

The Challenge

Kazakhstan continues to enjoy robust economic growth; however, Kazakhstan is showing little inclination to embrace greater democracy. The December 4 presidential elections were a test of the Government's true commitment to democratic reform. While the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe noted some improvements in the electoral process, overall, international standards were not met. Development challenges include competitiveness and diversification, over-reliance on oil, rampant corruption, undermined rule of law and governance, and low investments in health and education. USAID will continue to improve the business environment for the growth of a middle class; help support more responsive financial institutions; enhance implementation of laws and regulations; help strengthen civil society and media; help reduce trafficking in persons; improve quality of primary health; reduce the spread of infectious diseases; and improve management of energy and water resources.

Objectives, Sectors and Workforce

Mission Director: Chris Crowley

MCA Status: Currently Not Eligible

PEPFAR Focus Country: No

Provided or Received Services From Other Missions: Received

Program Budget (Appropriations by Objective)	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07	2005 SO Performance Score	Direct SO Admin. Cost Ratio
115-0131 Small and Medium Sized Enterprise Program	12,221	9,100	8,650	6,662	-45.5%	1.31	Exceeded
115-0161 Energy and Water	1,961	900	700	534	-72.8%	1.79	Exceeded
115-0211 Strengthened Democratic Culture	6,023	5,795	5,500	4,250	-29.4%	0.81	Not Met
115-0240 Conflict Prevention	398	0	0	0	N/A	1.18	Exceeded
115-0320 Health and Population	4,866	3,750	3,380	2,599	-46.6%	1.01	Met
115-0420 Cross-Cutting Programs	3,349	1,948	1,750	1,334	-60.2%		0.00
Transfer to Other US Government Agency	5,268	5,197	4,770	3,621	-31.3%		
Country Total	34,086	26,690	24,750	19,000	-44.3%		

Program Budget (Appropriations by Account)

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
FREEDOM Support Act	34,086	26,690	24,750	19,000	-44.3%
Total	34,086	26,690	24,750	19,000	-44.3%

Program Budget by Sector and Account

	FY 2004 (\$000)	FY 2005 (\$000)	FY 2006 (\$000)	FY 2007 (\$000)	Percent Change FY 04-07
Agriculture and Environment FSA	3,791	2,000	1,595	1,216	-67.9%
Higher Education & Training FSA	2,466	2,757	1,950	88	-96.4%
Economic Growth FSA	14,161	9,093	8,627	7,983	-43.6%
Human Rights FSA	144	330	680	242	68.1%
Democracy and Governance FSA	8,256	8,760	8,518	6,872	-16.8%
Conflict Management / Humanitarian Assistance FSA	398	0	0	0	N/A
Family Planning / Reproductive Health FSA	1,175	92	84	86	-92.7%
HIV / AIDS FSA	550	1,000	1,199	898	63.3%
Child Survival and Maternal Health FSA	2,965	1,624	1,223	1,051	-64.6%
Other Infectious Diseases FSA	180	1,034	874	564	213.3%
Total	34,086	26,690	24,750	19,000	-44.3%

*This program is managed by USAID's Central Asia Republics Regional Mission. The workforce for that Mission is shown in the Central Asia Republics Regional program profile.

Other Major Donors:

Bilateral: United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Denmark, Canada, the Netherlands, MASHAV--the Israeli foreign assistance agency.

Multilateral: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, U.N. Development Program, European Union, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Open Society Institute, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.