

Progress in Kazakhstan country in 2022

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By 2025, all people in Kazakhstan, especially the most vulnerable are empowered with knowledge and skills to equally contribute to the sustainable development of the country (UNSDCF Outcome 1.2.)

The outcome has not been achieved yet, however, UN Women Kazakhstan made substantial progress on the outcome in 2022. The Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the progress of SDGs implementation in Kazakhstan was visibly gender mainstreamed during development and Kazakhstan's presentation at the High-Level Political Forum in New York in May 2022. International and national communities gained awareness of the progress, achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of SDGs at the national level through the VNR. <https://hlpf.un.org/countries/kazakhstan/voluntary-national-review-2022> UN Women contributed significantly to the results reflected in VNR by showcasing the outcomes of the joint project with the Government of Kazakhstan on the integration of Gender Responsive Budgeting in the national planning and budgeting system. More specifically, UN Women developed the methodology and conducted gender analysis of planning and budgeting processes with the example of the Akmola region at the local level and the Ministry of Education at the central level, in the area of education, healthcare and social protection. In addition, UN Women ensured the integration of a gender dimension into the entire VNR document. The National Women's Machinery recognised the role of UN Women's significant contribution in supporting the Government of Kazakhstan and national partners in advancing Gender Responsive Budgeting as well as demonstrating it on the global level through highlighting the VNR. UN Women successfully cooperated with the National Women's Machinery, the Ministry of National Economy, the Economic Research Institute, the Applied Economic Research Centre, the Akmola region Local Administration, and the Ministry of Education through this work. Thus, the original strategy and ToC for this outcome is still largely applicable.

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By 2025, all people in Kazakhstan are protected and enjoy full realization of human rights and gender equality and a life free from discrimination, violence and threats, and equally participate in decision-making (UNSDCF Outcome 2.1.)

The outcome has not been achieved, however, UN Women Kazakhstan made substantial progress on the outcome in 2022. The country office actively promoted the equal participation of women in all spheres of life, with particular attention to strengthening women's leadership and participation in society; involving women in solving a whole range of issues to ensure stability in communities; and empowering women in politics. Twenty-five (25) women leaders across the country increased their capacity through a training of trainers organized by UN Women Kazakhstan utilizing the UN Women Leadership and Campaign Curriculum. This is planned to be followed by "cascade" training across the country that will provide an opportunity for a wide-range of professional development programmes to all women interested in running for public office in the next elections in Kazakhstan in 2023. In addition, UN Women and national partners expanded a network of qualified and certified trainers in women's political participation. The Ministry of Information and Social Development, (the Donor for this programme), recognised the role of UN Women in organising capacity-building initiative and supported the wide media coverage of the training. An added value of this training is a long-term investment in building political knowledge and skills capitalising on

efforts made by UN Women and the Ministry of Information and Social Development in supporting women and youth interested in politics. In 2023, Kazakhstan will hold elections for Members of the Parliament and rural districts mayors in all regions of Kazakhstan. Women increasing their leadership skills as well as being actively involved in political reform, including in elections, is an integral part of national tasks and UN Women's strategic vision. Therefore, the original strategy and ToC for this outcome are still applicable. Country Office will continue Women's leadership and Political Participation interventions during the implementation of the Strategic Note for 2022-2025.

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By 2025, state institutions at all levels effectively design and implement gender-sensitive, human rights and evidence-based public policies and provide quality services in an inclusive, transparent and accountable manner (UNSDCF Outcome 2.2.)

The outcome has not been achieved, however, UN Women Kazakhstan made progress on the outcome in 2022. Gender Responsive Budgeting further advanced in the country with country office support. The country had access to evidence of gender sensitivity in current budgeting processes through a deep gender analysis of a local administration in the Akmola region and the Ministry of Education and Science. This analysis was provided by UN Women, in cooperation with the Ministry of National Economy. The findings of the analysis were widely disseminated by UN Women and partners, including its presentation at the High-Level Political Forum during Kazakhstan's Voluntary National Review event in May 2022. The key findings of the gender analysis were published on the website of the High-Level Political Forum <https://hlpf.un.org/countries/kazakhstan/voluntary-national-review-2022>. UN Women contributed to this result through its expert and technical support in revealing areas for further strengthening in the field of education, healthcare and social protection. UN Women provided recommendations based off of these trends in the planning and implementation of strategic and program documents. Almost all of the identified trends are applicable to all regions of the country in different variations and ratios. The development of additional capacity-building efforts will remain one of the priority tasks of state policy. UN Women strengthened partnerships with the Government of Kazakhstan as well as state and private expert institutions for ensuring comprehensive assessment and concrete recommendations for integrating gender aspects into the planning and budgeting processes at the local and national levels. It is expected by partners that Gender-responsive budget analysis, along with legislation, and other practical policy measures will address gender bias and discrimination. In a long run, it will have an impact and contribute to the accountability to women's rights, but also towards greater public transparency and can shift economic policies leading to gains across communities. UN Women in cooperation with the National Women's Machinery plan to continue the further promotion of Gender Responsive Budgeting in 2023, and a new project proposal has been submitted to the Government of Kazakhstan, thus the original strategy and ToC for this outcome is largely still applicable.