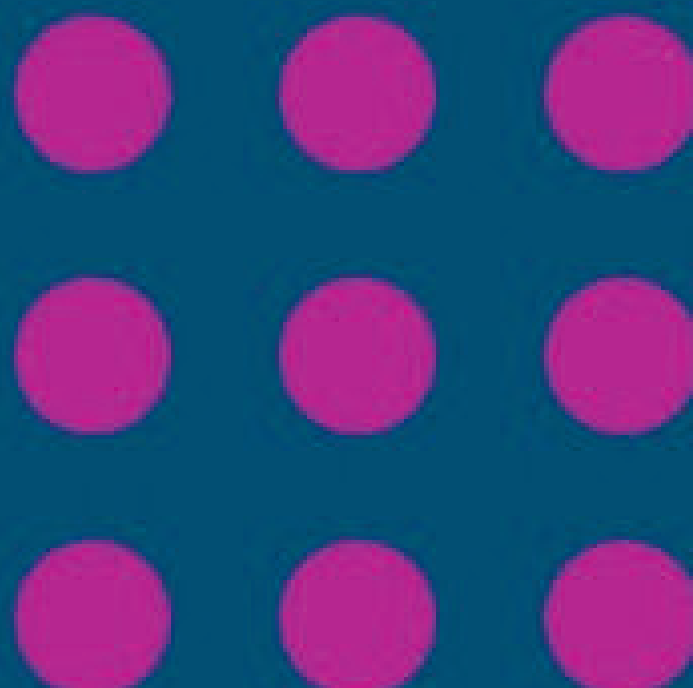
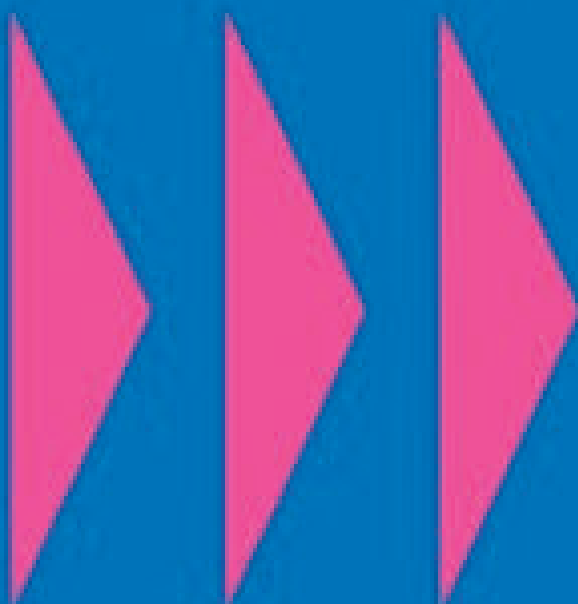
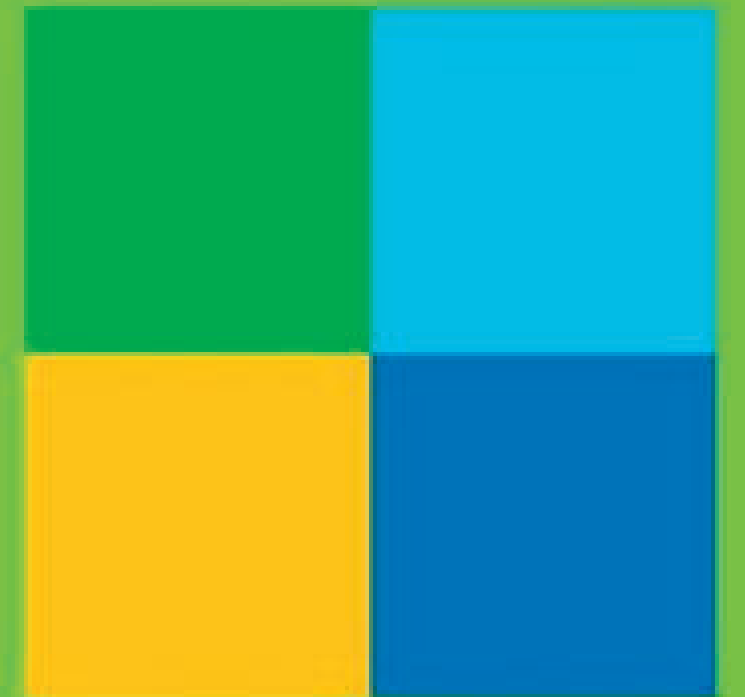
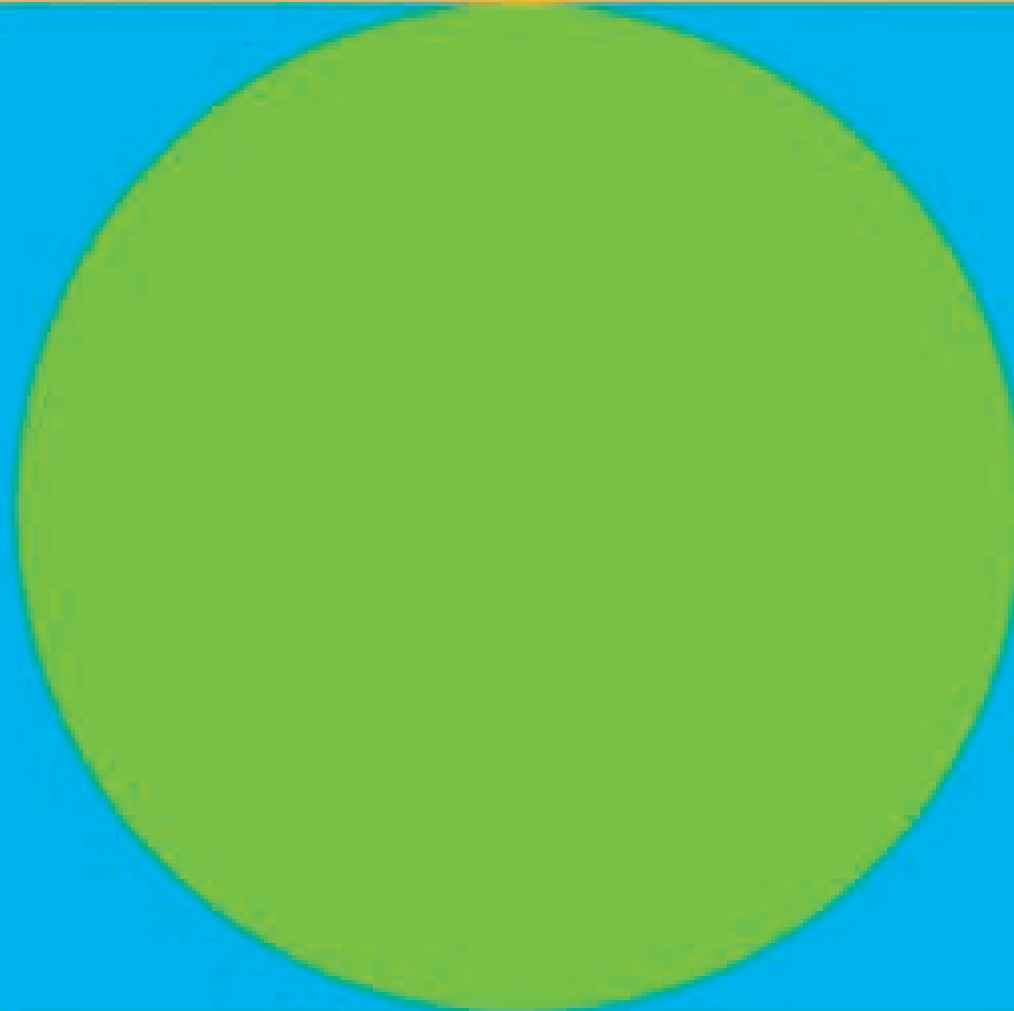
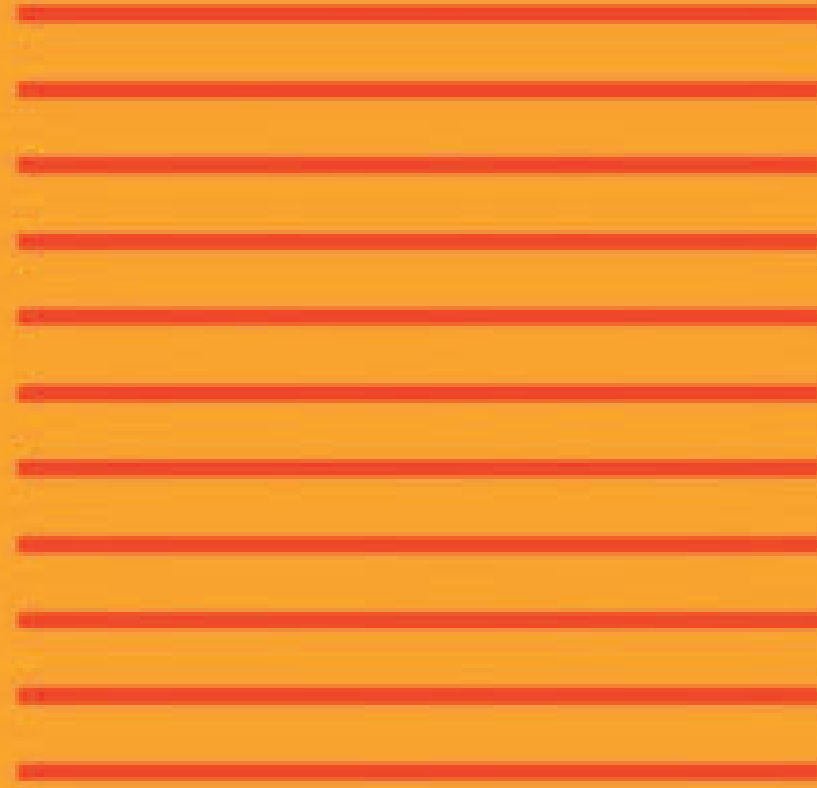
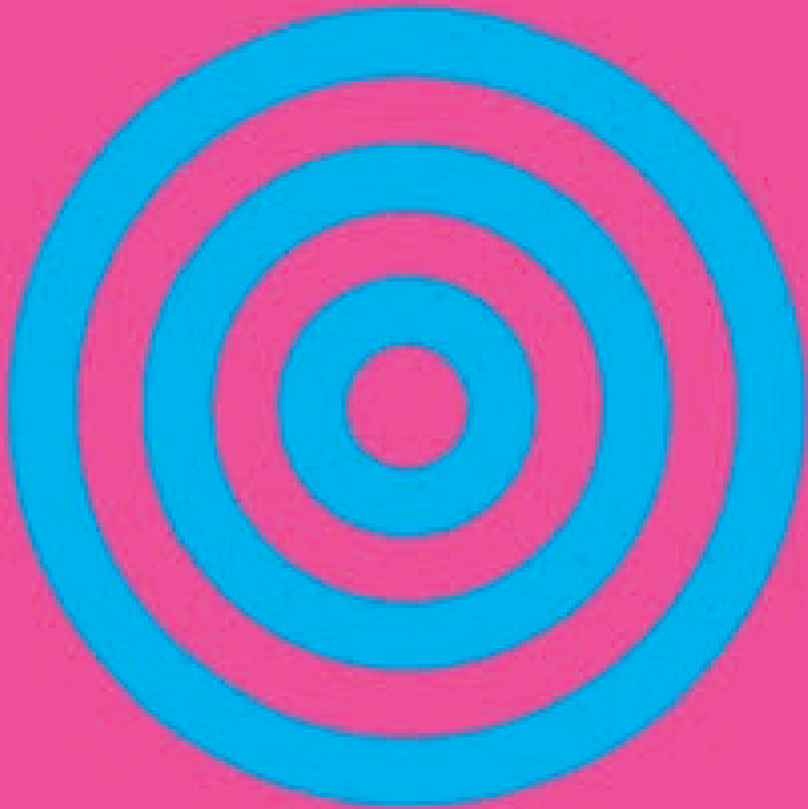




UNITED NATIONS
KAZAKHSTAN



UN COUNTRY TEAM in Kazakhstan





UNCT CONFIGURATION

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Kazakhstan stands firmly in support of the country's commitment to achieve the SDGs and the ambitious vision of the Government's forward-looking development agenda.

The Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) is based in Astana with a presence in Almaty.

The UNCT is comprised of 27 organizations, out of which 20 are resident:

	Resident UN entities	Main office	Presence	Geographic coverage
1.	RCO	Astana	-	Kazakhstan
2.	FAO	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
3.	ILO	Astana	-	Kazakhstan
4.	IOM	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
5.	OHCHR	Astana	-	Kazakhstan
6.	UNDP	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
7.	UNDSS	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
8.	UNFPA*	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan
9.	UNICEF*	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
10.	UNODC	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
11.	UNRCCA	Astana	-	Kazakhstan
12.	UNV	Astana	-	Kazakhstan
13.	UN Women	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
14.	WHO*	Astana	Almaty	Kazakhstan
15.	DGC	Almaty	-	Kazakhstan
16.	ESCAP	Almaty	-	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
17.	OCHA**	Almaty	-	Caucasus, Central Asia and Ukraine
18.	UNAIDS	Almaty	-	Kazakhstan
19.	UNDRR	Almaty	-	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
20.	UNEP	Almaty	-	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
21.	UNESCO	Almaty	-	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
22.	UNHCR	Almaty	Astana	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

* UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO have regional presence in Almaty.

** OCHA Regional Office for Caucasus, Central Asia and Ukraine has presence in Almaty, but no activities at the moment.

And 7 non-resident organizations:

- ITC
- ITU
- UNCTAD
- UNECE
- UN-Habitat
- UNIDO
- UNOPS



UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR OFFICE

Mandate

- The Resident Coordinator is the highest-ranking representative of the UN development system at the country level and is the designated representative of – and reports to – the Secretary-General.
- The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Kazakhstan (RCO) operates under the UN Resident Coordinator’s strategic guidance and supports establishment and implementation of mechanisms that ensure all members can fully participate in UN Country Team (UNCT) consultations and decision-making processes and are informed through regular communications and information sharing.
- The RCO coordinates the UNCT’s implementation of the SDGs, and works with UNCT members to ensure alignment of both agency programmes and inter-agency pooled funding for development with national development needs and priorities, as well as with the UN Cooperation Framework and 2030 Agenda.
- The RCO supports, catalyzes and advocates for the work of UNCT members and supports all UNCT members, including Non-Resident Agencies (NRAs), in reaching their agency-specific goals. The Resident Coordinator leads the UN Country Team in consultations with the host Government to define and agree on the UN’s strategic response to the government’s priorities.

Key functions

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan fulfills the following five key functions in support of the responsibilities of the Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team:

- Strategic planning
- Development economics
- Partnerships and development finance
- Data and results management and reporting
- Communications and advocacy

Full name:

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Total personnel as of 2023:

11 employees

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FAO

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- FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. The goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide. FAO believes that everyone can play a part in ending hunger.
- FAO has been part of the country's development progress since 1997 having implemented more than 70 projects worth over USD 65,5 million in a wide array of thematic areas.
- FAO technical assistance has focused on the sustainable intensification of agricultural production, promoting conservation agriculture, organic farming and sustainable natural resource management, and institutional development and capacity building.

Flagship Programmes

- FAO programmatic activities in Kazakhstan cover sustainable management of natural resources, rural development, sustainable production and consumption, digitalization, export and trade, veterinary and phytosanitary safety, agricultural science and knowledge sharing, enhancing access to financing and attracting investments and other fields. They are aligned with the national priorities, outlined in the national strategies and programme documents.
- The main projects are the Elaboration of the State Programme 2022-2026 (including the Concept) of Agro-Industrial Development and the Supporting investments in smallholders inclusive agrifood value chain development in Kazakhstan.

Agency full name:

Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United
Nations

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 2.6 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

28 employees

Head of Agency:

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ILO

Mandate

- The ILO is the UN specialized agency that promotes social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. Founded in 1919, in 1946 it became the first UN specialized agency. The only tripartite UN agency, ILO brings together governments, employers and workers representatives of 187 member States, to set labour standards, develop policies and programmes promoting decent work for all and committed to promote rights at work, enhances social protection and strengthens dialogue on work-related issues.
- The ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia operates from Moscow since 1959 and co-ordinates ILO activities in ten countries including Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan joined ILO in 1993 and has ratified 24 ILO conventions including all fundamental.

Flagship Programmes

In Kazakhstan, ILO provides support to the government, and employers' and workers' organizations in defining priorities within national development frameworks, and aims its Decent Work Agenda to policy advice and capacity building.

ILO is assisting on:

- Improving labour legislations;
- Building stronger social dialogue system;
- Modernizing social security system through adoption of
- Social Security Code;
- Adoption and implementing employment programmes;
- Improving OSH and LI systems.

Targeting the Decent Work concept in SDG has become part of the national development agenda. ILO promotes the Future of Work initiative and Centenary Declaration with the aim to assist member-country to adequately shape national policies effective in current challenging circumstances.

Agency full name:

International Labour Organization

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 286,000

Total personnel as of 2023:

1 employee

Head of Agency:

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IOM

Mandate

- Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. With 174 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries.
- IOM started operating in Kazakhstan on 13 January 1998. As the Country Office with Coordinating Functions for Central Asia, the IOM mission in Kazakhstan helps to address specific sub-regional migration issues and emerging trends in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Flagship Programmes

In Kazakhstan and Central Asia IOM works to maximize the potential for migration to contribute to development and economic growth in line with SDGs and GCM objectives:

- IOM assists vulnerable migrants, their families and communities, to build their resilience to human trafficking, exploitation, abuse, changes in remittance flows, migration related health, environmental and climate change impacts;
- IOM helps build regular, safe and dignified migratory channels, and leverage human mobility to support social and economic development and climate action at national and community levels;
- IOM supports the governments to introduce effective, coherent and inclusive migration policies and counter-trafficking legislation based on research and evidence, 'whole-of-government', 'whole-of-society' approach and human rights centred principles, and promote regional cooperation on migration.

Agency full name:

International Organization for Migration (IOM) - UN Migration Agency, Subregional Coordination Office for Central Asia

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 1.8 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

35 employees

Head of Agency:

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OHCHR

Mandate

- Established by the UN General Assembly resolution in December 1993, OHCHR is the leading UN entity on human rights. It represents the world's commitment to the promotion and protection of the full range of human rights and freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- The High Commissioner and the Office have a unique role to: promote and protect all human rights; help empower people; assist Governments; inject a human rights perspective into all UN programmes.
- OHCHR works with governments, legislatures, courts, national institutions, civil society, regional and international organizations, and the United Nations system to develop and strengthen capacity, particularly at the national level, for the protection of human rights in accordance with international norms.

Flagship Programmes

- The OHCHR Regional Office for Central Asia is based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and covers the Central Asia region through small national presences in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.
- OHCHR works with state authorities, national human rights institution and civil society to foster compliance of legislation, policies and practices with international human rights standards, including by providing advice on closer compliance with international standards, and to strengthen the National Human Rights Institutions.
- OHCHR engages with other UN entities to mainstream human rights in development programming and to jointly implement the 2021-2025 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, which the OHCHR is a part of.

Agency full name:

Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Regional Office for Central Asia

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 160,000 (for Kazakhstan)

Total personnel as of 2023:

26 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNDP

Mandate

- UNDP works in 170 countries and territories, including in Kazakhstan, to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. We help Kazakhstan to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities, and to build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- UNDP has been part of Kazakhstan's development progress since the early independence having implemented more than 200 projects worth over USD 200 million in a wide array of thematic areas. We have been providing targeted policy support to civil service and public administration reforms, efforts, contributing to anti-corruption and more government transparency, prevention of gender-based violence, promotion of the rights of people with disabilities, and access to justice.
- Environmental governance, climate change adaptation and low-carbon development are also among UNDP's flagship partnership initiatives in Kazakhstan.
- UNDP is committed to supporting a successful digital transformation, that is inclusive and empowers Kazakhstan to achieve SDGs.
- UNDP works with the partners to create a world where people and planet thrive together.

Flagship Programmes

UNDP supports Kazakhstan in implementing the SDGs and sustaining its growth trajectory by diversifying economy, modernizing institutions, reducing inequalities, and sustainably managing natural resources.

UNDP helps to:

- Address social vulnerabilities and inequalities;
- Rebuild trust with citizens through more effective and accountable institutions, free of corruption;
- Foster high-productivity, diversified and knowledge-based economic growth;
- Support climate and disaster resilience and nature-based, low-carbon growth.

We promote gender equality and women's empowerment through dedicated interventions across all four abovementioned areas.

Agency full name:

United Nations Development Programme

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 16 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

180 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNDSS

Mandate

- Globally, UNDSS provides critical advice and rapid decision-making capacity on United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS) policy and operational issues to UNSMS members, senior United Nations management and personnel, including through leadership of the Crisis Operations Group, and/or Executive Group on Security.
- In Kazakhstan, this translates to enabling the conduct of programmes and other activities by UN entities, while ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of UN personnel, premises, and assets.

Key functions

UNDSS takes a holistic and enabling approach to safety and security based on the concept of risk management.

In Kazakhstan, the UNDSS:

- Liaise at the operational level with Kazakh counterparts across government, law enforcement, and security agencies.
- Share information with international partners to continue activities that support the Government of Kazakhstan.
- Have a 24/7 Security Operations Centre that monitors open-source security related news; disseminates information and advisories to UN personnel and partners; and facilitates a response to personnel who need assistance.

Agency full name:

United Nations Department of Safety and Security

Annual Budget in 2023:

n/a

Total personnel as of 2023:

30 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNFPA

Mandate

- UNFPA works in more than 150 countries, including Kazakhstan, helping deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.
- UNFPA has been active in Kazakhstan since 1992, supporting programmes on sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, empowerment of adolescents and youth, gender equality and population dynamics.
- UNFPA targeted support has contributed to a significant reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality, promotion of a culture of family planning, improvement of adolescents and young people's reproductive health and agency as well as promotion of gender equality and prevention and response to gender-based violence especially for those most left behind. Supporting data collection and analysis for formulation of evidence-based policies and plans (including the census and the demographic policy) is another key area of work.

Flagship Programmes

- Based on the recognition and respect for human rights for all women, girls, men and boys, UNFPA programmes are guided by the 2030 agenda and by the United Nations Reform. They aim to ensure that all women can freely plan and space pregnancies, no woman dies of preventable maternal complications, and girls can complete school and realize their full potential by avoiding child marriage and unintended pregnancies.
- UNFPA will continue investing in reducing preventable maternal deaths, providing youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, implementing a strategy on family planning, supporting response efforts to prevent gender-based violence and encourage social norms and behaviour which promote gender equality.
- UNFPA will also continue investing in population data disaggregation and use, analysis of population changes and other megatrends (including ageing and climate change) and in building demographic resilience. It will also cover cross-boundary and regional issues in these areas.

Agency full name:

United Nations Population Fund

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 1.1 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

14 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNICEF

Mandate

- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) operates in 190 countries and territories, including Kazakhstan. UNICEF has the mandate to save the lives of children, to defend their rights, and to promote the development of abilities and well-being of each child.
- In Kazakhstan UNICEF serves the interests of 6.5 million children, whoever they are, wherever they live. By combining the efforts of partners around the country, UNICEF channels them to support the most vulnerable children and families in difficult life situations and realize every right for every child.

Flagship Programmes

Currently, the new five-year program of cooperation between the Government of Kazakhstan and UNICEF for 2021-2025 is being implemented, which is based on national priorities and strategies. The 2021 - 2025 programme includes three key components, each of them aims to achieve a specific result for children:

- Every child grows up healthy, well-nourished and safely;
- Every child is educated, skilled and resilient;
- Every child is protected from violence, abuse, neglect and abject poverty and benefits from integrated social protection and welfare services.

Agency full name:

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Kazakhstan

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 3.5 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

43 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNODC

Mandate

- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was set-up in 1997. UNODC is the custodian of UN treaties on three Drugs Conventions, Transnational Organized Crime, Anti-Corruption and various instruments on Terrorism.
- UNODC has been present in Central Asia since 1997 through the signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on sub-regional drug control cooperation".
- In February 2006, Tashkent, Uzbekistan at Ministerial meeting of the members of the MOU the institutional documents of CARICC were endorsed and recommended to be signed by the heads of the member states and Almaty, Kazakhstan was agreed as allocation of the Centre.

Flagship Programmes

UNODC project "Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Countering Drugs, Transnational Organized Crime, and Terrorism" was designed to assist the MoU parties in establishing the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC). CARICC assists in organizing, undertaking and coordinating agreed joint international operations to combat illicit drug trafficking.

UNODC is currently realizing projects in Central Asia on:

- Building Regional Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Capacity;
- Border management;
- Container Control Programme (CCP);
- Drug prevention, treatment and reintegration and HIV prevention;
- Regional Program for Afghanistan and Neighbouring Countries (RP- ANC);
- Police reform;
- Preventing violent extremism in prison;
- Global Programmes Foreign terrorist fighters and ending violence against children with presence in the country.

Agency full name:

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Central Asia

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 4.2 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

19 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNRCCA

Mandate

- The UNRCCA is an example of political engagement and preventive efforts by the United Nations in support of Member States. It is mandated to liaise with the Governments of the region on issues relevant to preventive diplomacy; to provide monitoring and analysis; to maintain contact with regional organizations and facilitate coordination and information exchange.
- In addition, the UNRCCA is to provide an overall framework and leadership for the preventive activities of the UN country teams and to maintain close contact with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan to ensure a comprehensive and integrated analysis of the situation in the region.
- The UNRCCA mandate is specified in its Programmes of Action designed in consultations with the Governments of Central Asian states.

Flagship Programmes

The UNRCCA develops common initiatives to address regional challenges to peace, security, and development. The current Programme of Action for 2021-2025 focuses on five key priority areas, which correspond to the Centre's mandate:

- Promoting preventive diplomacy among the Governments of Central Asia;
- Monitoring and early warning in support of conflict prevention;
- Building partnerships for prevention, including with regional and sub-regional organizations;
- Strengthening the United Nations preventive diplomacy in Central Asia;
- Encouraging cooperation and interaction between Central Asia and Afghanistan

Agency full name:

United Nations Regional Centre
for Preventive Diplomacy for
Central Asia

Annual Budget in 2020:

USD 2.9 million (for region)

Total personnel as of 2020:

30 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNV

Mandate

- The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. UNV works with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated, and well supported UN Volunteers into development programming and promotes the value and global recognition of volunteerism. UNV is administered by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and reports to the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board.
- UNV works under a dual mandate – to mobilize volunteers for the United Nations System and to advocate for the importance of volunteerism in development worldwide.

Flagship Programmes

The UNV Full Funding Programme provides UN Volunteers an opportunity to share knowledge and gain experience volunteering with UN projects and programmes.

Since 2020, UNV has supported the deployment of first 9 Kazakhstani citizens fully funded by the Government of Kazakhstan to become International UN Volunteers with the World Health Organization (WHO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Women, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UNDP in Jordan, Kenya, Thailand and Türkiye. This became possible thanks to the Agreement signed in 2019 between the Ministry of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the UN Volunteers Programme.

Agency full name:

United Nations Volunteers Programme

Annual Budget in 2023:

n/a

Total personnel as of 2023:

2 employees

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UN WOMEN

Mandate

Within the UN system, UN Women leads, promotes and coordinates efforts to advance the full realization of women's rights and opportunities.

UN Women's triple mandate:

- Normative: supporting Kazakhstan to strengthen norms and standards for gender equality and women's empowerment;
- Coordination: promote coordination and coherence across the UN system on mainstream of gender equality and women's empowerment;
- Programme: undertake operational activities in translating norms and standards into legislation, policies and strategies.

Flagship Programmes

- Active in Kazakhstan since 1999 as UNIFEM, UN Women cooperates with the Government, civil society, media, academia and private sector to ensure equality of rights and opportunities for women and girls. UN Women works on strengthening of the national legislation, policies, programmes and capacities in accordance with The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and SDGs.
- UN Women activities support national development priorities and implementation of Kazakhstan's international gender equality commitments in: Women's economic empowerment; Ending violence against women; Government's gender policy implementation; Gender-responsive budgeting; Women, Peace and Security; Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions on Preventing Gender-Based violence and Economic Justice and Rights.
- UN Women supports the coordination on gender mainstreaming across UN entities in Kazakhstan, works within EU supported Spotlight Initiative Regional Programme for Central Asia and Afghanistan, to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls by 2030.

Agency full name:

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 1.8 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

19 employees

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WHO

Mandate

The role of a WHO Country Office is to respond to requests from the host country to support policymaking for sustainable health development, taking a holistic health-system approach. This includes providing guidance, building up local relationships to implement technical cooperation, making standards and agreements, and ensuring that public health measures are coordinated and in place during crises. The operational objective of the WHO Country Office is to provide technical expertise and professional support to the Kazakh Ministry of Healthcare and to mobilise medical supplies and medical equipment if required.

Flagship Programmes

- Supporting multisectoral approach in implementation of noncommunicable diseases prevention including: Salt and sugar reduction; Tobacco control.
- Improving primary healthcare strategies and capacities to deliver prevention and promotional activities as well as integration with various vertical health programmes including areas such as: Mental health; Sexual, reproductive, children and adolescent health; Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD); Immunisation; Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) prevention and infection control (also in specialised care settings).
- Providing technical guidance and research methodology for areas such as noncommunicable diseases, communicable diseases, AMR prevention, substance abuse, health behaviour and promotion, vaccines, etc; support strengthening programmes on HIV-TB, Hepatitis B and C, vaccination, etc; support infectious disease surveillance strengthening.

Agency full name:

World Health Organization
(WHO) Country Office in
Kazakhstan

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 2.1 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

15 employees

Head of Agency:

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DGC

Mandate

- The Department of Global Communications tells UN story across multiple platforms, digital and traditional, to build support for the aims and work of the United Nations. It reaches millions of people with trusted, objective information and an inclusive message that enables the public, civil society, private sector and Member States to engage in the work of the United Nations.
- The network of the United Nations Information Centres is key to the Organization's ability to share the United Nations story with them in their own languages.
- United Nations Information Centres (UNICs) are the principal sources of information about the United Nations system in the countries where they are located.

Key functions

- Media outreach;
- Conducting thematic workshops, seminars, educational programmes, sporting events, and musical performances;
- Working with media by providing information and training for journalists and contributing regularly to TV, radio programmes, social media, and newspapers;
- Working with civil society in promoting a variety of issues through seminars, exhibits, etc.;
- Developing and implementing communications strategy on priority issues;
- Educational outreach;
- UNAI – United Nations Academic Impact initiative;
- Model United Nations - thematic MUNs with relevant partners at national, regional as well as international levels;
- International Days and Anniversaries observances.

Agency full name:

United Nations Department of Global Communications

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 10,000

Total personnel as of 2023:

1 employee

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ESCAP

Mandate

- ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia covers nine countries, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Afghanistan participates as a member of SPECA.
- The programme of work covers analytical and normative work, policy advisory services, as well as capacity building activities. The office contributes to strengthened regional cooperation and integration for sustainable development, in line with the subregional priorities of North and Central Asia, including sustainable connectivity, economic transformation, social inclusion and resilience, and through follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Flagship Programmes

- The United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) launched in 1998 is a neutral platform for cross-border cooperation for the achievement of the SDGs. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) jointly provide overall support to the Programme.
- The North and Central Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Implementation of SDGs is an annual event organized since 2017. The Forum provides an opportunity to discuss the current situation of implementation of the SDGs in North and Central Asian countries and possible actions and solutions for the acceleration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Agency full name:

ESCAP Subregional Office for North and Central Asia

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 500,000

Total personnel as of 2023:

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Head of Agency:

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UNAIDS

Mandate

- UNAIDS is an innovative partnership of 11 UN Agencies that leads and inspires the world in a coordinated manner to achieving universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- UNAIDS places people living with HIV and people affected by the virus at the decision-making table and at the centre of designing, delivering and monitoring the AIDS response.
- UNAIDS is uniting the efforts of the United Nations system, civil society, national governments, the private sector, global institutions and people living with and most affected by HIV to fight AIDS.

Flagship Programmes

UNAIDS supports Kazakhstan in getting to zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS deaths through implementation of the following priority actions:

- Coordinating the strategies and funding of 11 co-sponsors through the UBRAF Joint Plan on HIV/AIDS and funding the country envelope based on priorities of the National AIDS Programme.
- Closing gaps in HIV testing and treatment, maximize equitable and equal access to comprehensive people-centred HIV services.
- Removing discriminatory and punitive laws and policies, break down legal and societal barriers.
- Institutionalizing community-led services into national health care and HIV prevention systems.

Agency full name:

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 187,000

Total personnel as of 2023:

6 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNDRR

Mandate

- UNDRR is the United Nations focal point for disaster risk reduction. UNDRR oversees the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and supports countries in its implementation, monitoring and sharing what works in reducing existing risk and preventing the creation of new risk.
- UNDRR Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia covers 55 countries in Europe and Central Asia. It supports the development of policies and actions towards a more resilient future. UNDRR ROECA assists countries to monitor and track achievements towards implementing the Sendai Framework, and supports the development of national and local DRR strategies.

Flagship Programmes

- UNDRR's Initiative "Strengthening disaster resilience and accelerating implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia" aims to build disaster and climate resilience in the Republic of Kazakhstan. It supports the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the SDG's by shifting from managing disasters to managing risks, and works towards building inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable communities. The overall goal of the Initiative is to create foundation for greater resilience in Central Asia through enhanced data, capacity, governance, and cooperation at all levels.
- Another flagship initiative is Making Cities Resilient 2030. It supports cities assess how resilient they are and provides guidance on improving strategic planning to reduce risk and build resilience through peer-to-peer learning.

Agency full name:

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Annual Budget in 2023:

N/A

Total personnel as of 2023:

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Head of Agency:

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UNEP

Mandate

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was established in 1972 and is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.
- UNEP's mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

Flagship Programmes

UNEP works on delivering transformational change for people and nature by drilling down on the root causes of the three planetary crises of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste.

UNEP employs seven interlinked subprogrammes for action:

- Climate Action
- Chemicals and Pollutions Action
- Nature Action
- Science Policy
- Environmental Governance
- Finance and Economic Transformations
- Digital Transformations

Agency full name:

United Nations Environment Programme

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 750,000

Total personnel as of 2023:

5 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNESCO

Mandate

UNESCO was created in 1945, as one of the specialized agencies. UNESCO at present has 195 Member States and seven Associate Member States. With headquarters in Paris, France and field offices and institutes in 65 countries, UNESCO's mission is to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.

Flagship Programmes

- UNESCO-EU Partnership Project: Silk Roads Heritage Corridors in Afghanistan, Central Asia and Iran – International Dimension of the European Year of Cultural Heritage;
- GLOFCA: Reducing vulnerabilities of populations in the Central Asia region from glacier lake outburst floods in a changing climate, funded by the Adaptation Fund;
- GGRETA: Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan;
- Acceleration of a Digital Social Services Delivery Model to address the needs of the most vulnerable in Kazakhstan;
- Capacity -building to safeguard living heritage for sustainable development and its transmission through education;
- Equipping learners in Central Asia with skills and competencies to promote sustainable development and engage with the world as responsible global citizens.

Agency full name:

UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 7.5 million

Total personnel as of 2023:

21 employees

Head of Agency:

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UNHCR

Mandate

- Founded in 1950, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is mandated by the UN General Assembly to monitor and support states in protecting refugees and stateless persons, in finding sustainable solutions for them and in preventing and reducing statelessness.
- Currently UNHCR has offices in 132 countries.
- UNHCR opened offices in Kazakhstan in 1995. In 1999 Kazakhstan became party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol without reservations. In 2009 Kazakhstan passed a national refugee law and assumed asylum procedures in 2010.

Flagship Programmes

- UNHCR supports Kazakhstan in improving the state asylum procedures and aligning the national legislation in line with 1951 Convention to enhance the protection of refugees and facilitate their integration and naturalization.
- UNHCR aids asylum seekers and refugees with advocacy, advice, legal representation and other assistance to access international protection, rights and services in Kazakhstan, including to livelihoods, health services and vaccinations during the current coronavirus pandemic.
- UNHCR assists authorities in the identification and documentation of stateless persons, advocates for legal reforms and accession to the two statelessness conventions, to allow Kazakhstan to achieve the goals of the global #IBelong campaign to end statelessness by 2024.

Agency full name:

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Annual Budget in 2023:

USD 4.4 million (for 4 countries)

Total personnel as of 2023:

23 employees

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