

 Early Warning System

WB-P179204

Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Inclusive Economy (DARE)  
Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Kazakhstan
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-02-22
Borrower	Government of Kazakhstan - Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry
Sectors	Communications, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 92.43 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 136.00 million



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to support equitable access to high-quality and resilient broadband infrastructure in selected unserved and underserved areas of Kazakhstan.

The proposed Project will directly contribute to the GoKZ's objectives to eliminate digital inequality' and improve broadband quality to ensure 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) internet connectivity for all households at affordable prices, and indirectly to accelerating economic diversification as underpinned by resilient and affordable broadband infrastructure. The Project will also finance critical regulatory reforms to promote private sector investments in the telecom sector and strengthen foundational enablers to spur growth of new private-sector digital markets, such as cloud and data infrastructure.



### Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Environmental and Social Risks Rating is "Moderate" at this concept stage due to the project scope and financing activities. The DARE project will not support subprojects with major civil works; however, some activities under Component-1.2 include small matching grants to qualified Internet Service Providers for deploying backhaul and access networks to households and public institutions. Internet cables shall be installed along existing electricity poles with no or minor civil works if required. The potential environmental risks associated with these activities are mainly OHS-related and include falls from heights and electrical hazards.



### Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

A PROPOSED LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF JPY 13,083,100,000 (US\$ 92,430,000 equivalent)



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### Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an In](#) [Original Source]
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Incl](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Inclusive E](#) [Original Source]
- [Kazakhstan - Digital Acceleration for an Inclusive Economy \(DARE\) Project](#) [Original Source]
- [Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Inclu](#) [Original Source]
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- [Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Inclu](#) [Original Source]
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Kazakhstan Digital Acceleration for an Inclusive Economy \(DARE\)](#) [Original Source]

### Media

- [World Bank to Help Expand Digital Infrastructure for Underserved Areas in Kazakhstan](#)