



Youth peacebuilding for social development in cross-border areas of Tajikistan

6 *jamoats*
in 2 districts



200 young people
develop peacebuilding
competencies



60 adolescents are
mentored as they run
social projects



200 people take part
in events building
social cohesion



The **Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) - Tajikistan**, with the support of **UNICEF**, will implement a new project in six *jamoats* in Bobojon Ghafurov and Isfara districts of Sughd province in northern Tajikistan. The project will give young people opportunities to contribute to social cohesion and engage in inter-ethnic dialogue across borders while building their peacebuilding capacities and competencies.

EFCA will first conduct a series of focus groups to identify issues of concern among adolescents and youth at the communal level.

The peacebuilding competencies of 200 adolescent girls and boys will then be developed through a targeted training programme.

EFCA will start UPSHIFT – an approach, which supports the development of skills for life and employment and supports youth to positively engage with their local communities as change makers. UPSHIFT will empower young participants to develop 20 tolerance-building initiatives that create entrepreneurial solutions that address challenges identified by youth their communities. Throughout this process, youth will receive regular mentoring from a team of dedicated experts.

Later, cross-border linkages and social cohesion building among adolescents and youth will be enhanced through events and exchanges organised by youth participating in the project.

