REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

For amounts greater than US$100,000:
deadline 31 March 2017 for a possible approval in 2018

For amounts up to US$100,000:
submit at any time

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:
http://www.unesco.org/culture/icth/en/forms

Nominations not complying with those instructions and those found below will be considered incomplete and cannot be accepted.

States Parties are further encouraged to consult the aide-mémoire for completing a request of international assistance available on the same webpage.

Possibility to request international assistance when nominating

To nominate an element for inscription on the Urgent Safeguarding List and simultaneously request international assistance to support implementation of its proposed safeguarding plan, use form ICH-01bis.

To request international assistance that is not related to a nomination, continue to use form ICH-04.

1. State(s) Party(ies)

For multi-national requests, States Parties should be listed in the order on which they have mutually agreed.

Kyrgyzstan
2. Contact person for correspondence

2.a. Designated contact person

Provide the name, address and other contact information of a single person responsible for all correspondence concerning the request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, indicate a fax number.

For multi-national requests provide complete contact information for one person designated by the States Parties as the main contact person for all correspondence relating to the request and for one person in each State Party involved.

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2.b. Other contact persons (for multi-national files only)

Provide below complete contact information for one person in each submitting State, other than the primary contact person identified above.
3. Project title

*Indicate the official title of the project in English or French that will appear in published material.*

*Not to exceed 200 characters*

National Inventory of Sacred Sites and Rare Ritual Practices with compilation of a National Manual on Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan.

4. Summary of the project

*Provide a brief description of the project for which assistance is requested, including its overall objectives, expected results and main modalities of action. State(s) Party(ies) is/are invited to submit requests that recognize and respect local development agendas in their design and planning.*

Not fewer than 200 or more than 300 words

The proposed project is aimed at compiling a unified national inventory of sacred sites (hereinafter SS) and rare ritual practices along with developing their efficient safeguarding measures. The inventory will be based on extensive field research findings on sacred sites and traditional knowledge conducted and documented by Aigine Cultural Research Center (hereinafter Aigine CRC) from 2004 to 2016. The project also aims at putting together a National Manual on Safeguarding and Developing Sacred Sites.

The proposed project pursues the following objectives:

- to conduct thorough analysis, verification, classification of collected data and audio/visual materials on sacred sites throughout Kyrgyzstan from 2004 to 2015;
- to conduct a detailed field research and in-depth interviews on rare ritual practices performed at sacred sites during pilgrimage;
- to ensure viability of ritual practices and raise public awareness by working out their efficient safeguarding and transmission measures;
- to encourage transmission of the SS related ICH knowledge and traditional knowledge through formal and non-formal education;
- to build capacity and raise legal competences of SS guardians, traditional practitioners, healers and community representatives through training courses on 2003 ICH Convention and best ICH safeguarding practices listed by UNESCO;
- to conduct research on regional, national and international manuals for safeguarding sacred space around the world and to receive international experts' feedback to put together Kyrgyz National Manual.

The proposed project expects to achieve the following results:

- a National Inventory of Sacred Sites and Rare Ritual Practices published in form of a book enhanced with visual and audio materials;
- a National Manual on Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites distributed among all the SS guardians, and some NGO and public/state structures;
- Adoption of safeguarding and transmission methods of rare ritual practices by healers and practitioners and their transmission;
- Strong, capable and educated network of nationwide SS guardians, healers and practitioners.
A Steering Committee will be established to monitor and evaluate the project implementation. On-site working groups will be formed in all 7 provinces to conduct field research and data collection. The project team will be responsible for project implementation and supervision.

5. Is this an emergency request that might receive expedited processing?

Indicate if this is an emergency request that might warrant expedited examination by the Bureau. For this purpose, an emergency shall be considered to exist when a State Party finds itself unable to overcome on its own any circumstance due to calamity, natural disaster, armed conflict, serious epidemic or any other natural or human event that has severe consequences for the intangible cultural heritage as well as communities, groups and, if applicable, individuals who are the bearers of that heritage. You will be asked to describe the nature and severity of the emergency in section 13.

☐ emergency request
☒ non-emergency request

6. Duration of the project

Indicate the total number of months required for implementation of the proposed project. Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund can only cover a period of 36 months.

24 months

7. Previous financial assistance from UNESCO for similar or related activities

Has the State Party ever received any international assistance under the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund of the 2003 Convention to implement related activities in the field of intangible cultural heritage?

☒ No
☐ Yes (if so, please provide details below: title, period, contract number and funding source)

8. Name of the implementing agency (contracting party, if assistance is provided)

Indicate the name of the agency, institution or organization responsible for implementing the project; this agency will be contracted by UNESCO if assistance is granted. Indicate also the name and title of the contact person and other relevant contact information.

Name of the agency: Aigine Cultural Research Center

Name and title of the contact person: Cholponai Usubleieva-Gryshchuk, researcher/project coordinator

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Other relevant information: accredited NGO
9. **Scope of the project**

Tick only one box.

- [ ] local (sub-national)
- [x] national
- [ ] sub-regional/regional (more than one country)
- [ ] international (including geographically non-contiguous areas)

10. **Location of the project**

Identify and characterize the geographical area(s) in which the project will be carried out.

**Not to exceed 100 words**

The field research component of the proposed project will be carried out in seven provinces of Kyrgyzstan. Namely - Chui, Yssyk-Kul, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad. The project team will be based in Bishkek.

11. **Purpose of request**

Tick one box to identify the purpose for which international assistance is requested.

*This form is not to be used for requesting preparatory assistance. States Parties wishing to request preparatory assistance for the elaboration of nominations for inscription on the Urgent Safeguarding List should use Form ICH-05, and States Parties wishing to request preparatory assistance for elaborating proposals for the Register of Best Safeguarding Practices should use Form ICH-06.*

- [ ] safeguarding heritage inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List
- [ ] safeguarding heritage being nominated for inscription on the Urgent Safeguarding List
- [x] elaboration of inventories
- [x] implementation of programmes, projects and activities for safeguarding

12. **Forms of assistance requested**

Tick one or several boxes to identify the forms that the international assistance will take.

- [x] studies concerning various aspects of safeguarding
- [x] the provision of experts and practitioners
- [x] the training of all necessary staff
- [ ] the elaboration of standard-setting and other measures
- [ ] the creation and operation of infrastructures
- [ ] the supply of equipment and know-how
- [x] other forms of financial and technical assistance
Due to Kyrgyz people's nomadic lifestyle, our ancestors have developed special ties to Nature and for centuries have revered certain sites as sacred and developed pilgrimage practice along with diverse and rich pilgrimage rituals. These practices have become an integral part of Kyrgyz peoples' traditional belief system, have shaped peoples' attitude to nature and each other. These practices and rituals are a significant part of who we are as Kyrgyz people.

However, over the last decade or two, pilgrimage and ritual practices have been facing significant challenges in the face of rapid urbanization, technological advancement and marginalization of indigenous belief system. Furthermore, the generation gap between elders and youth is quite big. The elders are knowledge holders and devoted to safeguarding and practicing ancestors' pilgrimage and ritual practices, but the thirst of youth to engulf that knowledge is not enough. Today, the challenge is to comprehensively communicate and reintroduce the collected gem of knowledge back to youth.

For the last ten-twelve years, Aigine CRC has systematically and thoroughly studied and collected nationwide data on sacred sites, pilgrimage and ritual practices of Kyrgyz people. More than 1200 sacred sites have been identified, hundreds of practitioners and guardians have voiced their knowledge along with their concerns and fears. Aigine CRC has published books on SS for each province. However, there is no unified and classified inventory with audio and visual materials for the whole country in one publication. The unified national inventory would significantly strengthen the visibility and importance of sacred sites, pilgrimage practice and network of traditional practitioners and sacred site guardians. The inventory will also trigger greater state recognition, which in turn will ensure ICH viability and contribute to individual, community-based ICH safeguarding means and efforts.

There is also a need to undertake safeguarding measures for pre-Islamic ritual songs and ritual dances that have been an essential part of pilgrimage practice. These songs and dances are performed at healing sessions during pilgrimage visits and/or during meditation practices. The ritual songs and dances were devoted to invoke the ancestor spirits, spirits of nature, and/or worshipping different deities. Mainly, these songs and dances were performed by shamans, healers and traditional practitioners in Kyrgyz language and in old-Kyrgyz traditional ways. Today, this type of ritual songs and dances are mainly performed in Arabic and have a different connotation. However, there are a few practitioners in Kyrgyzstan who have safeguarded and still practice authentic performance of old-style Kyrgyz ritual songs and dances. For the community of healers and practitioners, it's of paramount importance to safeguard and increase visibility and importance of Kyrgyz ritual practices, as well as ensure its further transmission into the next generation. It's significant to maintain and safeguard unique traditional features in the face of today's fast developing and globalized world.

Another significant aspect the project is to prepare the National Manual for Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites. This Manual will assist wide network of SS guardians, practitioners, healers and pilgrims in understanding and applying efficient safeguarding measures. This step will ensure further ICH safeguarding, community members' capacity building and ICH transmission in compliance with the Article 14 of the 2003 ICH Convention.
14. Objectives and expected results

Identify in terms as clear and measurable as possible: (i) what medium-term effects would be achieved by the implementation of the project (objectives) and (ii) what kind of positive impacts and concrete accomplishments would be seen after implementing the proposed project (expected results). Both need to be spelled out in detail and linked to the information included under section 15 below (Activities).

Not fewer than 100 or more than 300 words

(i) The objectives of the proposed project are the following:

- To compose a Steering Committee from state, NGO and community representatives to monitor and participate in the project's implementation;
- To conduct thorough analysis, verification, classification of collected data and audio/visual materials on sacred sites throughout Kyrgyzstan from 2004 to 2015 with active participation of SS guardians;
- To conduct a detailed field research and in-depth interviews on rare ritual practices performed at sacred sites during pilgrimage;
- To study/develop/introduce efficient safeguarding and transmission measures of rare ritual practices performed at SS lead by traditional practitioners and community members;
- To ensure viability of ritual practices and raise public awareness by working out their efficient safeguarding and transmission measures through state media and formal/non-formal education;
- To build capacity and raise legal competences of SS guardians, traditional practitioners, healers and community representatives through training courses on 2003 ICH Convention and best ICH safeguarding practices listed by UNESCO;
- To conduct research on regional, national and international manuals for safeguarding sacred space around the world and to receive international experts' feedback to put together Kyrgyz National Manual.
- To enhance material resources for safeguarding ICH elements by publishing the National Inventory and Manual on SS and ensuring their countrywide distribution.

(ii) The main expected results of the project are the following:

- A National Inventory of Sacred Sites and Rare Ritual Practices published in form of a book enhanced with visual and audio materials;
- A National Manual on Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites distributed among all the SS guardians, and some NGO and public/state structures;
- Adoption of safeguarding and transmission methods of rare ritual practices by healers and practitioners and their transmission;
- Strong and capable network of nationwide SS guardians, healers and practitioners.
- Open access of the National Inventory and SS Manual for general public on national, regional and international levels;

15. Activities

What are the key actions to be carried out or work to be done in order to achieve the expected results identified in section 14 (Objectives and expected results)? Activities need to be described in their best sequence, explained in a detailed and narrative manner and their feasibility should be demonstrated. The information included in this section should be consistent with that provided under section 17 (Timetable of the project) and section 17 (Budget).

Not fewer than 300 or more than 1000 words

Stage I
1. Establishment of the Steering Committee and confirming the project implementation stages.

2. Training workshop for the project team on inventory techniques, regulations of the 2003 ICH Convention and UNESCO project reporting requirements.

3. Selection of on-site working groups in each of the 7 provinces in Kyrgyzstan. The working groups will consist of 2 members from each province, who will either be sacred site guardians an/or traditional practitioners.

4. Following the selection process, the project team will organize and conduct on-site meetings and 1-day inventory training workshop with working group members. The workshop will take place in Bishkek and group members will travel from their home villages to Bishkek. The working group will be assigned a task of researching and data collection on rare ritual practices and previously not recorded SS in their provinces.

5. The project team will conduct a detailed review and thorough analysis of Aigine CRC's existing data on sacred sites of each province and audio/visual materials.

6. On-site working groups will conduct a field research and collect data on rare ritual practices and previously not recorded SS in their provinces.

7. Review and analysis, classification, verification and crosschecking of fresh data on rare ritual practices and SS collected by the working groups.

8. Research and data collection on best safeguarding practices/measures and development of sacred sites around the world. Studying various documents, manuals and any related information on safeguarding sacred sites and related ICH elements and their bearers/guardians. This research will help to lay the foundation for the Kyrgyz National Manual on Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites.

9. Monitoring, evaluation, producing interim reports on the progress of the Stage 1.

10. Presenting the Stage 1 interim progress report to the Steering Committee.

Stage II

1. The project team together with on-site working groups will conduct a 3-day training course for SS guardians, traditional practitioners and healers in all 7 provinces. The project plans on inviting 10-11 participants from each province for the training course. The project team and experts will travel from Bishkek to 7 province centers to conduct the training course.

The 1-day will be on safeguarding regulations of 2003 ICH Convention and raising legal awareness of concerned community members.

The 2-day will be on elaborating safeguarding measures of rare ritual practices, as well as discussing and developing the main concept of the National Manual for Safeguarding and Developing Sacred Sites. As a result, a first draft of the Manual should be developed.

The 3-day of the training course will be a work meeting with the working group members on crosschecking, data verification and selection of SS from each province to be included in the Inventory. The teams will elaborate on collected data on rare ritual practices and their safeguarding measures. The work meetings should result in core content, structure and general design of the National Inventory of SS and Rare Ritual Practices.

2. During the training trips to the provinces, the project team will also collect and update photo/video materials on SS and rare ritual practices for the Inventory.

3. After completing all the training courses and work meetings, the project team will prepare the first draft of the Inventory and the Manual - content structure, data classification and design.

4. Following completion of the first drafts, the project team will recruit international expert and conduct a 2 day workshop on elaboration and analysis of the first draft of the National Inventory on SS and Rare Ritual Practices and the National Manual for Safeguarding and Developing Sacred Sites. The expert will share his/her experience and provide his/her feedback and recommendations.
5. The project team will prepare and work on the second draft of the Inventory and the Manual based on expert’s feedback and recommendations.

6. Monitoring, evaluation, producing interim reports on the progress of the Stage 2.

7. Presenting the Stage 2 interim progress reports and the second draft of the Inventory and Manual to the Steering Committee.

Stage III

1. The project team will work on preparing the final draft of the Inventory and the Manual along with editing and proofreading.

2. After the final drafts are completed, the project team will conduct a bidding among local printing houses. All the bidding submissions will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and the winner will be selected based on the best quality and price.

3. Submitting the final draft for publication to the selected printing house.

4. Going through and working with the printing house on every printing preparation and publication process.

5. Receiving published Inventory and the Manual, evaluating and checking for any visible damage/mishaps.

6. Organizing and conducting a wrap-up presentation on project results for concerned community members and general public on state TV channel with participation of the members of the working groups and the Steering Committee.

7. A ceremony of rare ritual practices with participation of healers, practitioners and sacred site guardians will be conducted at a sacred site in Bishkek. This spiritual ceremony will mark the completion of the project.

8. Preparing the final narrative and financial report to submit to the Steering Committee and UNESCO.

16. Timetable of the project

Attach a month-by-month timetable for the proposed activities, preferably using the ICH-04 Timetable and Budget form. The information provided should be in conformity with that in section 6 (Duration of the project) as well as in conformity with the detailed activities and their sequences as included under section 15 (Activities) and in the budget overview in section 17. Please note that the activities can only begin approximately three months after approval of the request at the earliest.
17. Budget

Attach a detailed budget breakdown in US dollars of the amount requested, by activity and type of cost (e.g. personnel, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.) with enough specificity and detail so as to provide sufficient justification and to allow actual expenses to be matched directly against the projections. This budget breakdown shall be provided as an attachment to this form, preferably using the ICH-04 Timetable and Budget form. The budget should reflect only the activities and expenses described above and be prepared in a rigorous and transparent way, fully reflecting all sources of support.

In each section of the budget, clearly distinguish the amount requested from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund from the amount to be contributed by the State Party or other sources. The State Party contribution includes local and national government allocations as well as in-kind contributions; 'other sources' can include NGOs, community organizations, foundations or private donors.

It is also crucial that the budget breakdown correspond exactly to the detailed narrative description provided under section 15 (Activities) and to the timetable attached for section 16.

Provide below the budget overview, being certain that the figures are identical to those provided in the ICH-04 Timetable and Budget form.

Overview:
Amount requested from the Fund: US$99,950.00
State Party contribution: US$30,700
Other contributions (if any): US$13,600
Total project budget: US$144,250.00

18. Community involvement

Identify clearly the community(ies), group(s) or, if appropriate, individuals concerned with the proposed project, including the role of gender. Describe the mechanisms for fully involving them in the preparation of the request as well as in the implementation of all the proposed activities and in their evaluation and follow-up. This section should describe not only the participation of the communities as beneficiaries of the project and of financial support, but also their active participation in the project design; their perspectives and aspirations should be fully reflected in the proposed project.

Not fewer than 300 or more than 500 words

Sacred site guardians, custodians, traditional practitioners, healers, epic chanters, pilgrims, scholars and ICH experts to NATCOM UNESCO Kyrgyzstan are directly concerned with the proposed project. The realm of sacred sites doesn't have gender or ethnic boundary. Therefore, these concerned people can equally be men and women of any age and ethnic belonging.

The main mechanisms for involving the concerned community consists of several stages and includes the following steps:

1. Project design – There have been conducted three meetings with 2 sacred site guardians, 3 traditional practitioners, two epic chanters, one healer and one public figure. These community representatives have been actively collaborating with the Aigine CRC for the last 10 years and serve as long-time experts and consultants on various ICH related matters. First meeting was on brainstorming project ideas and preliminary discussion with assigning to prepare the first draft. The second meeting was on overview and detailed discussion of the project draft and giving feedback for finalizing the proposal. The third meeting was on final review of the project proposal and its final approval.

2. Project monitoring – At the very beginning of the project launch, a Steering Committee will be established to monitor and evaluate the project implementation. The Committee will consist of three SS guardians from Batken, Ters and Naryn provinces, one epic chanter and TV host on state culture TV channel, Secretary General of the NATCOM UNESCO Kyrgyzstan and director of Aigine CRC. Every three months, project team will produce and deliver interim narrative and financial reports for the Committee's review and feedback. The final reports will be produced at the end of the project. However, the members of the Steering Committee will have a right to assemble any
time, take part in any project activity and request to provide any project related documentation for review and checking.

3. Project implementation – The project is designed as community-based inventorying of sacred sites and rare ritual practices and safeguarding measures. Therefore, national network of SS guardians, traditional practitioners and healers will be actively involved. A working group consisting of 2-3 guardians/healers will be established in each province. The group members will be selected from northern, southern, eastern, western and central parts of each province. The group will be responsible for data verification, collection, crosschecking and coordinating contacts with other province guardians and pilgrims. The group will report to project team and work together in organizing and conducting capacity building trainings for concerned community members in their provinces and monitor their progress. Together with the project team, the group will take part in research, data collection, and identification of rare ritual practices, as well as elaboration of their best safeguarding and transmission measures. The group will take part in any event/activity within the project on public awareness on a state TV channel. The group will also take active part in final design and structure of the National Inventory; be discussants and provide feedback on development of the National Manual for Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites.

19. Implementing organization and strategy

Describe the background, structure, mission and relevant experience, etc. of the implementing organization or body indicated under section 8 that will be responsible for carrying out the project. Identify the human resources available for implementing it and indicate their division of tasks. Describe how it will manage the project implementation.

Not fewer than 150 or more than 500 words

Aigine Cultural Research Center was established in 2004 as a public foundation. The center carries out its activities in the field of traditional knowledge, education, humanities and social research. Thus implementing educational, cultural and scientific research projects based on external foreign grants. These projects are directed at studying, safeguarding, developing, transmitting and integrating and incorporating positive potential of traditional wisdom in decision-making at all levels of contemporary public and political life. Aigine CRC also seeks points of rapprochement and interconnection among esoteric knowledge and science, nature and culture, traditions and innovations, West and East, and other experiences often seen as oppositions.

Aigine CRC's key objective in the area of education is to make a meaningful contribution in education reform in the country. Books on Heritage Studies, Traditional Confictology, Learning to How Play Komuz : Nurak Abdrrakhmanov's Authorial Method, as well as the digitized version of 67-hour long recitation of Manas.Semetey.Seitek epic trilogy were introduced and incorporated in formal and non-formal education system of high schools and universities. Applied research is conducted with an aim to safeguard and develop traditional knowledge and practices, spiritual and religious teachings, pilgrimage to sacred sites of ethnic groups living in Kyrgyzstan. In the area of safeguarding cultural heritage and biodiversity, Aigine CRC conducts activities on protection and legalization of sacred sites and their guardians; safeguarding the tradition of pilgrimage to sacred sites; building a network of traditional practitioners and bearers of traditional knowledge in local, regional and international levels; safeguarding and transmitting traditional music and epic heritage, as well as supporting and rendering methodological and spiritual assistance to young epic chanters on their epic mission. Aigine CRC has been working with the community of traditional practitioners for more than 10 years and has established strong and trustworthy relationship. The center's main approach is participatory observation and community involvement. Almost all previous projects ideas are derived from community needs and requests.

Aigine CRC was actively involved in preparation of multiple nomination files from Kyrgyzstan for the Representative List – the epic trilogy, the art of akyns, the sport of kok-boru. The director of Aigine CRC, Dr. Gulnara Aitpaeva served as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee on ICH and currently serves as a member of the National Committee. In 2015, Aigine CRC became accredited NGO.

The structure and individual tasks of the project implementing team is as follows:
1. Coordinator – Activity planning and sequencing; developing schedules; managing risks and issues; monitoring and reporting progress; team leadership; ensuring integrity of project; monitoring project's financial status; data collection and analysis; design and preparation of final project products and assisting in any area of project’s need, etc.

2. Project assistant – Keeping records of all information related to project for documentation, clarification and presentation; keeping correspondence and coordinating contacts with regional coordinators and working groups; data collection and analysis; producing interim narrative reports and assisting in any area of project’s need, etc.

3. Consultants – providing overall guidance and support; gathering and providing information and closely working with the project team; overseeing development of capacity building training components of project; creating an evaluation plan to measure the efficacy of trainings and project progress, etc.

4. Accountant – cost estimating; developing a budget; maintaining project-related records, authorizing access to project accounts; reviewing and approving supplier invoices and time sheets; creating and submitting government reports and tax returns; compiling information for internal and external auditors, as required; producing financial reports, etc.

5. Regional working groups – ensuring field research, data collection and verification, producing status and progress reports, etc.

20. Partners

Describe, if applicable, coordination arrangements with any other partners and their responsibilities in the implementation of the project. Identify human resources available in each of the entities involved.

Aigine CRC will partner with the following institutions and groups for project implementation and progress:

Concerned community members from seven regions of Kyrgyzstan, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Education of the Kyrgyz Republic, National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic for UNESCO, National Academy of Sciences, State TV and Radio channels.

NATCOM UNESCO Secretary General, Mrs. Sabira Soltongeldieva will be a primary contact and consultant on 2003 ICH Convention. She will be a member of the Steering Committee and will review and evaluate progress and status reports.

Mr. Doolotbek Sydykov, an epic chanter and TV host on the KRTK state TV company will be a member of the Steering Committee and in host programs on sacred site pilgrimage and ritual practices, on 2003 ICH Convention regulations, national inventory and other related subjects with participation of concerned community members and project team.

Experts from the ministries, scholars and scientists from the Academy of Sciences will be approached and involved for consultations when needed.

Nationwide concerned community members will be involved as described in sections 18 and 19.

21. Monitoring, reporting and evaluation

Describe how the implementing organization indicated under section 8 and described under section 19 plans to carry out monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the project and how the communities will be involved in this mechanism. For larger or more complex projects, external monitoring and evaluation are preferable.

To ensure successful implementation of the proposed project Aigine CRC will undertake the following monitoring, reporting and evaluation steps and mechanisms:
1. Forming a Steering Committee to monitor and oversee the project implementation and review financial and narrative reports once every three months and provide timely feedback and recommendations;

2. The core Aigine CRC team managing the project will gather on a weekly basis to discuss and overview project progress and solve any issues.

22. Capacity-building

Describe how the project may contribute to building up capacities or strengthening existing resources in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Special emphasis should be placed on the capacities of the communities described in section 18 in safeguarding their intangible cultural heritage. Describing the impact on the capacities of the implementing organization may also be relevant.

Not fewer than 100 or more than 300 words

The project's various activities involving concerned community members will greatly contribute to strengthening their knowledge, experience and help build their capacity.

First of all, concerned community members will become familiar with safeguarding regulations of 2003 ICH Convention and learn how to apply the Convention in their practices. They will also learn about measures and approaches in ICH safeguarding of other countries and communities, which will enrich their knowledge, widen their creativity and give them a better perspective to develop and maintain safeguarding measures peculiar to Kyrgyz culture. By participating in all stages of ICH inventorying and manual preparation, concerned community members will be equipped with practical knowledge directed at safeguarding ICH.

23. Sustainability after the assistance ends

Describe how the results and benefits of the project are expected to last beyond the end of the project. If the mechanisms established by the project will continue functioning after the implementation of the project, describe how and which would be the responsible body in charge.

Not fewer than 50 or more than 250 words

National Inventory of Sacred Sites and Rare Ritual Practices along with the National Manual on Safeguarding and Development of Sacred Sites will be first and only Inventory and Manual worked out in Central Asia. Thus, other countries, national/regional/international scholars to draw on the experience of Kyrgyzstan, can use these documents. These documents will also be introduced into the system of formal and non-formal education in Kyrgyzstan. Concerned community members, wide network of pilgrims and ordinary citizens will use the Inventory and the Manual as a source of information and knowledge. In this respect, the impact and benefit of project results will be extensive and long lasting.

24. Multiplier effects

Describe how this assistance may stimulate financial and technical contributions from other sources or may stimulate similar efforts elsewhere.

Not fewer than 50 or more than 250 words

The project results will be the first Inventory and Manual on sacred sites ever developed and introduced in Central Asian countries and former Soviet Union. Therefore, it can stimulate other stakeholders, community members, NGO sector, scholars and state agencies in neighbouring countries to develop similar inventories and/or manuals for ICH safeguarding, transmission and development in their respective countries.
25. Signature(s) on behalf of the State Party(ies)

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