

Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project
Funded under Loan Agreement No. 8277-KZ
between the Government of the Republic of
Kazakhstan and the International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development

Financial Statements for the Year Ended December
31, 2020

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Independent Auditors' Report

To Management of the Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project funded under Loan Agreement No. 8277-KZ between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project (hereinafter the "Project") funded under Loan Agreement No. 8277-KZ between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which comprise the statement of receipts and disbursements of funds for the year ended December 31, 2020, statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2020, statement of disbursements by component for the year ended December 31, 2020, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes (hereinafter the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Project's receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the cash position as at December 31, 2020 in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" published by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), as well as in accordance with the requirements of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Project in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Kazakhstan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Management of the Project is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IPSAS "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" published by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and in accordance with the requirements of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Auditors' Report (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Project's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Project or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternatives but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Project financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or errors and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, and related disclosures made by management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Project's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Project to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Independent Auditors' Report (continued)

We communicate with those responsible for managing the Project regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO Kazakhstan LLP

State License for Auditing Activities
No.15003448 issued by the Committee for
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Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan on
February 19, 2015

Director Talgat Omarov



June 01, 2021

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	Notes	2020			Cumulative amount from the Project start date through December 31, 2020		
		IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total
<i>US dollars</i>							
Project cash balance as at January 1		85,299	-	85,299	-	-	-
RECEIPTS							
Replenishment of account Refund		14,050,785 (148,000)	-	14,050,785 (148,000)	28,748,085 (148,000)	-	28,748,085 (148,000)
Direct payments		-	-	-	2,742,044	-	2,742,044
Direct payments from the Government of Kazakhstan		-	32,600,368	32,600,368	-	73,077,421	73,077,421
Total receipts under the Project	5	13,902,785	32,600,368	46,503,153	31,342,129	73,077,421	104,419,550
EXPENDITURES							
Goods		2,694	6,039	8,733	45,997	108,459	154,456
Works		12,650,285	29,480,494	42,130,779	25,621,674	59,724,937	85,346,611
Consultants' services		1,321,958	3,084,777	4,406,735	5,612,238	13,099,248	18,711,486
Operating costs		12,443	29,058	41,501	61,514	144,777	206,291
Total expenditures under the Project		13,987,380	32,600,368	46,587,748	31,341,423	73,077,421	104,418,844
Net foreign exchange loss (gains)		-	-	-	2	-	2
Total payments under the Project		13,987,380	32,600,368	46,587,748	31,341,425	73,077,421	104,418,846
Project cash balance as at December 31	4	704	-	704	704	-	704

Signed on behalf of Management of the Project:

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The notes on pages from 6 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	Notes	2020				Budget			Variance		
		IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	
<i>US dollars</i>											
EXPENDITURES											
Component 1: Rehabilitation and Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems Infrastructure Works											
Consultants' services		12,650,285	29,480,494	42,130,779	12,855,838	29,996,956	42,852,794	98%	98%	98%	98%
		1,205,612	2,813,339	4,018,951	1,269,451	2,962,052	4,231,503	95%	95%	95%	95%
		13,855,897	32,293,833	46,149,730	14,125,289	32,959,008	47,084,297	98%	98%	98%	98%
Component 2: Sustainable Management, Operation and Maintenance of Irrigation and Drainage Systems											
Consultants' services		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Component 3: Agricultural Development											
Consultants' services		11,702	27,304	39,006	11,702	27,304	39,006	100%	100%	100%	100%
		11,702	27,304	39,006	11,702	27,304	39,006	100%	100%	100%	100%
Component 4: Project Management, Technical Assistance and Training											
Goods		2,694	6,039	8,733	25,342	59,131	84,473	11%	10%	10%	10%
Consultants' services		104,644	244,134	348,778	104,037	242,754	346,791	101%	101%	101%	101%
Operating costs		12,443	29,058	41,501	15,464	36,083	51,547	80%	81%	81%	81%
		119,781	279,231	399,012	144,843	337,968	482,811	83%	83%	83%	83%

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STATEMENT OF COMPARISON OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS (continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

US dollars	2020			Budget			Variance			
	Notes	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total
Total expenditures under the Project		13,987,380	32,600,368	46,587,748	14,281,834	33,324,280	47,606,114	98%	98%	98%

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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS BY COMPONENT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Notes	2020			Cumulative amount from the Project start date through December 31, 2020		
		IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total	IBRD Loan	Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan	Total
<i>US dollars</i>							
EXPENDITURES							
Component 1: Rehabilitation and Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems Infrastructure Works							
Consultants' services		12,650,285	29,480,494	42,130,779	25,621,674	59,724,937	85,346,611
		1,205,612	2,813,339	4,018,951	4,256,880	9,932,718	14,189,598
		13,855,897	32,293,833	46,149,730	29,878,554	69,657,655	99,536,209
Component 2: Sustainable Management, Operation and Maintenance of Irrigation and Drainage Systems							
Consultants' services		-	-	-	480,782	1,121,825	1,602,607
		-	-	-	480,782	1,121,825	1,602,607
Component 3: Agricultural Development							
Consultants' services		11,702	27,304	39,006	526,630	1,228,803	1,755,433
		11,702	27,304	39,006	526,630	1,228,803	1,755,433
Component 4: Project Management, Technical Assistance and Training							
Goods		2,694	6,039	8,733	45,997	108,459	154,456
Consultants' services		104,644	244,134	348,778	347,946	815,902	1,163,848
Operating costs		12,443	29,058	41,501	61,514	144,777	206,291
		119,781	279,231	399,012	455,457	1,069,138	1,524,595

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Kazakhstan Business Environment

The Project activities are carried out in Kazakhstan. Accordingly, the Project is exposed to risks specific to economic and financial markets of Kazakhstan, whose economy shows specific features of an emerging economy. The legal, tax and regulatory frameworks continue to develop, but are subject to varying interpretations and frequent changes which together with other legal and financial impediments contribute to the challenges faced by entities operating in Kazakhstan.

Nature of Operations

Loan agreement No. 8277-KZ (hereinafter the "Agreement") between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan (the "Government") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD") was signed on April 29, 2014 and ratified on December 26, 2014 (the "Project start date"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the IBRD provides a loan amounting to 102,902,440 US dollars (the "Loan") for the purpose of implementation of the Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project (the "Project") that shall be repaid by the Government on June 15 and December 15 of each year starting from December 15, 2021 through June 15, 2031.

Pursuant to the approved budget for 2020, the Project receipts and disbursements financed out of the proceeds of the IBRD Loan and co-financing of the external loan by the Government of Kazakhstan were estimated to amount to 14,281,834 US dollars and 33,324,280 US dollars, respectively (2019: 10,591,236 US dollars and 24,462,432 US dollars, respectively). The planned budget amounts were taken at a conditional exchange rate established by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The objective of the Project is to improve irrigation and drainage service delivery to support farmers in the project areas.

The Project is implemented by the Republican State Enterprise, the Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan that acts as an Implementing Agency on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The closing date for withdrawal of funds under the Agreement is December 31, 2021. The Project consists of the following components:

Component 1: Rehabilitation and Modernization of Irrigation and Drainage Systems Infrastructure

- (a) Rehabilitation and modernization of existing irrigation and drainage infrastructure on approximately 113,000 ha;
- (b) Support for the design and supervision associated with the rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation and drainage infrastructure, including preparing Site-specific Dam Safety Plans.

Component 2: Sustainable management, Operation and Maintenance of Irrigation and Drainage Systems

- (a) Developing and strengthening rural consumer cooperatives and water-management organizations through:
 - (i) *supporting the establishment of the enabling training and support units;*
 - (ii) *supporting Participatory Irrigation Development and Management activities including related water-sector studies and access to credit and leasing resources;*
- and*

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(iii) *enhancing management, operation and maintenance activities including water-monitoring tools.*

(b) To contribute to the modernization and strengthening of the system of on-farm water management at the level of rural consumer cooperatives.

(c) Support for modernizing and strengthening management, operation and maintenance of the main irrigation and drainage system.

Component 3: Agricultural Development

(a) Strengthen the capacity of farmers through:

(i) *improving farm management and land use;*

(ii) *supporting knowledge transfer on innovative agro-techniques;*

(iii) *supporting agrocooperatives, including establishing and strengthening the enabling farmers services centers.*

(b) Support farming and irrigation mechanization through:

(i) *development of water-saving technologies;*

(ii) *facilitating access to maintenance equipment for the on-farm irrigation systems, and;*

(iii) *further strengthening the related advisory facilities.*

Component 4: Project Management, Technical Assistance and Training

Support for the Project Management Unit in project management, administration, coordination, procurement and financial management, including monitoring and evaluation of the Project impact, preparation and implementation of environmental impact assessment, and audits. This component will finance goods, consultants' services and training and operating costs of the Project Management Unit at the Committee on Water Resources for management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Project.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" as published by the International Federation of Accountants, and in compliance with the requirements of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies described below have been consistently applied in the reporting periods presented in these financial statements.

Cash Method of Accounting

Cash method of accounting recognizes transactions and events only when funds under the Project are received or paid.

Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in United States dollars ("US dollars").

Transactions in Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the presentation currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the reconversion dates. Direct payments from the IBRD are translated into US dollars at the exchange rates established by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the date of transaction.

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Proceeds from the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan are translated into US dollars at the exchange rates established by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the date of payment. Exchange differences arising from translation of transactions denominated in other currencies into US dollars are reported as a net value from changes in exchange rates.

Expenditure Categories

The Agreement specifies the main categories of expenditures financed by the Loan, the amount for each category, as well as the percentage of expenditures to be financed in each category.

According to the Agreement, there are the following categories of expenditures

- 1) Works under Part 1 of the Project
- 2) Goods, consultants' services, non-consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Project

Cash Receipts

As per the terms of the Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall pay interest and the principal amount of the Loan. Those payments are recorded on the accounts of the Government and are not reported in these financial statements. The last installment on the Loan shall be paid by the Government on June 15, 2031.

Allocation of Expenditures

Expenditures are allocated between the components in the statement of receipts and disbursements of funds based on the comparison of work description in the Agreement with the work description in source documents.

4. CASH

To conduct transactions on Loan No. 8277-KZ, the following designated accounts have been opened with the Committee of Treasury of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the city of Nur-Sultan, for making cash payments to suppliers:

- 01.6201.000000000.Z08277.001.2120360.2.0000.0000 in US dollars;
- KZ080702012120360001 in KZT.

Cash balances as at December 31, as well as the transactions of the account for the year ended December 31, 2020 are detailed below:

<i>US dollars</i>	2020	2019
Balance at January 1	85,299	42,895
RECEIPTS		
Replenishment of account	14,050,785	9,739,400
Refund	(148,000)	
	13,902,785	9,739,400
EXPENDITURES		
Project expenditures	13,987,380	9,696,994
Net foreign exchange loss (gains)	-	2
	13,987,380	9,696,996
Balance at December 31	704	85,299
<i>Including those denominated:</i>		
<i>In US dollars</i>	704	85,299
<i>In KZT</i>	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

5. DIRECT PAYMENTS AND REPLENISHMENT OF ACCOUNT

Direct payments under the Project are made by IBRD and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan directly to suppliers chosen in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Direct payments to Suppliers and replenishment of the designated account by IBRD under the Project for the year ended December 31, 2020 were made based on the following withdrawal applications:

No. of application	Date of withdrawal	Direct payments	Replenishment of account	<i>US dollars</i> Total
31	16.03.2020	-	729,220	729,220
33	21.05.2020	-	1,125,400	1,125,400
34	08.06.2020	-	1,441,000	1,441,000
35	24.06.2020	-	305,000	305,000
36	16.07.2020	-	1,070,000	1,070,000
38	17.08.2020	-	770,000	770,000
39	08.09.2020	-	833,000	833,000
40	15.10.2020	-	2,306,300	2,306,300
41	28.10.2020	-	315,000	315,000
42	12.11.2020	-	2,330,220	2,330,220
43	20.11.2020	-	536,195	536,195
44	14.12.2020	-	2,117,450	2,117,450
45	28.12.2020	-	172,000	172,000
RN000000 359963	30.12.2020	-	(148,000)	(148,000)
Total		-	13,902,785	13,902,785

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Statement of Expenditures (SOE)

			<i>US dollars</i>		
No. of application	Value date	Total amount of the application	Actual expenditures by categories		Total
			(1) Works under Part 1 of the Project	(2) Goods, consultants' services, non-consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Project	
31	16.03.2020	729,220	4,851,417	22,326	4,873,743
33	21.05.2020	1,125,400	-	-	-
34	08.06.2020	1,441,000	-	-	-
35	24.06.2020	305,000	-	-	-
36	16.07.2020	1,070,000	-	-	-
37	03.08.2020	-	3,627,168	38,095	3,665,263
38	17.08.2020	770,000	-	-	-
39	08.09.2020	833,000	-	-	-
40	15.10.2020	2,306,300	-	-	-
41	28.10.2020	315,000	2,600,633	44,547	2,645,180
42	12.11.2020	2,330,220	-	-	-
43	20.11.2020	536,195	2,641,776	11,874	2,653,650
44	14.12.2020	2,117,450	-	-	-
45	28.12.2020	172,000	2,167,606	11,845	2,179,451
RN0000 003599 63	30.12.2020	(148,000)	-	-	-
Total		13,902,785	15,888,600	128,687	16,017,287

6. UNUSED PORTION OF THE LOAN

As at December 31, 2020, the unused portion of the IBRD loan totaled 71,560,311 US dollars (2019: 85,463,096).

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In 2020, a state of emergency was introduced in the Republic of Kazakhstan in connection with the outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19, which continues after the reporting period. The introduction of quarantine in all areas of Kazakhstan has a negative effect on the economy and the Government has developed a package of urgent measures to maintain business to reduce these consequences.

The degree of impact of COVID-19 on the utilization of the Project's funds will depend on certain events, including the duration and spread of the virus, the impact on the customers, employees and suppliers of the Project.

The management believes that the onset of adverse effects is unlikely and the situation with COVID-2019 will not lead to a violation of the terms of the Agreement and other adverse consequences for the Project, with the exception of temporary delays in the use of loan funds during the quarantine regime.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

8. DATE OF ISSUE

These financial statements were approved for issue by the Deputy Chairman of the Republican State Enterprise the «Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan» and Head of the Department of Economics, Budget Planning and Accounting of the Republican State Enterprise the «Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan» on June 01, 2021.

Reconciliation between the data provided by Project Management Unit and World Bank payments data

US dollars

Application for withdrawal	Date of application	As per PMU	As per WB	Variance
31	16.03.2020	729,220	729,220	-
33	21.05.2020	1,125,400	1,125,400	-
34	08.06.2020	1,441,000	1,441,000	-
35	24.06.2020	305,000	305,000	-
36	16.07.2020	1,070,000	1,070,000	-
38	17.08.2020	770,000	770,000	-
39	08.09.2020	833,000	833,000	-
40	15.10.2020	2,306,300	2,306,300	-
41	28.10.2020	315,000	315,000	-
42	12.11.2020	2,330,220	2,330,220	-
43	20.11.2020	536,195	536,195	-
44	14.12.2020	2,117,450	2,117,450	-
45	28.12.2020	172,000	172,000	-
RN000000 359963	30.12.2020	(148,000)	(148,000)	-
Total		13,902,785	13,902,785	-