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KAZAKHSTAN

COUNTRY PROFILE

Bordering China and Russia, Kazakhstan is a key strategic partner in promoting democracy and advancing stability across Central Asia. With steady economic growth and abundant natural resources, Kazakhstan is Central Asia’s largest economy. To deepen democratic principles and increase regional prosperity, the United States partners with Kazakhstan to strengthen its civil society, advance private sector engagement, boost trade and energy production, combat health threats, and foster long-term resilience and self-reliance.

USAID aims to build Kazakhstan’s capacity to plan, finance and implement its own development solutions. Strengthening regional stability and prosperity, USAID programs help present a bulwark against pressure from malign influencers in the region.

OUR WORK

USAID began partnering with Kazakhstan soon after the country’s independence in 1991. Since then, USAID has helped to advance democratic reforms, spur sustainable economic growth, and improve tuberculosis (TB) and HIV health care services. Thanks in part to our joint efforts, Kazakhstan is now a middle-income country and is moving forward on its path to become a resilient, regional leader.

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Corruption, limited transparency and government accountability, and ineffective rule of law weaken Kazakhstan's democratic institutions and threaten long-term resilience. USAID builds a democratic culture by increasing access to information, facilitating civic engagement, promoting an independent judiciary and media, and encouraging the protection of human rights. For example, in 2018 Kazakhstan adopted six USAID-proposed amendments to the country's media legislation, improving the operating environment for journalists and bolstering freedom of the press.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Overreliance on fossil fuels and a non-diversified economy inhibit Kazakhstan's ability to reach its economic potential. To create a diverse economy that leaves no one behind, USAID helps integrate Kazakhstan's renewable energy resources into larger regional markets, strengthens horticulture, and spurs regional business and trade. With USAID assistance in 2018, for example, Kazakhstan held competitive auctions for new renewable energy projects attracting a high level of interest from both local and international bidders who offer foreign direct investment and modern renewable energy technologies at competitive prices.

HEALTH

USAID partners with the Government of Kazakhstan to improve its capacity to prevent and treat infectious diseases like TB and HIV. For example, USAID introduced four rapid-testing machines, manufactured by the U.S. company Cepheid, that diagnose TB within hours instead of weeks, saving lives and building a healthy workforce. Today, Kazakhstan is using this technology nationwide.



USAID helps give disadvantaged children the opportunity to learn by organizing preschool classes for children from vulnerable families.

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USAID helps curb stigmatization of people with HIV/AIDS and expands access to prevention, treatment and care services.

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