

Kazakhstan

1 Project Summary

Project Title:

State Anti-Corruption Program for 2006-2010

Priority Area for Reform:

Implementing Institution:

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Beginning and End of the Project:

Beginning: 2006

End: 2010

2 Project Context

Which deficiencies and/or problems that allow corruption to proliferate does the project address and aim to resolve? Please outline the related current legal or institutional framework and its weaknesses or the exact circumstances that require improvement:

The Program was developed in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 14 April 2005 "On the Measures Aimed at Corruption Fighting Strengthening, and Stiffening of Discipline and Order in Operations of State Bodies and Public Service Officials".

The Program Objective is the reduction of corruption in all spheres of society by means of enhancing coordination of state bodies and civil society actors' operations.

The Program Tasks are to:

1. ensure the protection of rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens and the society against corruption;
2. improve the regulatory and legal framework related to prevention, detection and suppression of corruption offenses;
3. optimize forms, methods and tools of corruption prevention;
4. collaborate with the civil society structures;
5. expand and stimulate international anti-corruption cooperation of Kazakhstan.

3 Expected Outcome of the Project

In relation to the above mentioned deficiencies and/or problems, which concrete improvements are expected to be achieved through the project? In which way does the project help to curb corruption?

The Program implementation shall allow for

1. further strengthening of social and political stability in the country;

2. optimization of licensing and administrative powers of state management bodies;
3. building of civil society confidence to state authorities;
4. improving of the level of citizens' protection against corruption;
5. extension and enhancement of the dialogue between the society and the authorities, the business and the authorities;
6. obligatory on-line response of the authorities and the public officials to the information and evidence of corruption;
7. further development of anti-corruption views in the society and stimulation of anti-corruption operations;
8. reduction of the shadow economy scale;
9. expansion of participation of non-governmental organizations, political parties and public associations in anti-corruption policy;
10. establishment of further growth conditions for the economy and improvement of the investment climate;
11. expansion of the international anti-corruption cooperation;
12. strengthening of the state credibility in the international arena.

4 Components – Main Activities – Method

What are the project's components, implementation steps, main activities and/or methods to achieve the above mentioned outcome and objectives?

The Program implementation shall be conducted through its Implementation Action Plan approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Taking into consideration the fact that corruption without constant combating tends to expand and adjust to new conditions, a unified mechanism shall be developed to reduce corruption to within minimum terms, as well as to elaborate major directions of work on anti-corruption policy execution as a constant intrinsic function of the Government. Moreover, the efficiency of the implementation mechanism will significantly depend on the degree of participation of civil society.

For the purposes of the Program implementation, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan may establish interdepartmental groups that shall provide reports in the set schedules and shall bear responsibility for their quality and timely preparation.

State bodies responsible for the Program activities execution shall provide progress reports to the Agency on Fighting Economic and Corruption Crimes (Financial Police) of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which will consolidate the cumulated progress information and further deliver it to the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for consideration on the extended sessions and if necessary approval of the corresponding sector programs.

5 Involvement of non-governmental actors and donors

In which way does the project involve civil society actors or other stakeholders and have they been consulted during the project development phase?

For the purposes of interaction with the civil society actors, it is envisaged that

1. the state will provide support to civil society subjects to participate in anti-corruption activities;
2. the state will assist in ensuring participation of entrepreneurs' associations in anti-corruption state policy;
3. civil society actors will be attracted to anti-corruption preventive activities;

4. there will be transparency and openness in the performance of state management bodies;
5. the mass media will participate in forming an anti-corruption outlook among the population and stimulate anti-corruption activities in state bodies and civil institutions.

6 Related Projects under the 2nd Implementation Cycle

Is the project linked to reforms accomplished under the Action Plan's 2nd Implementation Cycle? In which way does this project follow up previous activities?

The above-mentioned State Program is developed having taken into account the outcomes of the previous State Anti-Corruption Program for 2001-2005.

7 Project Financing and Budget

Approved or estimated overall project budget:

Republican and Local budgets resources are envisaged to be the Program sources of financing.

Is external funding required?

Such possibility is not excluded

If external funding is required, have donor organizations been approached yet, and have any commitments been made?

If external funding is required, what percentage of the total project costs requires external funding?

8 Technical Assistance

Is external technical assistance required? Have relevant agencies been approached and have they made any commitments?

For the purposes of extension and stimulating of the international anti-corruption cooperation of Kazakhstan, it is envisaged:

1. To sign international treaties on combating corruption;
2. To use Internet broadly for informing international society of the anti-corruption activities of the state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
3. To organize specialized joint study of international anti-corruption activities experience by the law-enforcement agencies staff, prosecutors, judges and other public officials;
4. To establish international information exchange on the subjects of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs related to the corruption crimes;
5. To sign treaties on mutual legal assistance on criminal cases, criminals surrender and recovery of assets, as well as facilitation in training of law-enforcement agencies staff to use methods of anti-corruption activities;
6. To perform work aimed at joining the international anti-corruption conventions and their ratification.