



## KAZAKHSTAN

United States foreign assistance supports Kazakhstan's sovereignty, security, and resiliency. Assistance programs enable key institutions, including the judiciary, military, law enforcement, and energy agencies, to benefit from U.S. expertise, which enables Kazakhstan to become more self-reliant and strengthens the U.S.-Kazakhstan bilateral relationship. Education, media, and civil society programs aim to increase civic engagement. Our strong partnership and assistance have contributed to Kazakhstan assuming an important role in regional connectivity and cooperation.

**over \$2.8 billion**

USG assistance since 1992

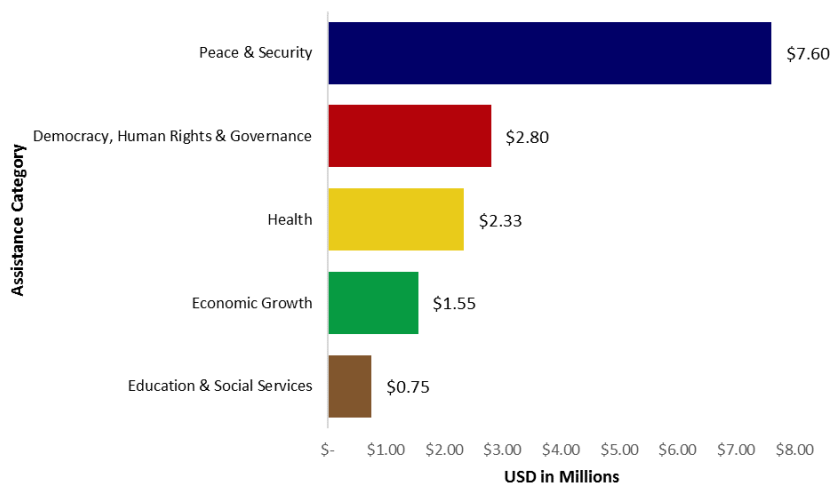
**\$15.0 million**

State/USAID assistance for FY 2020\*

**\$4.8 million**

COVID-19 assistance\*\*

### FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/AID Assistance to Kazakhstan by Category\* (\$15.0m), in millions



Source: ACE

\*Does not include centrally managed funds or \$3.11 million in FY 2020 COVID supplemental funds.

\*\*COVID assistance includes reprogrammed and supplemental funds.

**NOTE:** The assistance highlights below are examples of results achieved by funding in each category in the chart.



### LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

The United States has a long-standing partnership with key stakeholders in Kazakhstan to address transnational threats -- such as money laundering, terrorist financing, and trafficking of drugs and humans -- through technical assistance and training programs. U.S. training and capacity-building programs have strengthened Kazakhstan's drug investigation agencies and helped transform its law enforcement academies into self-sustaining centers of expertise. The Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs has trained officers and instructors from the police academies to develop programs on intelligence analysis and raise awareness about drug-related money-laundering and trafficking in persons.



### ANTI-CORRUPTION, RULE OF LAW & GOOD GOVERNANCE ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance helps civil society organizations (CSOs) advance governance reforms in many ways, including contributing expertise on important policy issues; representing the interests of constituents and communities; serving as "watchdogs" to monitor government performance; and partnering with the government to improve service delivery. For example, a grant was awarded to the Center for Applied Research (TALAP) in 2019 to develop an open-source publicly available website to collect, store, publish, and analyze government budget information, thereby increasing government transparency and accountability. TALAP signed a memorandum of understanding with Kazakhstan's Ministry of Finance and Anti-corruption Agency to expand and expedite information sharing. During FY 2020, TALAP analyzed fiscal data from multiple agencies and converted it into graphics that show revenues and budget spending.



### HUMAN RIGHTS ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance is supporting the government of Kazakhstan (GOK) and civil society to promote safe migration and reduce trafficking in persons. In 2020, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in partnership with social media influencers, conducted awareness raising activities to educate youth on the ways in which traffickers lure migrants. The campaign, utilizing different media and social media outlets, educated youth to recognize signs of trafficking and provided information on how to report trafficking or seek help. At border crossings, Kazakhstani border guards are using campaign videos to raise awareness about trafficking among migrants coming from other Central Asian countries, reaching on average 5,300 migrants a day at aviation checkpoints, 14,000 at vehicle crossings on weekdays, and 2,000-3,000 a day at vehicle crossings on the weekends. At the request of the Ministry of Interior, USAID anti-trafficking materials will also be distributed to local governments in all regions. Public Affairs also supports anti-trafficking in persons (TIP) projects across Kazakhstan through the Small Grants Program. Other State Department projects completed in 2021 trained 122 law enforcement representatives and 178 Police Service cadets, provided juridical support for domestic and foreign victims of TIP, and conducted awareness campaigns among vulnerable groups and citizens. These programs help protect the most vulnerable.

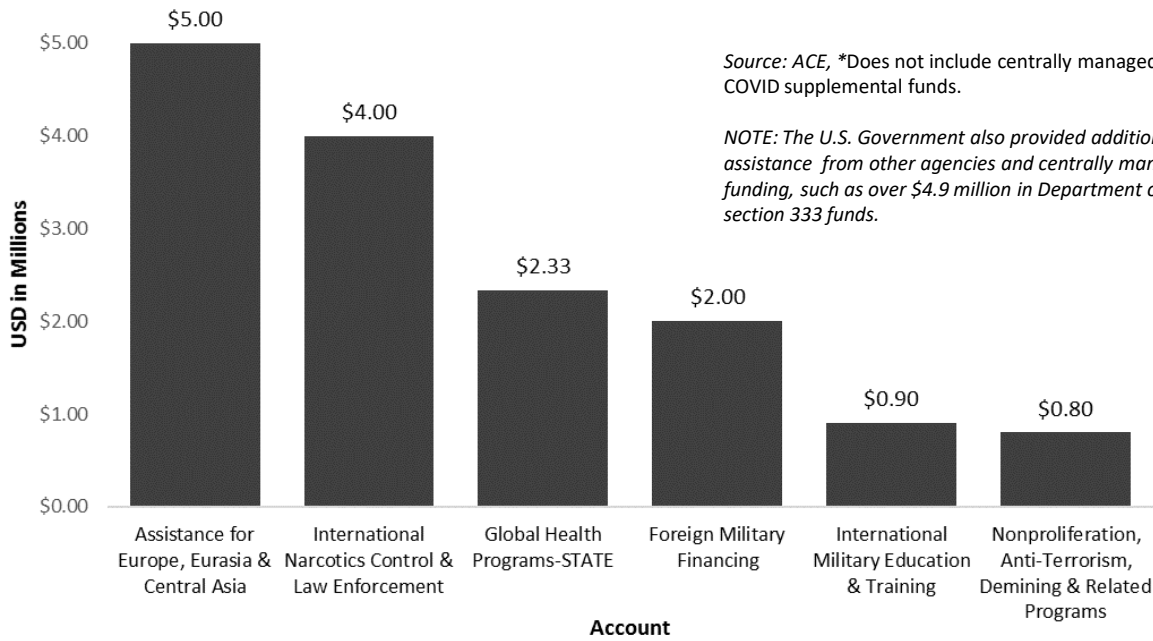


### CIVIL SOCIETY & POLITICAL PROCESSES ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

In FY 2020, USAID engaged with the GOK on a wide number of legislative initiatives to help Kazakhstan develop sustainable development policies, honor its international commitments, and more closely align its institutional values with the United States. USAID supported civil society partners to successfully engage the government and improve several important legislative initiatives that create a more fertile environment for civil society, including changes to anti-terrorism legislation that would have overbroadly imposed restrictive burdens on CSOs and closed the space in which they operate.



### FY 2020 ACE-Coordinated State/USAID Assistance to Kazakhstan by Account\* (\$15.0m), in millions



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NOTE: The U.S. Government also provided additional FY 2020 assistance from other agencies and centrally managed funding, such as over \$4.9 million in Department of Defense section 333 funds.



### EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance supports the GOK's effort to overhaul and modernize its education system with a focus on creating a fully trilingual education system. Improved English language capacity helps increase educational opportunities and counter disinformation by improving access to reputable international sources of information and opportunities in international markets. An expansion of the English Access Micro-Scholarship Program allowed English language training to reach more than 482 disadvantaged youth in regions throughout Kazakhstan. English Language Fellows and English Teaching Assistants provide native English language speakers intermediate and advanced instruction at universities across Kazakhstan. Kazakhstani teachers received professional development opportunities at all levels through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and through a program for rural teachers organized by alumni from the Fulbright Foreign Language Teacher program. In 2020, University Partnership programs supported sustainable collaboration between 12 U.S. and Kazakhstani universities, providing opportunities for these universities to internationalize and modernize their English language education curriculum.



### INDEPENDENT MEDIA & COUNTERING DISINFORMATION ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

Investments in Kazakhstan local media development support objective news reporting, reduce the outsized influence of external actors, and enable independent media outlets to become financially sustainable. The English for Journalists program, running in eight cities across Kazakhstan, trained over 320 journalists in 2020 to enhance their English-language skills and broaden their access to alternative sources of information. Journalists and editors-in-chief report how English proficiency helped them to verify information and debunk fake news, particularly related to the COVID pandemic and vaccinations. Other programs have supported local watch-dog organizations which help protect journalists against legal charges. Additionally, the USAID Central Asia Media Program developed a simple process enabling journalists to obtain access to online Supreme Court hearings, ensuring greater judicial transparency by enabling journalists to serve as watchdogs of the process.



### ENERGY ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

Providing low cost, clean, renewable energy and improving energy efficiency can support national and regional energy security and provide a stable economic future. The United States is committed to assisting Kazakhstan improve connectivity, rebuild regional power markets, and expand low-cost energy using a diverse mix of potential energy resources, particularly wind, solar, and hydropower. USAID's Power the Future activity worked with the Ministry of Energy to plan new investments in renewable energy via projects awarded through competitive auctions. As a result, in 2020 the GOK added over 160 megawatts of renewable energy projects, all of which ranged between 25-40 percent below the prevailing tariffs. USAID is also assisting the GOK to establish the Central Asia Regional Electricity Market (CAREM) which supports the development of an integrated power market in Central Asia. CAREM will advance self-reliance and open investment opportunities for Kazakhstan and the rest of Central Asia.

Through Public Affairs' 2021 Small Grants Program, new partnerships will raise awareness about the need for renewable energy, such as the benefits of solar panels and wind generators. A series of documentaries will also highlight what contributes to poor air quality and how the adoption of legislation and strategies can lower the emissions from heating plants, transport and industrial plants.



### PEACE & SECURITY ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHT

U.S. assistance is intended to promote a secure and stable Kazakhstan and the United States demonstrates its commitment to that goal through programs designed to raise military and law enforcement standards and proficiency. In partnership with the GOK, the Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) program helped finance and construct a state-of-the-art training facility, the Border Guard Services Academy, providing training to uncover illicit trafficking in goods, conventional weapons, and materials that can be used in weapons of mass destruction, while conducting baggage x-ray, vehicle, cargo, and aircraft inspections for contraband goods and smuggling. The center has also hosted Afghan border enforcement officers for an EXBS-led counter-IED training course, helping to improve security and increase connectivity in the region.