

# OHCHR activities and priorities in the area of housing, land and property rights

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**Summer 2006-** deployment of regional representative

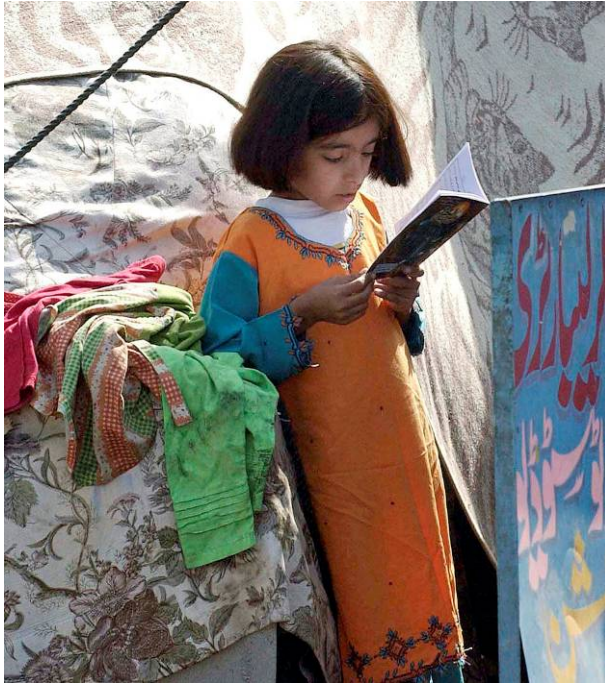
**June 2008-** MoU signed between the Government of Kyrgyzstan and OHCHR

**Countries covered** – primarily **Tajikistan**, **Kyrgyzstan** and **Kazakhstan** (also Turkmenistan through joint EU/OHCHR project)



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# ROCA activities and priorities in the area of housing, land and property (HLP) rights



- Research
- Advocacy
- Provision of expert advice and technical support
- Awareness raising and capacity-building

# Research on the status of the right to adequate housing in Tajikistan

- Currently underway/to be concluded by October 2013
- Focus areas- social housing and homelessness
- Aims to further inform policy makers

The research aims to compliment the Country Profile on Housing and Land Management

# Advocacy

- ROCA continues advocacy particularly with the Government and other actors to take measures, particularly relating to law and policy for the effective implementation of the right to adequate housing



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## Expert advice and technical support

- ROCA currently supports the Working Group on Housing Code to draft the new code
- ROCA will provide its input/comments, as appropriate on the draft code once it is ready and available
- ROCA support is geared towards helping the Government of Tajikistan to make the new code consistent with relevant international HR standards



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# Awareness raising and capacity building

## ROCA-

- Supports lawyers and human rights defenders to defend and engage with the national and international protection mechanisms.
- Strengthens capacity of Ombudsman institute and NGOs to monitor housing and land rights



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# Support of the EU

All the ROCA activities in the area of the right to adequate housing are being implemented with the support of the European Union (EU).



# REFLECTIONS ON CHALLENGES

- Concept of the right to adequate housing still a new one for most of the actors (civil society, government officials and population at large)
- Outdated and inadequate national legislation (e.g. Housing Code) and lack of targeted programmes with allocation of resources
- Lack of appropriate tools and approaches on the part of actors involved (Government, Ombudsman and Civil society) to assess and monitor implementation of the right in question



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## Q&As

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