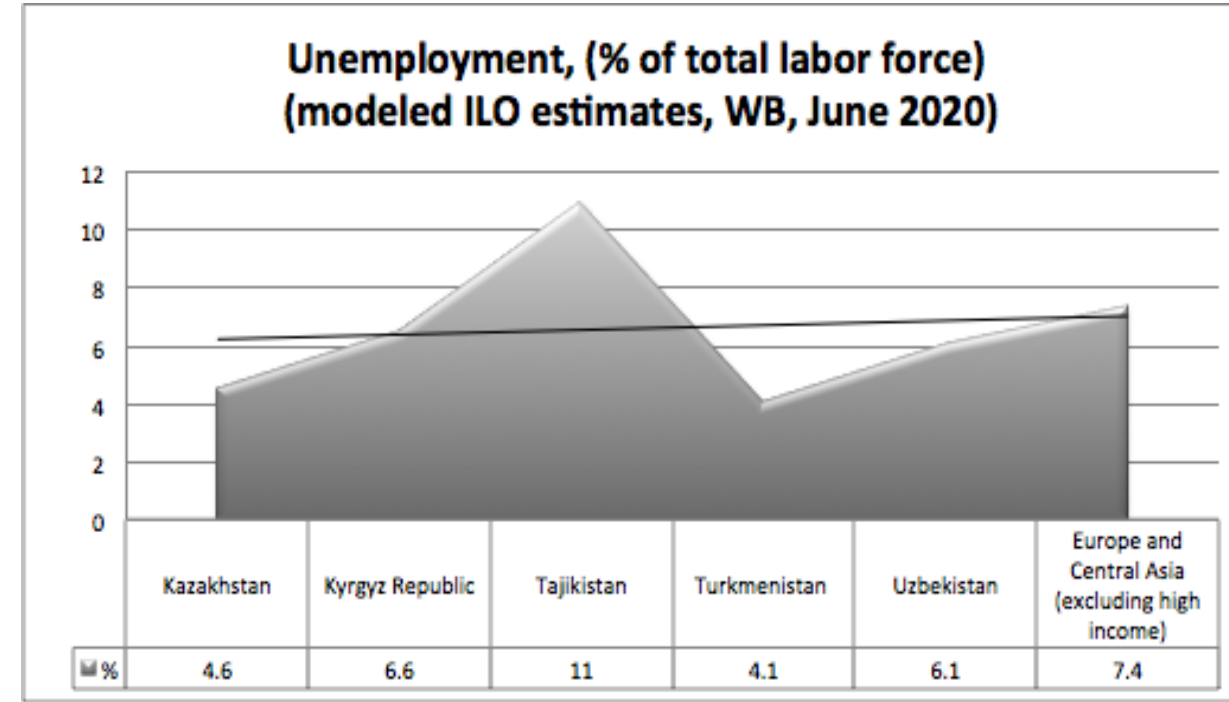
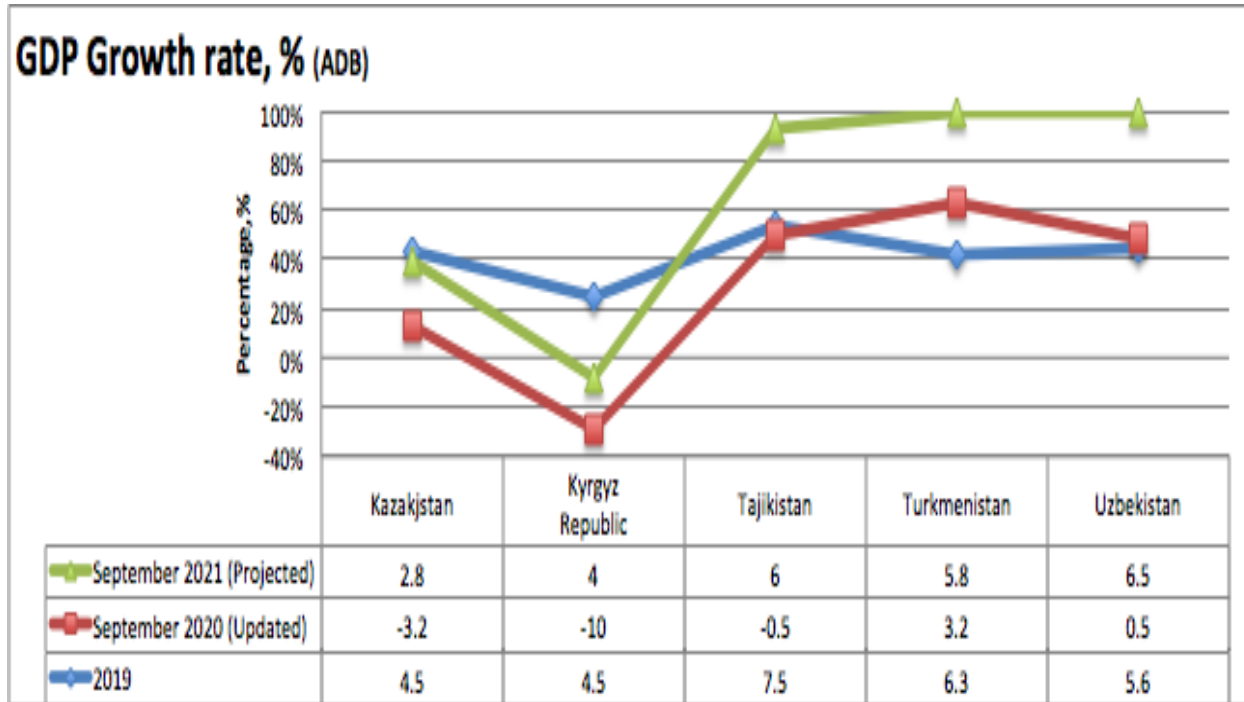
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1. Impacts of COVID-19 Crisis on Central Asia

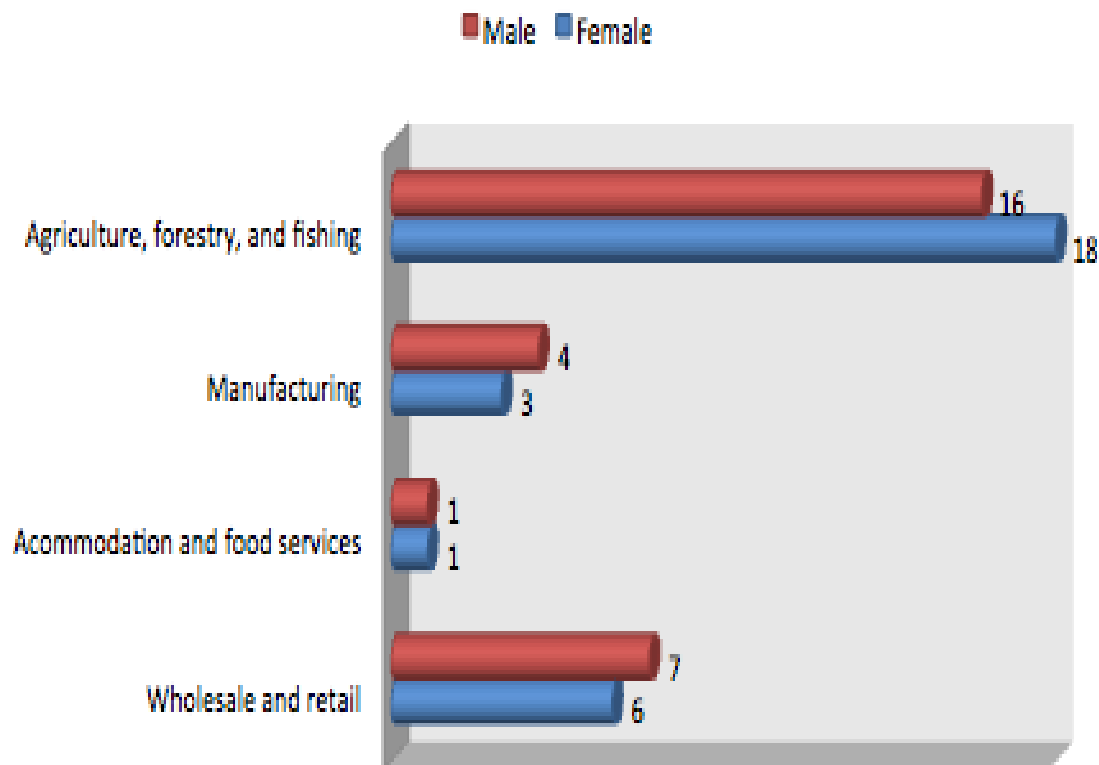


1. Impacts of COVID-19 Crisis on Central Asia

Impact on youth employment in hard-hit sectors by sectors, Asia, estimates of 2020, ILO



Employment Share by Sector, % of total employment, May 2020 (Central Asia)



| Economic Sector | Immediate impact of crisis on economic output |
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| Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | High |
| Manufacturing | High |
| Real estate, business and administrative activities | High |
| Accommodation and food service activities | High |
| Transport, storage, and communication | Medium-high |
| Arts, entertainment & recreation, & other services | Medium-high |
| Mining and quarrying | Medium |
| Financial and insurance services | Medium |
| Construction | Medium |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | Medium-low |

2. Key Elements of Green Recovery for Central Asia



- COVID-19 pandemic impacts vary across the region, with pandemic-induced contraction in 2020 expecting to increase poverty in all Central Asian countries (World Bank, 7 October 2020)
- Improved regional cooperation is necessary for COVID-19 recovery in Central Asia (Asian Development Blog, 4 Nov 2020)
- Climate Smart Agriculture was identified as a common priority that came out in GGGI's preliminary consultations with Central Asia Governments
- GGGI's proposed key elements for Green Recovery in Central Asia:
 - Build resilience on climate and pandemic sensitive sectors
 - Create jobs
 - Accelerate recovery with green measures

3. Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Green Recovery in Central Asia



- ROK-Central Asia Forum as a platform for regional cooperation
- GGGI as facilitator and implementation partner for regional and in-country projects supporting green recovery
 - GGGI will set up its first Country Office in the region firstly in Uzbekistan in 2021



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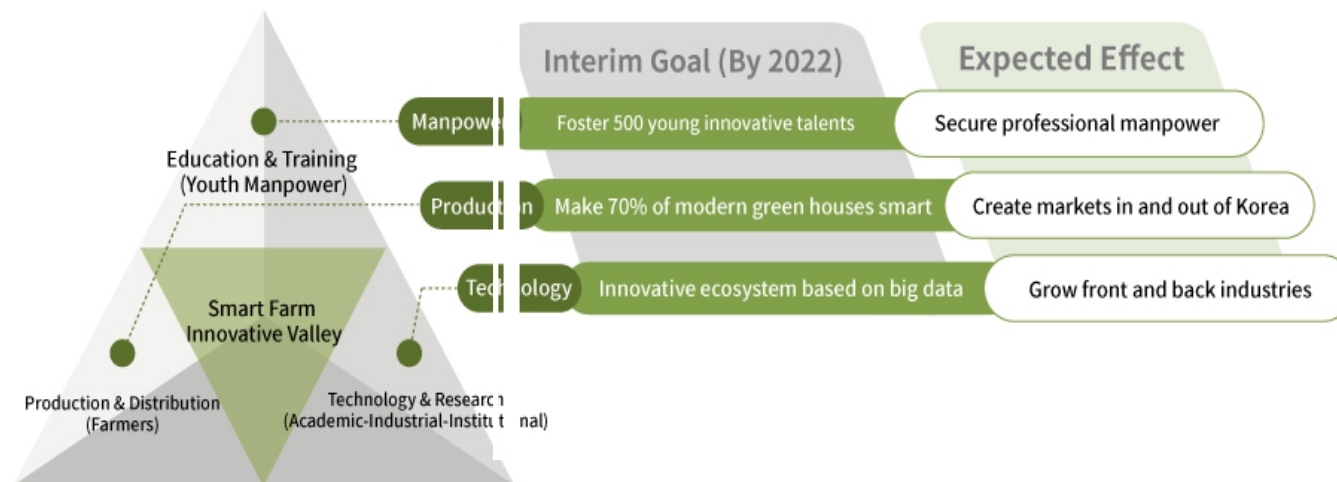


- Jointly cultivate cooperation projects linking ODA opportunities responding to regional needs, and accessing climate finances
 - GGGI supported the Government of Mongolia and the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association to establish the Mongolia Green Finance Corporation (MGFC), which accessed GCF funding to mainstream green finance for low-carbon climate-resilient development through financing products for large energy consumers and households in partnership with local financing institutions. This will help reduce GHG emissions of Mongolia.
 - As an initial project GGGI will help the Government of Karakalpakstan, Republic of Uzbekistan in its rehabilitation from negative impacts of the Aral Sea disaster through disaster resilience, climate smart agriculture, green jobs creation, and strengthening the MSME sector.
- Green recovery interventions to be systematically planned through engagement strategies by RoK and GGGI



4. Climate Smart Agriculture

- South Korea has been implementing mixture of traditional and modern agricultural technologies for climate-smart agriculture
- South Korea has been concentrating on fully utilizing domestic natural conditions, such as available domestic crops
- Working on generation of minimal waste and maximum organic inputs
- Promotion of agricultural sustainability
 - Support at state and local level for strengthening livelihoods for domestic farmers
 - Youth support in farming industry to increase young professionals in the sector
 - Development in rural areas



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Support Climate Smart Agriculture in Central Asia



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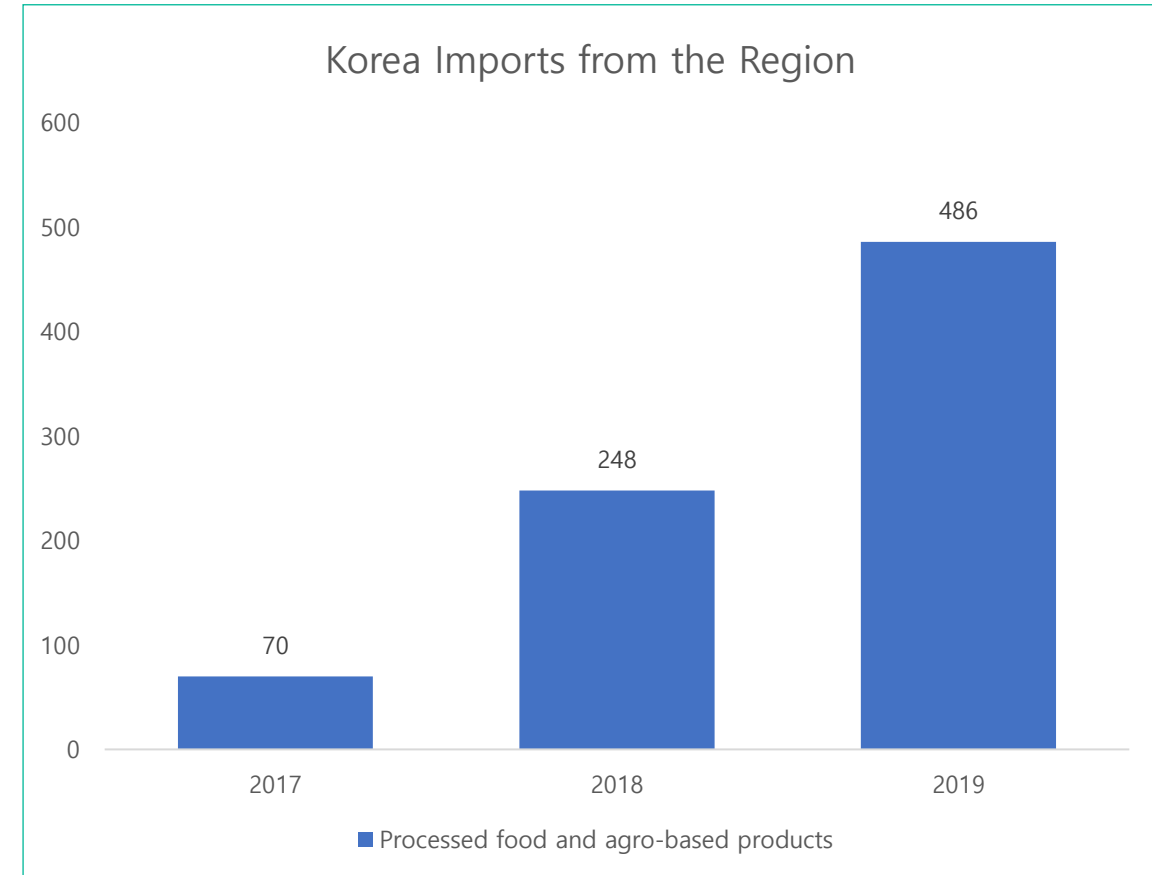
- Volunteers for agricultural extension (location: Republic of Uzbekistan)
- Assistance with implementation of policy on organic agriculture and developing capacity (location: Kyrgyz Republic)
- Capacity building for water resource management (location: Republic of Uzbekistan)
- Education of professionals in agricultural sector through Masters Degree Program



Source: uzdaily.uz



Source: kalpak-travel.com



Source: International Trade Center



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Building on efforts by other Development Partners and through the environmental regional cooperation, GGGI aims to support to MSME Development in the agriculture sector and promote Youth Employment



Source: ICBA



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5. Nurturing Young Professionals

- Capacity building of early career economists, environment and social development practitioners through secondment programs and intensive training courses and on-the-job training opportunities with partner institutions
- Multilateral partnership involving think tanks, academia, and governments
- Knowledge exchange through Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) and linkages to other regional knowledge hubs and platforms



Source: www.carececo.org



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5. Nurturing Young Professionals

- Support to participation of young professionals in international learning and networking events, e.g., conferences and workshops
- Provide opportunities to lead green growth project design and implementation in-country and at regional level



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Republic of Uzbekistan
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Partnering for Green Recovery



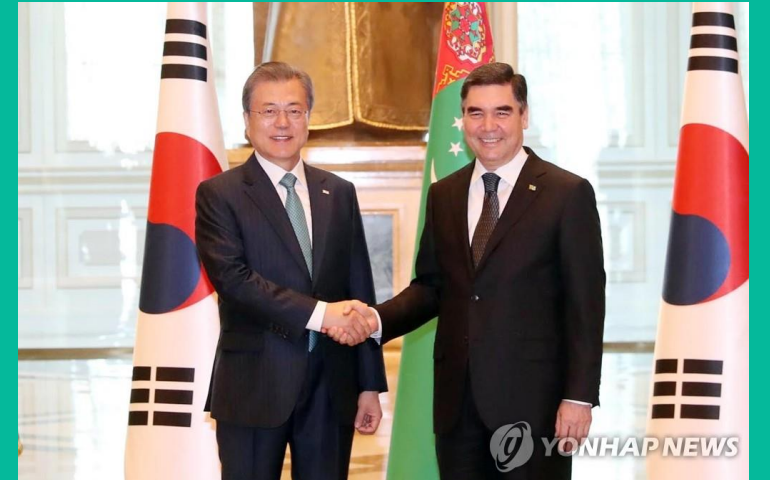
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