

The GPP also supported a broad range of additional biological non-proliferation initiatives, including GPP funding for more than 35 scientific projects aimed at redirecting former biological weapons scientists through Canada's contribution to the ISTC and STCU in Ukraine, and assisting countries to establish effective national export and border controls for biological materials and equipment.

In 2007–2009, Canada and the Kyrgyz Republic concluded a bilateral cooperation treaty—the

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic concerning Cooperation in the Field of Biological Security and Biological Safety. Through this treaty, the GPP is assisting the Kyrgyz government with the design, construction, commissioning and start-up of a new level three biological containment facility for human and animal health. Located in Bishkek, it will serve as the central repository for the consolidation of dangerous pathogens from several existing facilities in the



Scientists wear special protective clothing to perform diagnostic testing for dangerous pathogens such as plague, anthrax and brucellosis.

In many countries of the FSU, laboratory work with dangerous pathogens is carried out in challenging laboratory conditions.



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