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Intergeneration cooperation in Kyrgyzstan: Babushka Adoption project

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Kyrgyzstan is a country in Central Asia with a population of 6.5 million. Projections suggest that by 2030, the proportion of Kyrgyz citizens aged 65 and over will be near 7%. According to United Nations criteria a population is classified "ageing", when individuals aged 65 and over comprise more than 7% of the total population (Daryo, 2023). In response to the challenges "Babushka Adoption" Foundation was founded. It is a well-established organization working to improve the lives of the older adults through social and financial support, mobilization of the senior citizens, protection of their rights and promotion of their interests on a national level. Babushka means "Granny" or an older lady in Russian. The term "adoption" refers to individual sponsorship, providing financial support to lonely older adults in extreme poverty (Babushka Adoption Foundation).

Home page of Babushka Adoption Foundation:

https://babushkaadoption.org/