

**KAZAKHSTAN – COUNTRY STATEMENT**  
**THE KAZAKHSTAN AGENCY ON STATISTICS**

Goals and mandates

The main goal is to provide relevant, reliable statistics on social and economic situation in Kazakhstan and neighbors.

The agency is responsible for production of official statistics and thus is a coordinating body for statistics activities.

What we are trying to achieve:

Quality, Quality, Quality of our data.

Indicators that measure the contributions of staff.

None are clearly specified (2007). We plan to implement data quality monitoring system in 2008-2009.

How people acquire the knowledge and skills?

Mainly by in-house training. 14-days a year obligatory training from the State agency on state services issues (by the choice of the statistical agency – mainly managerial courses).

Language training (Kazakh, English, others) are financed by the government in accordance with annual plans. Also there are few training programs from international organizations (TASIS, SIAP, Eurostat, TICA).

Where do professionals come from to the Agency?

Professional staff members come from the universities, IT people are coming from private and state companies into the Agency's IT company (as salaries are competitive).

Do we have an institutionalized professional training in statistics?

Universities provide some module, on BA and post graduation levels.

We plan to create in 2008 the Center for statistical education and research. Kind of a training activities hub for the Central Asia region.

About 40 people a year get training on internationally sponsored programs (TASIS, TICA, SIAP, Eurostat, etc.). All of the work at the agency at the moment.

The HR unit was created this year in May, in 2008 we plan to develop the Center for statistical education and research. This is a field where we need assistance and support both from SIAP, Eurostat, etc. and national statistical offices.

The Strategy (as a part of the Master plan, developed with PARIS21 guidelines), policies and procedures are under development.

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