



# Kazakhstan: Institutional Support to National Quality Center for Road Assets

Project Name	Institutional Support to National Quality Center for Road Assets
Project Number	54092-001
Country	Kazakhstan
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Transport policies and institutional development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	In March 2019, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan established the National Quality Center for Road Assets (NQCRA) to address identified shortcomings in the road sector. NQCRA is equipped with a range of powers which will enable it to act as a center of excellence and is expected to help deliver substantial improvements to the overall quality of the road network. The government requested for a technical assistance (TA) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to help strengthen the capacity of the NQCRA in the development of: (i) guidelines and technical notes for road maintenance and asset management tools, and economic analysis including traffic forecasting; (ii) manuals for the identification and treatment of road safety hazards; and (iii) a road map for a competency framework for professional and technical staff working in the road sector in regards to Anti-Bribery Management System.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Kazakhstan has a total road length of 97,000 kilometers (km). As of 2017, 24,000 km were classified as republican (national) roads, of which 92% are paved, including a large proportion of black gravel roads, and 8% consist of oblast (provincial) roads and district roads. The road density is very low at only 3.5 km per 100 square kilometers. There are five technical road categories, from I (four or more lanes) to V (a single lane). Category II and category III roads account for 85% of the republican road network. According to the Global Competitiveness Report 2018, Kazakhstan currently has a rating of 106 out of 140 in terms of quality of roads. As of 1 January 2020, 51% of the republican roads was estimated to be in good condition and 37% in satisfactory condition (in total 88%), and 28% of oblast and local roads was estimated to be in good condition and 43% in satisfactory condition (in total 71%). According to the Nurdy Zhol 2020-2025 state program, the share of republican roads in good and satisfactory condition will be increased to 100%, while that of oblast and district roads to 95%. The strategy identifies a strong transport sector as a key contributing element to promoting economic growth and diversification. The plan for developing road transport includes not only the improvement of road infrastructure but also a combination of institutional and regulatory reforms, further economic liberalization of the sector, and improvement of road maintenance services. Knowledge products and services are required to improve the system performance with a focus on innovation in road maintenance and defect-free performance-based contracts. This TA is aligned with (i) key operational priorities of ADB Strategy 2030; (ii) Country Partnership Strategy for Kazakhstan, 2017-2021 and Country Operations Business Plan for Kazakhstan, 2020-2022; (iii) Kazakhstan 2050 Strategy; and (iv) the government's Nurdy Zhol 2020-2025.
Impact	Transformation of Kazakhstan into a modern society with a knowledge-based, diversified, and private sector-driven economy accelerated
Outcome	Capacity of the NQCRA strengthened
Outputs	Guidelines and technical notes for road maintenance and asset management with associated training developed Manuals for the identification and treatment of road safety hazards with associated training developed Competency framework for professional and technical staff working in the road sector delivered
Geographical Location	Nation-wide
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
<b>Business Opportunities</b>	
Procurement	ADB will engage the consultants and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.
Responsible ADB Officer	Herz, Thomas
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development formerly "Ministry of Investments and Developments"

Timetable	
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Fact Finding	08 Jun 2020 to 12 Jun 2020
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 May 2020

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