Title of contribution: The impact of the Global Food, Energy and Financing Crisis on vulnerable groups of Kyrgyzstan in 2022

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Summary:
A series of surveys taken at the national level and selected vulnerable groups demonstrated a mismatch between positive macroeconomic trends and household well-being in Kyrgyzstan. The global food crisis and subsequent high inflation, declining remittances, and rising poverty levels continue to undermine the resilience of households as they resort to food and asset coping strategies. Despite the positive economic growth, the challenges faced by vulnerable populations in the wake of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global food crisis remain invisible.

The mentioned negative effects are more pronounced in certain vulnerable groups. A large percentage of families with 4 or more children mentioned an increase in household spending on food and non-food items. The same is true for persons with disabilities and pensioners. The proportion of these families that have resorted to an emergency coping strategy is well above the national survey average. But the most affected by the crisis were families with several pensioners and people with disabilities living in them. A large percentage of rejection of social support application from government agencies among the analyzed groups is mentioned, but more importantly, a significant proportion of respondents do not know the reason for the rejection.

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