




Air Pollution Impacts on Children's Health and what we can do

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Breathless beginnings:
the alarming impact of air
pollution on children in
Europe and Central Asia

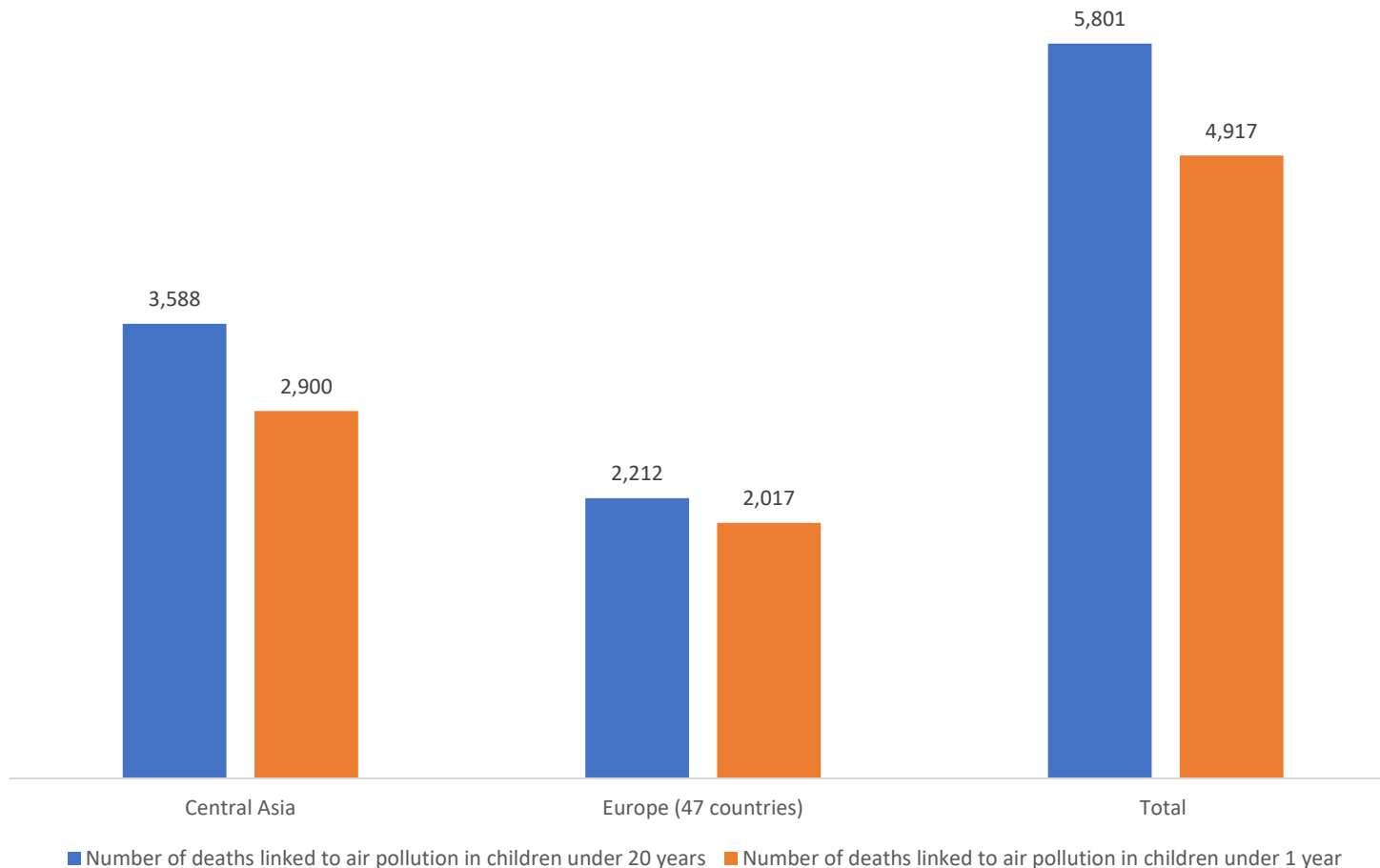


**96% of children
in Europe and
Central Asia
breathe polluted air.**



Number of deaths linked to air pollution in children, 2019

Around 85 per cent of under-20s who died from causes related to air pollution in Europe and Central Asia in 2019 did so before their first birthday



Forest fires

Polluting fuels for cooking and heating

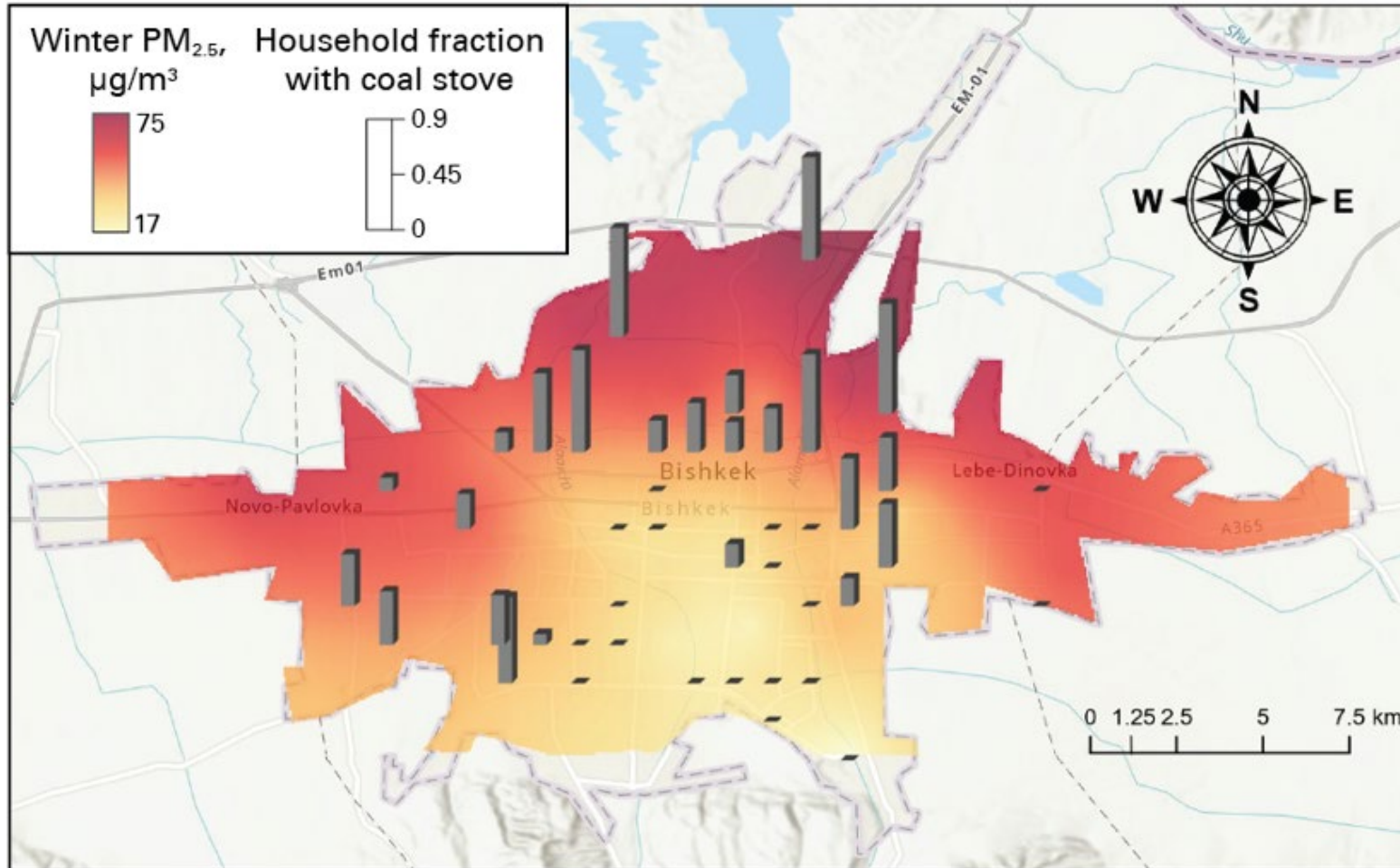
Combustion of fossil fuels for industry, energy supply and transport

Air moves between indoor and outdoor





Air quality in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan





Air pollution is a children's rights issue.

1. Ensure **air quality standards** are in line with **WHO guidelines**.
2. Support **access to clean energy**. Promote **energy efficiency** and improved ventilation and insulating of private and public buildings.
3. Set up and maintain **air quality monitoring systems** nearby kindergartens and schools.
4. Collect **disaggregated data on the effects and sources of air pollution**, with a specific focus on research and recognition for pregnant women, infants and children.
5. Advocate for air pollution and its impacts on children to be considered in **national climate and environmental policies, such as municipal action plans for air quality, National Adaptation Plans or Nationally Determined Contributions**