REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2019

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

1. Name of the organization

1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

Общественный фонд "Рураал девелопмент фанд"

1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

Public Fund "Rural Development Fund" - RDF

2. Contact of the organization

2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: Public Fund "Rural Development Fund"
Address: Geologichesky Street 11, Office 1, 720005, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Telephone number: +996 (312) 590828
Email address: general@rdf.in.kg
Website: www.rdf.in.kg
Other relevant information: n/a
2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

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3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

☐ local
☐ national
☒ international (please specify: )
  □ worldwide
  □ Africa
  □ Arab States
  ☒ Asia & the Pacific
  □ Europe & North America
  □ Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:
Kyrgyz Republic

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

The RDF was established in October, 2003.
5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

Rural Development Fund is a not-for-profit and non-governmental policy and research organization established in 2003 to conduct research, develop policy recommendations, and implement activities in the field of rural development. The main mission of the organization is to support local initiatives to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in rural areas. RDF projects are aimed to improve social equality by strengthening the role of local communities in accessing natural resource management, to improve the livelihood of rural people by providing innovative ideas and approaches with their adoption to local conditions and taking into account local experience.

One of the significant areas of the RDF is the revitalization, collection, safeguarding and popularization of the Kyrgyz traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge related to pastoral lifestyle as: pastoral livestock keeping, pasture management and rational use, pastoral rites and rituals, games and songs, nomad cuisine, knowledge about herbs for traditional medicine, ecological knowledge about nature, resources, wildlife, forests and pastures - knowledge which is transmitted from generation to generation in the form of tales, epics, songs, legends, stories. RDF is a pioneer in introducing the ideas about the importance of traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge in safeguarding the rangeland and forest ecosystems in Kyrgyzstan, in rational use of natural resources, and in promoting community-based natural resources management.

The projects implemented by RDF are highly innovative for Kyrgyzstan in the following areas:
- the use of innovative and collaborative methods in involving local communities to accurately and fairly capture their traditional practices on rangeland and forest resources allocation, use, management, conflict resolution mechanisms, and ecosystem improvements,
- establishment of the network of custodians and the database of traditional pastoral knowledge,
- popularization and transmission of traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge among the youth by organizing different activities and festivals,
- development and introduction of educational materials on traditional pastoral practices for students,
- initiation of the activities to promote traditional ecological knowledge in safeguarding forest ecosystems,
- promote safeguarding of snow leopard and its natural habitat by collection and dissemination of the traditional knowledge of wildlife.
6. The organization’s activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having ‘proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains’ (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick ‘other domains’ and indicate which domains are concerned.

☐ oral traditions and expressions
☐ performing arts
☒ social practices, rituals and festive events
☒ knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
☒ traditional craftsmanship
☐ other domains - please specify:

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization’s primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick ‘other safeguarding measures’ and specify which ones are concerned.

☒ identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
☒ preservation, protection
☒ promotion, enhancement
☒ transmission, formal or non-formal education
☒ revitalization
☐ other safeguarding measures – please specify:

6.c. Description of the organization’s activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

RDF recognizes that the safeguarding of the cultural heritage related to pastoral lifestyle and ecological consciousness will lead to finding a way to overcome global challenges, to prevent degradation of ecosystems and contribute to the sustainable development of the local communities.

During the period of 2006-2018, RDF has implemented a number of initiatives and various activities in safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage such as the revitalization of traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge and traditional practices related to pastoral lifestyle, safeguarding the natural ecosystems using traditional ecological knowledge, management of the biocultural diversity, wildlife and genetic resources using traditional knowledge, rites and beliefs. For example, in the period of 2006-2012, RDF has implemented activities and achieved the following main outcomes:

- inventory of the traditional pastoral knowledge of pastoral practices, traditional animal husbandry,
rituals and rites related to the rational use of natural resources;
- a database of the Kyrgyz custodians of traditional knowledge on pastoral livestock practices and skills;
- inventory of traditional ecological knowledge, practices, traditional rituals and rites related to sustainable use and management of natural resources, as well as safeguarding the natural ecosystems and communities;
- an informal network of pastoralists, which was strengthened and became an officially registered public association “Kyrgyz El Akyl Kazyna” Kyrgyz Pastoralists’ Network (Treasury of the Kyrgyz people’s knowledge);
- number of public activities and events – Pastoral Fairs and Festivals of Traditional Knowledge, Summer Pastoral Schools;
- training materials and information on Traditional Knowledge distributed to farmers through existing extension agencies. Methodological training materials and brochures were used by many other farmers around the country;

The research was conducted in all regions of Kyrgyzstan, including the places where ethnic Kyrgyz lived in Turkey and China.

Between 2010-2014, RDF launched a new direction in the field of traditional knowledge, focused on promoting the community joint forest management in Kyrgyzstan, management of bio-cultural diversity and collection of the Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The main purpose of the project was to develop a Joint Forest Management Model based on Traditional Ecological Knowledge. RDF together with communities conducted a research on traditional ecological knowledge focused on local knowledge of the Kyrgyz people on the use of forest resources (planting trees, collecting forest products), traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community about the nature and natural resources, transmitted from generations, rational and sustainable use of natural resources, and the best practices of hunting, grazing, building etc.

A relatively recent (2015) new line of work is devoted to traditional ecological knowledge to safeguard the snow leopard and its habitat at the community level, which is aimed at increasing the snow leopard population in Kyrgyzstan, improving their habitat through the revival of traditional knowledge and raising public awareness of these rare species.

In 2017-2018, RDF implemented a very interesting project aimed at introducing Access and Equitable Sharing of Benefits (ABS) in the country, strengthening the capacity of local communities to safeguard biological and cultural resources, raising awareness of access and sharing benefits from the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge. Pastoral Network “KEAK” participated in field research to collect data on genetic resources and was supported by a micro-grants program related in safeguarding and rational use of genetic resources.

6.d. Description of the organization’s competence and expertise

Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 6.c below.

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

The RDF team consists of experts and social researchers who have extensive experience in conducting social research on different issues – traditional knowledge, biocultural diversity, traditional ecological knowledge, natural resource management, community development, and rural institutions.

Director of the RDF, Ms. Akmatova Kuluipa, Senior Researcher, with more than 10 years of experience in safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage and traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge. Under the coordination of Ms. Akmatova, RDF has implemented more than 10 projects related to safeguarding and popularization of the intangible cultural heritage and traditional
pastoral knowledge.

The Social Researcher, Ms. Rysmendieva Albina, has an expertise in conducting field research to collect traditional knowledge, mobilize communities and organize events (fairs, roundtables, summer camps) related to discussion and dissemination of the traditional knowledge.

RDF Consultant, Ms. Achilova Altnay, has an expertise in the field of natural resource management, ABS and genetic resources, biocultural diversity, traditional ecological knowledge. She has a social research experience in rural development field for more than 10 years.

Ms. Tulekeeva Jyldyz, an expert on Kyrgyz traditional knowledge, she has an extensive experience in the collection of traditional knowledge and practices, responsible for working with custodians.

7. The organization’s experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

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Each RDF project aims to involve local communities and local groups as partners, rather than pure beneficiaries in research and activities related to the collection and safeguarding the traditional knowledge and cultural heritage. It is very important that the cultural heritage is being collected and transmitted among local people and the new generations based on the "bottom-up" approach. The projects include various activities with the participation of local communities and some of them are:

- Communities are involved in research, discussions, collection, reflection of the traditional knowledge through different approaches: Participatory Rural Appraisals, case studies, reflection meetings, fairs of traditional knowledge involving local and foreign pastoralists.

- Summer pastoral schools named "Pastoralist-to-Pastoralist" have become one of the most important and significant components. Summer pastoral schools were organized for students, teachers, and pastoralist who practice traditional pastoral and ecological knowledge. The main purpose of these schools was to disseminate traditional knowledge and practices among youth and to provide theoretical and practical knowledge on traditional use of pastures, traditional life and culture of nomadic Kyrgyz people: rites and customs, types of yurts, a nomadic cuisine, games at pastures, as well as traditional methods of animal treatment.

- Fairs of Traditional Knowledge are organized to present and discuss the findings of the research on traditional knowledge and pastoral practices. Most of the fair participants were livestock farmers, custodians, and practitioners of traditional knowledge from the northern region of the country. The event was also attended by guests from different regions who came to share experiences and discuss the secrets of traditional knowledge in the field of livestock farming, nomadic culture, and household activities.

- The traditional knowledge projects participants were mobilized and, under the support of RDF, established the Kyrgyz El Akyl Kazyna Pastoral Network that aimed to integrate, summarize, and collect all accumulated traditional knowledge. The network exists for more than 5 years and became a strong and sustainable association of custodians and practitioners, conducting activities not only within RDF projects, but also independently. The network has members from all region of Kyrgyzstan.
8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Akmatova Kuluipa
Title: Director
Date: 10.04.2019
Signature: [Signature]

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**SECTION 8 a. Members and Personnel**

The list of Members and Personnel of RDF

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Organizational Structure of the RDF

Supervisory Board

Executive Director

Council of coordinators

PR and Fundraising Specialist

Financial Department

Natural Resource Management
Conflict Prevention and Mitigation
Traditional Knowledge
KADAM Emergency
Agriculture
Community Foundations
УСТАВ
ФОНДА
«Rural Development Fund»
(Руравл Девелопмент Фанд)

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I. ОБЩИЕ ПОЛОЖЕНИЯ.

1.1. Общественный Фонд "Rural Development Fund" (Рурал Девелопмент Фанд) именуемый в дальнейшем «Фонд» создается в соответствии с законодательством Кыргызской Республики.

1.2. Фондом признается не имеющая членства некоммерческая организация, учрежденная гражданами и (или) юридическими лицами на основе добровольных негосударственных имущественных взносов, преследующая социальные, благотворительные, культурные, образовательные и иные общественно-полезные цели. Фонд является юридическим лицом по законодательству Кыргызской Республики и осуществляет свою деятельность в строгом соответствии с требованиями действующего законодательства Кыргызской Республики.

1.3. Учредителем Фонда является:

- Найманбаева Анаркуль Садыковна, паспорт № AN 0009527, выдан МВД 50-55 от 03.03.2006 года, проживающая по адресу: Кыргызская Республика, г. Бишкек, пер. Найманбаева, 4.

1.4. Фонд организовывает свою работу во взаимодействии с органами государственной власти и управления, общественными и иными организациями.

1.5. Место нахождение Фонда — Кыргызская Республика, г. Бишкек, Первомайский р-н, 720040, ул. Манаусы Сагымбая 152-2.

1.6. Срок деятельности Фонда не ограничивается.

1.7. Организационно-правовая форма Фонда — Общественный Фонд.

1.8. Полное наименование Фонда:

- на русском языке — Общественный Фонд "Rural Development Fund" (Рурал Девелопмент Фанд)
- на кыргызском языке — Коомдук фонду "Rural Development Fund" (Рурал Девелопмент Фанд)
- на английском языке — The Charity fund "Rural Development Fund" (Рурал Девелопмент Фанд)
- сокращенное название — ОФ «RDF» (РДФ).

II. ПРАВОВОЙ СТАТУС ФОНДА

2.1. Фонд является юридическим лицом с момента государственной регистрации и обладает обособленным имуществом, имеет самостоятельный баланс, расчетный и иные счета в банках, в том числе валютный, от своего имени может приобретать имущественные и личные неимущественные права и нести обязанности, быть истцом и ответчиком в суде.

2.2. Фонд отвечает по своим обязательствам всем принадлежащим ему имуществом на которое в соответствии с действующим законодательством Кыргызской Республики может быть обращено взыскание. Все доходы от деятельности Фонда используются на решение его уставных задач.

2.3. Фонд не отвечает по своим обязательствам государства, равно как и государство не отвечает по обязательствам Фонда.

2.4. Фонд не отвечает по обязательствам учредителя, а учредитель Фонда не отвечает по его обязательствам.

2.5. Учредитель Фонда не сохраняет прав на переданное им Фонду в собственность имущество, в том числе и имущественные взносы.

2.6. Фонд имеет эмблему, штампы и круглую печать со своим наименованием.

2.7. Исполнительный орган обеспечивает использование, сохранность печати и штампов Фонда.
2.8. Фонд вправе самостоятельно определять порядок использования своих доходов, формы и размеры оплаты труда и поощрения своих работников.
2.9. Вмешательство государственных органов или должностных лиц в деятельность Фонда, равно как и вмешательство Фонда в деятельность государственных органов или должностных лиц не допускается, за исключением случаев, предусмотренных законодательством Кыргызской Республики.
2.10. Фонд вправе учредить средства массовой информации и осуществлять издательскую деятельность, в соответствии с законодательством Кыргызской Республики.
2.11. Фонд не вправе распределять полученный доход учредителю. Полученный Фондом доход направляется на реализацию его уставных целей и задач.

III. ЦЕЛИ И ЗАДАЧИ ФОНДА

3.1. Основной целью создания и деятельности Фонда является:
- Поддержка и реализация различных инициатив, направленных на смягчение бедности на селе и развитие сельской экономики.
Фонд осуществляет свою деятельность для реализации следующих задач:
- Разработка и реализация инновационных программ развития села;
- Проведение различных социально-экономических и др. исследований на селе;
- Участие и проведение международных саммитов, конференций и т. п. мероприятий;
- Подготовка и проведение различных программ и проектов, направленных на развитие села с привлечением специалистов Кыргызстана и зарубежных стран;
- Проведение благотворительных мероприятий на селе;
- Сотрудничество с общественными объединениями, юридическими лицами и отдельными гражданами Кыргызской Республики и зарубежных стран;
- Установление и поддержание международных связей и прямых контактов с подобными фондами в других странах, участвует через своих представителей в конференциях, собраниях, симпозиумах по вопросам, связанным с деятельностью Фонда;
- Осуществляет производственную и иную хозяйственную деятельность, необходимую для достижения уставных целей Фонда;
- Фонд осуществляет свою деятельность для реализации других задач, не запрещенных законодательством Кыргызской Республики.
3.2. Фонд осуществляет свою деятельность для реализации других задач, не запрещенных законодательством Кыргызской Республики.

IV. ПРОИЗВОДСТВЕННАЯ И ХОЗЯЙСТВЕННАЯ ДЕЯТЕЛЬНОСТЬ ФОНДА

4.1. Фонд в порядке, определяемом законодательством Кыргызской Республики, осуществляет производственную и хозяйственную деятельность.
4.2. Доходы от производственной и хозяйственной деятельности не могут перераспределяться учредителю Фонда и используются только для выполнения уставных задач. Допускается использование общественным фондом своих средств на благотворительные цели, даже если это не указано в уставе.

V. ОРГАНЫ УПРАВЛЕНИЯ

5.1. Органами управления Фонда являются:
• Высший орган – Учредитель;
• Наблюдательный орган – Наблюдательный совет;
• Исполнительный орган – Директор.

5.2. Порядок образования и деятельность органов управления Фонда определяются настоящим Уставом и другими локальными нормативными актами Фонда.

VI. УЧРЕДИТЕЛЬ

6.1. Учредитель Фонда является высшим органом управления Фонда.
6.2. Исключительной компетенцией Учредителя являются:
- Надзор за деятельностью и определение направлений деятельности и политики Фонда;
- Внесение изменений и дополнений в настоящий Устав и другие локальные нормативные акты Фонда;
- Принятие решения о реорганизации Фонда;
- Утверждение сделок, в которых предполагается конфликт интересов;
- Утверждение годового отчета о деятельности Фонда;
- Избрание и досрочное освобождение от должности членов наблюдательного совета;
- Утверждение финансового плана Фонда и внесение в него изменений;
- Избрание и досрочное освобождение от должности директора Фонда;
- Утверждение долгосрочных и наиболее важных программ деятельности Фонда;
- Утверждение решений директора Фонда о заключении сделок стоимостью выше 100 000 (сто тысяч) сомов, а также сделок с недвижимым имуществом;

6.3. Учредитель вправе передать на разрешение других органов управления Фонда, часть вопросов, отнесенных к своей компетенции. При этом вопросы, отнесенные к исключительной компетенции Учредителя, передачи на разрешение другим органам управления Фонда не подлежат.

VII. НАБЛЮДАТЕЛЬНЫЙ СОВЕТ

7.1. Наблюдательный совет является наблюдательным органом Фонда, осуществляющим надзор за:
- Деятельностью Фонда;
- Принятием другими органами Фонда решений и обеспечением их исполнения;
- Использование средств Фонда;
- Соблюдение Фондом законодательства Кыргызской Республики;
- Соблюдение Фондом целей, в интересах которых он был создан.

7.2. Наблюдательный совет избирается Учредителем сроком на 3 года в количестве 3 человек.

7.3. Решения Наблюдательного совета принимаются на его заседаниях простым большинством голосов. При равенстве голосов, голосов председательствующего является решающим.

7.4. Заседания Наблюдательного совета проводятся по мере необходимости, но не реже одного раза в год.

7.5. Заседания Наблюдательного совета правомочны при наличии кворума. Кворумом является присутствие более половины от числа избранных членов Наблюдательного совета.

7.6. В компетенцию Наблюдательного совета фонда входят:
- Назначение деятельности и определение направлений деятельности и политики Фонда;
- Принятие решений о вступлении Фонда в другие организации и объединения в Кыргызской Республике, а также международные организации, если это не противоречит законодательству Кыргызской Республики;
- Другие вопросы, которые настоящим Уставом и другими локальными правовыми актами Фонда не отнесены к компетенции других органов управления Фонда.

VIII. ДИРЕКТОР

§ 1. Директор Фонда (далее Директор) является исполнительным органом Фонда
§ 2. Директор осуществляет текущее руководство деятельностью Фонда. Директор имеет право подписи всех финансово-хозяйственных, банковских, бухгалтерских документов, а также договоров, контрактов и иных других гражданско-правовых сделок, либо правоотношений.
§ 3. Директор утверждает организационную структуру Фонда, численность управления и фонда;
Директор:
- Заключает от имени фонда любые гражданско-правовые сделки на сумму до 100 000 (сто тысяч) сомов и трудовые договора (контракты);
- Осуществляет прием на работу сотрудников Фонда и их увольнение;
- Выдает доверенности;
- Представляет Фонд во всех государственных, частных, общественных организациях и объединениях;
- Определяет условия оплаты и премирования сотрудников Фонда.
8.4. Директор в пределах своих полномочий издает приказы и распоряжения обязательные для всего персонала Фонда.
8.5. Директор Фонда назначается и освобождается от работы учредителем Фонда.

IX. ИМУЩЕСТВО И СРЕДСТВА ФОНДА

9.1. Имущество Фонда составляет материальные и финансовые ресурсы, находящиеся на его бухгалтерском балансе и являющиеся собственностью Фонда. Фонд может иметь в собственности здания, сооружения, оборудование, транспорт, имущество культурно-просветительного и оздоровительного назначения, денежные средства, ценные бумаги и иное имущество, необходимое для материального обеспечения деятельности, предусмотренные настоящим Уставом.
9.2. Источниками образования имущества Фонда являются:
- Добровольные взносы учредителя;
- Доходы от производственно-хозяйственной деятельности Фонда;
- Средства, получаемые от использования имущества Фонда;
- Доходы от мероприятий, проводимых Фондом;
- Долгосрочные и краткосрочные кредиты;
- Техническая и спонсорская помощь;
- Иные поступления, не запрещенные действующим законодательством Кыргызской Республики.
9.3. Доходы от всех видов деятельности Фонда могут быть использованы исключительно на реализацию уставных целей и задач Фонда.
9.4. В установленном порядке Фонд ведет бухгалтерскую и статистическую отчетность.
Approved by the decision of Founder
June 16, 2008

CHARTER
Rural Development Fund

Bishkek 2008
I. General Provisions

1.1 Public Fund Rural Development Fund hereafter named "Fund" is being established in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

1.2 Fund is recognized as non member, non commercial organization, established by the citizens and (or) legal entities on the basis of voluntary, non governmental pecuniary contributions and aimed at addressing social, charitable, cultural, educational and other public good objectives.

According to the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, Fund is a legal entity and implements its activities in strict accordance with the requirements of the current legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

1.3 Naimanbaeva Anarkul Sadykovna is a Founder of the Fund, passport # AN 0009527, issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs 50-55 on March 3, 2006, residing at the address: Naimanbaeva Street 4, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

1.4 Fund organizes its work in cooperation with the state bodies and state government agencies, public and other organizations.

1.5 Fund is located at Manaschy Sagymbaya Street 152-2, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

1.6 The time period of functioning of Fund is not limited.

1.7 Organization and legal form of the Fund is Public Foundation.

1.8 The full name of the Fund is:

- in Russian - Общественный Фонд "Rural Development Fund"
- in Kyrgyz - Комдук Фонд "Rural Development Fund"
- in English - The charity fund Rural Development Fund
- abbreviated name - PF "RDF" (RDF).

II. Legal Status of the Fund

2.1 Fund is a legal entity from the moment of the state registration and has its own property, assets, independent balance, operating and other accounts in banks, including in foreign exchange, can buy property and personal non pecuniary rights on its own behalf and be responsible, be plaintiff and defendant in court.

2.2 Fund responds on its obligations by all assets it has, which according to the current legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic can be under sanction. All revenue from the Fund's activities is used for addressing its charter purposes.

2.3 Fund is not liable for the liabilities of the State, as well as State is not liable for the liabilities of the Fund.

2.4 Fund is not liable for the liabilities of the Founder, as well as Founder is not liable for the liabilities of the Fund.

2.5 Fund's participants do not preserve rights to the assets transferred by them to the Fund, including to the pecuniary contributions.

2.6 The Fund has a logo, stamp and round seal with its name on it.

2.7 Executive body ensures use, maintenance of seal and stamps of the Fund.

2.8 Fund can independently make decisions on procedures of use of its revenue, forms and size of the remuneration and incentives for its employees.

2.9 The interference of the state bodies and officials into Fund's activity as well as interference of the Fund into activities of the state bodies and officials is not allowed except cases stipulated in the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2.10 Fund has a right to establish means of mass media and implement publishing activity in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2.11 Fund has no right to distribute its revenue among its members. The revenue received by the Fund is directed towards implementation of its charter objectives and tasks.

III. Objectives and Tasks of the Fund

3.1 The major objective of the establishment and activity of the Fund is to support and implement various initiatives aimed at poverty reduction in rural areas and growth of the rural economy.
It carries out activities to address the following tasks:

- Design and implementation of innovative rural development programs;
- Conducting different social, economic, and other research in rural development;
- Participation and organization of different international summits, conferences and other events;
- Preparation and implementation of programs and projects aimed at rural development attracting Kyrgyzstan's and international experts;
- Carrying out charity activities in rural areas;
- Cooperation with other state and civil society institutions, legal entities and individuals in the Kyrgyz Republic and abroad;
- Establishment and maintenance of international relations and direct contacts with similar funds in other countries, participation through its representatives in conferences, symposiums on issues connected with the Fund's activities;
- Conduct economic and other activities necessary for the achievement of the charter's purposes of the Fund;
- Fund implements its activities for achievement of other tasks not prohibited by the Kyrgyz Republic's legislations

3.2 Fund implements its activities for achievement of other tasks not prohibited by the Kyrgyz Republic's legislations

IV. Productive and Economic Activity of the Fund

The Fund conducts productive and economic activity in order determined by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

4.1 The revenue from productive and economic activity cannot be redistributed to the founder of the Fund and can be used only for achievement of charter's purposes. The public fund is allowed to use its means for charitable purposes even if its not stipulated in the Charter.

V. Bodies of Governance

5.1 The bodies of governance of the Fund are the following:

- The founder is the supreme body;
- The Steering Council - is a supervisory body
- The Director- is an executing body.

5.2 The procedures of creating and working of the governance bodies is determined by this Charter and other by laws of the Fund.

VI. The Founder

6.1 The Founder of the Fund is the supreme governance body of the Fund.

6.2 The exceptional authority of the founder is:

- Supervision over the activity and determination of the directions of activity and policy of the Fund;
- Introduction of changes and amendments to current Charter and other bylaws of the Fund;
- Making decisions on reorganization of the Fund;
- Approval of transactions with perceived conflict of interest;
- Approval of annual report on Fund's activity;
- Selection and Dismissal of the members of the Steering Councils;
- Selection and dismissal of the director of the Fund;
- Approval of the long term and priority programs of the Fund;
- Approval of the decisions of the Fund's director on transactions beyond amount determined 100.000 soms, and on transactions with some types of assets.
6.3 The founder can transfer to other Fund’s governance bodies rights to address issues which are under his/her competency. However, issues which are under exclusive competency of the Founder cannot be transferred to other governance bodies of the Fund.

VII. Supervisory Board

7.1 Supervisory Board is a supervisory body of the Fund which supervises the following activities of the Fund:

- Decision making of other bodies of the Fund and their implementation;
- Use of the Fund's proceeds;
- Following of the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic by the Fund;
- Following the founding objectives and purposes of the Fund.

7.2 Supervisory Board is appointed by the Founder for the period of three years in the number of three people.

7.3 The decisions of the Supervisory Board are made at its meetings by the simple majority of the votes. When number of votes is equal, the vote of the chairing person is decisive.

7.4 Meetings of the Supervisory Board are conducted upon necessity but not less than once a year.

7.5 Meetings of the Supervisory Board are legitimate when and if there is a quorum. Quorum is considered when more than a half of elected members of the Supervisory Board are present at the meeting.

7.6 The Supervisory Board has authority on the following issues:

- Supervision over Fund’s activities and determination of the strategy, policy and directions of the Fund’s activities;
- Making decisions on the Fund’s entering into other organization and unions in the Kyrgyz Republic, and international organizations if it doesn't contradict to the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Other issues which are not in competence of other management bodies of the Fund defined in the current Charter and other by laws of the Fund.

VIII. Director

8.1 Director of the Fund (hereafter Director) is an executive body of the Fund.

8.2 Director is ensuring recurrent management of the Fund’s activities. Director has a signature right for all financial and economic, banking, accounting documents, as well as for contracts, agreements and other legal transactions and legal relations.

8.3 Director approves organizational structure of the Fund, number of employees and management of the Fund;

Director:

- concludes on behalf of the Fund any legal transactions in the amount 100,000 (one hundred thousand) and working agreement (contracts);
- hires personnel of the Fund and their dismissal;
- issues delegation of authority;
- represents Fund in all state, private, public organizations and unions;
- determines terms of payment and bonuses of the Fund’s employees;

8.4 Director issues orders and regulations within his/her competency which are mandatory for all employees of the Fund.

8.5 Director of the Fund is appointed and released by the Fund’s founder.

IX. Property and Proceeds of the Fund

9.1 The property of the Fund is comprised of the material and financial resources which are on its accounting balance and belong to the Fund. The Fund can own buildings, constructions, equipment, transportation means, property related to cultural, educational and health activities, financial means,
securities, and other assets necessary for materials support for activities, defined in the current Charter.

9.2 The sources of the establishment of the Fund's assets are the following:

- Voluntary contributions of the Founder;
- Income from the economic activities of the Fund;
- Income received from the use of the property of the Fund;
- Income from activities conducted by the Fund;
- Long term and short term credits;
- Technical and sponsor assistance
- Other revenue not prohibited by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

9.3 Income from all types of activities of the Fund could be used only for implementation of its Charter purposes and objectives.

9.4 The Fund maintains accounting and statistical reporting in established order.

X. Reorganization and Closing of the Fund

10.1 The termination of the Fund's activities is done in order specified by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic by the decision of the court.

10.2 Fund's property remained after settlement with the budget and other creditors is directed to the purposes specified in the current Charter.

10.3 Documents, developed in the process of the Fund's activity, in case of its termination, are to be preserved and used in accordance with the requirement of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic On National Archival Fund of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Signed by the Founder A. Naimanbaeva
I, Mambetova Elmira Beishalievna, certify that I am fluent in the Russian and English languages, and that the above/attached document is an accurate translation of the document.

«12» апреля 2019 года, я, Байзакова Диана Тунгучпаевна, частный нотарус Первомайского нотариального округа г. Бишкек Кыргызской Республики, свидетельствую подлинность подписи переводившего текст документа с русского языка на английский язык переводчика Мамбетовой Эльмы Бейшалиевны, которая сделана в моем присутствии.

This 12th day of April 2019, I, Baizakova Diana Tunguchpaevna, Private Notary of Pervomaisky Notary District, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, hereby certify the signature authenticity of translator Mambetova Elmira Beishalievna who has translated the foregoing document from Russian into English language. The document was signed before me. The identity of the translator is established.

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\{seal of the Private Notary affixed\}
SECTION 8. c. Detailed activities on Safeguarding Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Heritage during the latest programs over the last 4 years

DIRECTION 1. Program on Kyrgyz Traditional Pastoral and Ecological Knowledge Revival, Conservation and Dissemination, period 2013-2017:

a. Research and collection of data

1. Research in all 7 regions of Kyrgyzstan on traditional knowledge and cultural heritage with participation of the “KEAK” pastoral Network.
2. Research trips (2015-2016) to other countries within project frames in order to collect Kyrgyz traditional knowledge from culturally identical groups:
   - trip to Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (XUAR), China;
   - trip to Tajikistan;
   - trip to Mongolia.

b. Publications and Books

Publication of edited “Series of Kyrgyz Traditional Knowledge in Assistance to the Livestock Breeder”. Series of 8 books were issued on Russian and Kyrgyz Languages:

1. Pasture of nomads – 76 pages
2. Yurt – house of the nomads – 91 pages
3. Nomadic kitchen – 98 pages
4. Games on pastures – 75 pages
5. Nomadic rites – 146 pages
6. Camel – beauty of the nomadic moving – 45 pages
7. Advices from Sayapker – 74 pages
8. Yaks at the high mountains – 40 pages


c. Roundtables and Workshops

1. International conference on exchange and discussion of TK preservation and dissemination issues, the theme of international conference was: “Preservation of traditional knowledge and improve the opportunities for their transfer to economic growth, strengthening the social values of society and cultural identity and self-awareness”, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 2016.

d. Video and Audio

1. General video about Traditional knowledge and cultural heritage (2015):
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUoGV5WQKNQ
2. Series of educational video clips (2015):
   - Jar kory (wedding ritual dance) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vygMOCGtFHU (English subtitles)
   - Sumolok (technology of ritual food’s preparation) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaZKORT4sDE (English subtitles)
• **Jyk artuu** (the process of dismantling and loading the yurt on a camel for moving) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fad7xhyyWGk (English subtitles)

• Traditional embroidery - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NUYERD86Y

• Traditional leather tanning - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rcZYWOwpCO

• Traditional beliefs and practices - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8BiHc66rl

• Herbal Tea - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCMTrqghz0Q (English subtitles)

• National drinks - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ann7iOWsqSY (English subtitles)

• National Game - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmMbd67BCPA (English subtitles)

• Sacred places - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xdln19XUQ4


**DIRECTION 2. Protection of Snow leopard, its Habitat and Associated Traditional Knowledge in Kyrgyzstan, period 2014-2017:**

a. Research and collection of data

1. Research in two regions of the country where snow leopards are found – Talal region and Chui region. Research was conducted with participation of KEAK and based on school competition in two local schools.


b. Books and publications


2. Snow Leopard in Snow Mountains of Kyrgyz people" (Kyrgyz, English and Russian) – 59 pages.


c. Materials for mass media

1. The 6 newspaper articles in the national newspaper Ayl Demi and regional district newspapers: Talas Turmushu, Jany Bagyt, Emgek Zharchysy (Kemin).


3. Information news announcements through AkiPress (Talas Turmushu section), Sputnik.kg.

4. The 15 online posts of articles and photo reports at the RDF website: www.rdf.in.kg; the 20 on RDF's Facebook page in the opened Newsletter Blog on the activities on promotion of materials about the snow leopard.

d. Festivals, Ceremonies and Fairs

1. Number of actions and ceremonies to preserve the Earth's resources and native land, to blandish and appease the spirits of holy places and mazars (tomb of saint), period 2014-2017:
• Ceremonies of honoring the spirits of Water - the source of life on Earth - at "Baibiche Bulak" (Old Lady water source), attended by the traditional knowledge custodians of Kemin region.
• "Zhyl azhyratky" ceremonies - gathering of people, cleaning the "eye" of a spring, worshiping the spirits of water) in Kemin region.
• Ceremonies in a period from Nowruz to Nowruz celebrating the day of arrival of the New Year, new strength and energy of the Earth in Kemin region.

2. Snow Leopard Festival in Bishkek with participation of the project participants, stakeholders and CSOs, 2017.

e. Roundtables and Workshops
1. Meetings with the executives of the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government of the KR in Talas province, Talas district, Kalba rural municipality on issues of Snow Leopard and traditional knowledge protection.
2. Presentation/discussion on Snow Leopard and traditional knowledge protection at the Kyrgyz Republic Government Office in Talas and Kemin Districts.
3. Round tables on Snow Leopard and traditional knowledge protection in Kemin and Talas districts.

f. Video
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ss2PtqitUk (English subtitles)

DIRECTION 3. Access and Benefit Sharing from Use of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge program, period 2016-2018:

a. Research and collection of data
1. Research in all 7 regions of Kyrgyzstan on genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge and cultural heritage with participation of the “KEAK” pastoral Network.
2. Research on introduction of ABS, genetic resources and traditional knowledge with participation of stakeholders from the CSOs and policy-making level.
3. Small-grant program for collection, protection of genetic resources and traditional knowledge and dissemination of information among communities on ABS.
b. Publications
1. The Catalogue of 50 endemic and threatened genetic resources with herbarium and description, as well as linked TK on use of genetic resources.

c. Materials for mass media
1. 3 quarterly bulletins for The Christensen Fund journal.
2. 3 articles about the ABS and its importance for local communities were published in "Ayil Demi" newspaper (one in 2017 and 2 in 2018).
3. 2 interviews on NEW TV, 6 interviews on NEXT TV, Jalalabat TV and Talas TV, as well as 3 interviews on KTR radio.

d. Roundtables and Workshops
1. 8 Workshops in the regions with participation of KEAK members and custodians on ABS, genetic resources and traditional knowledge in Kyrgyzstan, period 2016-2017.
2. National Workshops "Access and benefit sharing around use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in Kyrgyzstan" dedicated to establishment of the dialogue between stakeholders, academia and local communities and discussion of the current situation on ABS mechanism in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, 2017.