



Kazakhstan: Joint Government of Kazakhstan and the Asian Development Bank Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program, Phase 3

Project Name	Joint Government of Kazakhstan and the Asian Development Bank Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program, Phase 3
Project Number	51305-001
Country	Kazakhstan
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9476-KAZ: Joint Government of Kazakhstan and the Asian Development Bank Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program, Phase 3 Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management - Public administration
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	<p>1. The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) is the third Phase of the Joint Government of Kazakhstan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program (KEEP). The KSTA will support the delivery of demand-driven, just-in-time, analytical and technical knowledge products and services to Kazakhstan. It will contribute to bring international best practices to the country, introduce innovations, and enhance the capacity of staff working for the Government of the Republic Kazakhstan and related agencies.</p> <p>2. The KSTA will also support the implementation of ADB's 2017-2021 Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Kazakhstan, which emphasizes the importance of contributing to enhancing the country's knowledge basis in support of socio-economic development. The CPS recommends ADB to expand collaboration on knowledge sharing and capacity development under the KEEP, implying the provision of policy advice and capacity building to allow the government designing and implementing better-informed policies and reforms in priority areas.</p> <p>3. This proposed PATA will finance the third phase of the KEEP. An estimated budget of the PATA is \$1,500,000. ADB will finance \$1,000,000, and the government will finance up to \$500,000. The PATA will follow the same reimbursable approach adopted for the KEEP, Phases 1 and 2. It implies that initially ADB will allocate the total amount of \$1,500,000 from the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF) Other Sources, where the Government of Kazakhstan has already transferred its \$500,000 contribution to the TA.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The continued delivery of joint knowledge products and services under KEEP was requested by the government in lieu of successful completion of the Phase 1 and accelerated implementation of the Phase 2. The Phase 3 is included in COBP, 2018-2020 and will support implementation of CPS, 2017-2021.
Impact	A more competitive and inclusive economy achieved, human capital developed, and institutions and governance enhanced.
Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Quality of policy researches improved

Progress Toward Outcome	<p>As of 30 September 2018, six studies and media materials for promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been supported under KEEP Phase 3:</p> <p>(i) Study on development of scientifically grounded norms of workload and standards for the number of civil servants of the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption and local authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This is Phase II of the study that would include conducting research in Astana and development of norms of workload and standards for the civil servants;</p> <p>(ii) Study on creation of a methodology for the implementation of accrual budgeting;</p> <p>(iii) Study on creation of a business process model of the Accounts Committee based on the model of high-class world audit companies;</p> <p>(iv) Study on livestock value chain assessment;</p> <p>(v) Media materials for promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through development of ecological tourism and conservation of biodiversity in East Kazakhstan oblast;</p> <p>(vi) Study on digitalization of agriculture in Kostanay oblast;</p> <p>(vii) Study on development of microfinance lending products.</p>
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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>1. Policy research reports completed</p> <p>2. Capacity-building program capacity-building activities and learning events delivered</p>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>(i) A study on creation of a methodology for the implementation of accrual budgeting was initiated in response to the Ministry of Finances (beneficiary) request for technical support to reforms on implementation of accrual budgeting in Kazakhstan. The main outputs of the study will include development of (a) rules for preparing the projected consolidated financial statements by administrators of budget programs, (b) rules for preparing the projected consolidated financial statements for the republican budget, (c) amendments to the rules for drafting the republican budget, (d) rules for preparing the projected consolidated financial statements for the regional budget, the budget for the city of the republican significance and the capital, (e) amendments to the rules for drafting local budgets. Work is in progress.</p> <p>(ii) In June-July 2018, UNDP with support of the Ministry of Culture and Sports, National Company _Kazakh Tourism_ and East-Kazakhstan local authorities, organized an international expedition comprising of ADB, EBRD, WB and Japan Embassy representatives to Katon-Karagai National Park in order to promote SDGs objectives among the local communities and conservation of terrestrial (biodiversity) ecosystems, partnership for sustainable development and development of ecological tourism in the East Kazakhstan region. The outputs of the international expedition were the media materials, including video (one 20-minute documentary and five two-minute videos (for each of the four SDGs and one general)), 50 high-quality photos; articles, ecotourism development Roadmap in Kazakhstan were published along with guide to the trails and nature of the Katon-Karagai National Park; one joint press conference with the UN Resident Coordinator and other international organizations participating in the expedition was held; communication plan was adopted (marketing in social networks); exhibitions held and blogs to raise awareness among the population about the development of ecotourism published; organizers disseminated knowledge of the opportunities and actions to achieve the SDGs environmental objectives by highlighting the importance of (a) sustainable use of lakes, forests and preserving biodiversity, (b) conservation of mountain ecosystems and (c) prevention of extinction of flora and fauna species.</p>
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>The KEEP, incl. this phase, was conceptualized during consultations with the government on ADB's Country Partnership Strategy for Kazakhstan. The KEEP framework (outlining the objective and scope, areas of focus, implementation arrangements, and monitoring and evaluation measures) is defined in a memorandum of understanding, which was jointly developed and then signed by the government and ADB.</p> <p>The government's willingness to cost-share the KEEP demonstrates its strong ownership as well as requires from ADB delivery of high quality knowledge products and services in a timely manner.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>The Ministry of National Economy, through the Department for Budget Investments and PPP Development, is the executing agency, which is responsible for supervising and monitoring PATA activities. Implementing agencies are ministries or agencies responsible for initiating specific subprojects.</p> <p>The KEEP Coordinating Committee (KCC), comprising of representatives of the Ministry of National Economy and ADB, is set up to oversee TA implementation and provide guidance and direction to stakeholders. The KCC has periodic meetings to update and adjust the list of subprojects and core outputs.</p> <p>The KCC Secretariat supports the KCC's work by ensuring smooth functioning of the Committee and supervising and coordinating day-to-day TA activities, including monitoring TA implementation, resolving issues, arranging meetings, and liaising with concerned government agencies.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will use an estimated 24 person-months of national and 18 person-months of international consulting inputs to support research, workshops, and other agreed subproject activities. The nature of the needed expertise and inputs will be determined case by case for each activity or subproject, determined and approved jointly by the MNE and ADB. The inputs of consultants as well as short-term resource persons will serve to introduce international best practices; provide in-depth local knowledge; and advice on policy options, challenges, and the implications of various courses of action. The selection method for consultants will be chosen during implementation depending on what is best suited to the respective terms of reference (TOR). If the TA requires the services of a consulting firm, the firm will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. All consultants and experts will be engaged based on their expertise and proven experience in the subproject areas.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Nov 2017
Fact Finding	17 Nov 2017 to 17 Nov 2017
MRM	-
Approval	12 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	01 Oct 2018

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2017	17 Jan 2018	17 Jan 2018	31 Dec 2019	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

Cumulative Disbursements

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	12 Dec 2017	74,232.48

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