



Brief report on the project



**"Food delivery
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“Project Food Delivery For Older People”

Elderly people are considered to be the most vulnerable part of our Society. They receive meager pensions and the average pension hardly makes up one third of the cost of living. Last years have been extremely difficult for our elderly as prices for food, public utilities and other services rise rapidly. Taking into account this situation GTZ (NA WI) supported the poor elderly by providing food packages and coal. GTZ financed the action and Babushka Adoption Foundation implemented it.

Within the frame of the project “Food delivery” 1250 neediest elderly people in Bishkek and Batken district received food aid.

Babushka Adoption Background



Money distribution

The Babushka Adoption Foundation’s mission is to mobilize and increase opportunities for vulnerable elderly people and to improve their life situation through providing financial, social, psychological and educational support and services.

To alleviate the impact of poverty on vulnerable elderly people in Kyrgyzstan, Babushka Adoption Foundation has set up a successful private sponsorship program providing monthly welfare cash transfers to the most vulnerable older people in Bishkek city and rural areas of Batken oblast. Individual sponsors finance through Babushka Adoption Foundation the living costs of selected old people. As an important part of the



Social worker helps to babushka

As an important part of the sponsorship program, Babushka Adoption Foundation establishes personal relationship between the elderly people and their sponsors, easing their feelings of loneliness and social exclusion. BA staff members translate letters, distribute presents from sponsors and even help sponsors to visit their *babushka* or *dedushka* (in English: grandmother or grandfather). Currently BA is supporting 1000 pensioners through 700 sponsors.

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In addition to financial support Babushka Adoption provides social support to elderly people according to the project “Home visiting service”. The social workers do shopping, pay bills, help in the household, clean and do small laundry.



Babushka is paying sponsors' money to another babushka

Babushka Adoption’s beneficiaries are also engaged in the project. The mobile beneficiaries take care of the immobile babushkas.

Also BA increases opportunities for vulnerable older people to improve their livings by their own efforts. Babushka Adoption has established and currently supports 25 Self Help Groups. The groups are engaged in social, income bringing activities and advocacy work.



Self-Help Group in Batken



Food delivery in Bishkek

Prior to delivery the food stuffs were sorted out into packages by BA staff. Beginning from 17th of February the food packages were distributed within two weeks in Bishkek city. For this purpose Babushka Adoption rented two mini-buses.

Babushka Adoption Foundation social workers delivered 2 liters of oil, 2 kg of flour, 2 kg of sugar, 3 kg of macaroni, 0,5 kg of sausages to 650 Bishkek pensioners, beneficiaries of BA and those older people who were on the waiting list for support from BA.

During the action our German volunteers, Max Meissner and Swiss researcher, Mrs. Messeli (who was very interested in organization which works with elderly) participated in the food delivery.

All our beneficiaries were very thankful for such a big help.



Social worker is delivering food packet in Bishkek to grandfather



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Local newspaper “Vechernii Bishkek” was very interested in highlighting this event. It published an article on 24.02.2009 on the project. The Local TV company “NTS” joined us for delivery and made a reportage on on 18th of February.

Food and coal delivery in Batken district

Prior to food delivery we received consultation and advices from Mr. Peter Mueller, the German expert who closely worked with Batken staff members of Babushka Adoption Foundation. He had visited several villages in Batken oblast to meet our beneficiaries and see the living conditions of people.

From 10 till 15 of February Babushka Adoption Branch office having received humanitarian food stuff stored it in a store house in Isfana town.

In Batken region on the list of food recipients there were 600 needy elderly people. 305 of those were beneficiaries of Babushka Adoption and 294 were from our waiting list, members of “association of deaf and blind”. Each of 600 recipients got 50 kg of flour,



Group of elderly people who received food staff are meeting with mayor of Sulucta town and employers of Babushka Adoption from Bishkek



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5 liters of oil and 250 kg of coal. All in all we covered 17 rural districts of Batken oblast. The activities were agreed with local administration.

Starting from 20th of February together with employers from coal company till 3rd of March we delivered coal to elderly. The coal was delivered “from home to home”.



Babushka received coal



Babushka, Mrs. Artseva received coal

The food delivery started on 2nd of March. Babushka Adoption Branch office staff rented 2 trucks for flour and oil delivering and workers for uploading and downloading.

Babushka Adoption Deputy Director, Dinara Ryskulova, Assistant, Raihan Maldybaeva and employer of GTZ, Azatbek Dushembiev participated in the action. The group checked storage house, saw the mine, met elderly people and employees of the local administration.

Elderly people were very happy and grateful for such a big help for them.

Batken district local newspapers “Ata-Jurt” and “Batken Tany” published articles. In addition there were TV reportages about food delivery on Batken local TV and KTR on 7th of March.

Babushka Adoption Foundation received several thanks letters from elderly people who are very grateful for very nice gifts.

On behalf of elderly people Babushka Adoption would like to thank GTZ for their help and support.