

## **Babies Born With Health Problems**

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In our second feature on Kyrgyzstan, Oxana Polyakova looks at the problems that can affect newborn babies because of lack of awareness about ante-natal health issues.

Kyrgyzstan's health ministry says that every year, 1,500 children are born with congenital heart problems, and only half of them will survive their first year of life.

Parents-to-be are poorly informed about health issues, and do not realise what effect an infection contracted in the early stages of pregnancy can have on a baby's development, doctors say. They also lack awareness of the effects of alcohol consumption and sexually transmitted diseases.

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