Economic Transformation, Household Behavior & Well-Being in Central Asia

The Case of Kyrgyzstan

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The project aims to collect panel household survey data in Kyrgyzstan, to investigate well-being and household behavior, and to improve research capacity within the Central Asian region.

First panel household survey in region

The project collects nationally representative panel survey data of about 4,000 households in Kyrgyzstan in the period 2010-12. The data cover information on demographics, welfare, assets, employment, coping strategies, migration, and social networks. The data is made available to the academic community in Central Asia and beyond.

Large range of research topics

We are going to investigate a large range of topics, for example:
- Dynamic analysis of poverty and inequality
- Coping strategies in adverse situations
- Extent and consequences of migration
- Impact of public policies on household welfare
- Well-being and political participation
- Determinants and consequences of unemployment
- Returns to education

Regional capacity building

The project aims to extend research capacity of the Kyrgyz partner institutions through methodological workshops and mutual research visits. Knowledge spillovers to the wider Central Asian academic community are generated through research seminars, broad dissemination of research results and making the assembled dataset available.

Organisational structure

- Volkswagen Foundation
- German Institute for Economic Research
- Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE-Kyrgyzstan)
- Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- American University of Central Asia
- Research community and policy-makers

What is the current situation in the Kyrgyz Republic?

- Poverty has fallen in last decade
- % of population
- Underemployment is an issue
- # hours worked per week, average for 2006-08
- Remittances are important in the South
- % of household consumption

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