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of Central Asia

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Letter from the *Board of Trustees*

Dear colleagues, partners, and friends!

This year marks the 30th anniversary of major oil companies operating in Kazakhstan: Chevron, Shell Kazakhstan, and Tengizchevroil. We sincerely express our gratitude to these companies for their invaluable contributions to the development of social projects in the regions where they operate. Through their flexibility and cooperation, we are strengthening civil society and advancing systemic social projects that address complex issues and improve the quality of life.

It is especially important to highlight the additional funding secured for the "JasSpace" project in the Atyrau region. We proudly welcome a new donor — Caterpillar, which has significantly supported the project's expansion across the region and helped develop teachers' skills. This project was recognized as the best social project of the year by AmCham, bringing us closer to our primary goal — providing inclusive and equal access to education for all children.

We are also pleased to announce the further expansion of our initiatives. The success of the "Orle" project in the West Kazakhstan region has inspired us and the donor to extend it to the Atyrau region, covering the Makhambet and Makat districts. The EFCA team in Kazakhstan is setting ambitious goals to establish the region's first cooperative, a major step toward the social and economic development of the area. We believe that such initiatives will help build strong and united communities where everyone feels valued.

We place special emphasis on the development of human capital. EFCA has launched a new entrepreneurship project for individuals who have lost their jobs in the Atyrau region. With funding from Tengizchevroil, we are offering opportunities for people to gain new skills and start their own businesses. This opens up new prospects for individuals and contributes to the region's economic growth.

We would also like to highlight our impactful partnership with the European Union in Kazakhstan, in a project aimed at amplifying the voices of youth and women through civic technologies. This project shows real results, demonstrating how ordinary citizens can solve everyday problems using accessible technologies, increase their societal roles, and engage in dialogue at various levels. We are proud that, through this collaboration, our citizens are becoming more active members of society and influencing legal changes.

We are pleased to note the expansion of EFCA's presence in Kazakhstan. Active measures were taken in Balkhash to strengthen the local corporate fund of Central Asia Metals. Our team developed the Kounrad Foundation strategy, which is aimed at providing systematic assistance to the residents of Balkhash. This project demonstrates how EFCA's years of experience enhance the work of various foundations, companies, and NGOs in the field of social impact. For its contribution to societal development, EFCA was awarded a state prize in the category of "Promotion of Civil Society Development," which includes improving the effectiveness of NGOs at the Civil Forum. I believe that EFCA will continue working towards corporate consulting, helping companies in Kazakhstan provide more systematic support to citizens based on data and the needs of end-users.

Looking to the future, I am confident that we will encounter not only new achievements but also challenges and complex tasks. We are already feeling the impact of the geopolitical situation, economic instability in the country, and the noticeable effects of climate change. The situation with international funding for social projects is also evolving. We must be prepared for these challenges, remain flexible, and find innovative solutions to continue our mission and support the sustainable development of our society. I thank everyone for their support and involvement. May the coming year bring inspiration, new successes, and prosperity to each of us.

Sincerely,

Nazir Sharifi
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About EFCA

The Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia mobilizes public and private resources, helping citizens find and promote effective solutions to social problems at the national and regional levels. We also advise companies and their corporate funds on improving their corporate social responsibility performance.



We develop and implement projects
in the following areas:

- Youth and Education
- Support for Vulnerable Groups
- Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Young and Small NGOs
- Civic Engagement and Good Governance
- Entrepreneurship



Section 1.
EFCA in Numbers

9

projects implemented
in Kazakhstan and
Central Asia

54K

beneficiaries, including
vulnerable groups,
initiative groups, and
NGO representatives

130

grants awarded to
various NGOs under
the projects

14

regions involved in
project
implementation

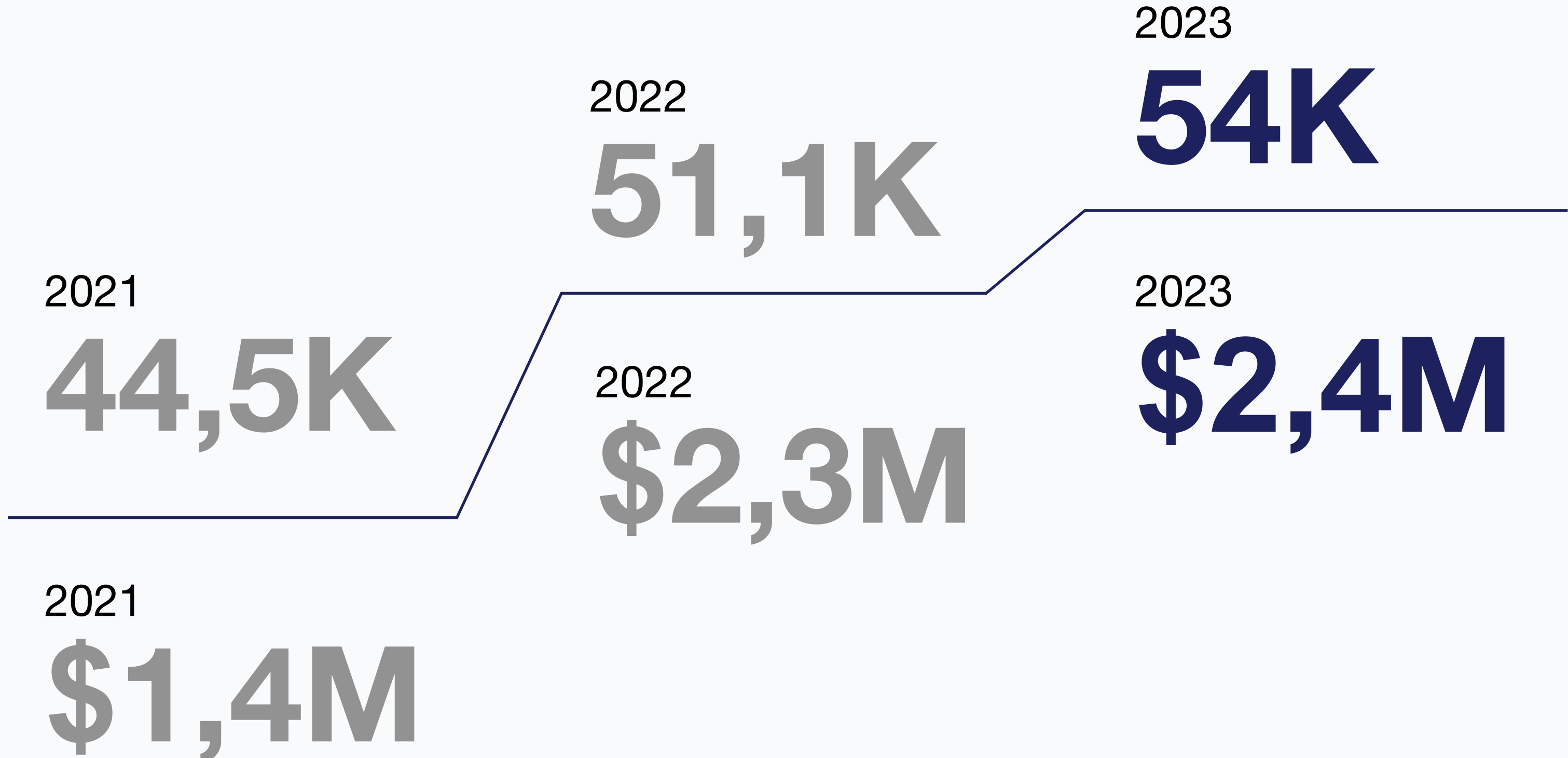
\$2,4M

budget for 2023



Section 1.
EFCA in Numbers

**Number of beneficiaries
over the past three years:**



**Budget over the past
three years:**

Geography of EFCA Projects



Kazakhstan
All regions

Kyrgyzstan
Bishkek, Osh,
Batken Region

Tajikistan
Dushanbe, Khatlon
Region, Sughd
Region, Khujand,
Guliston

Section 2.
Our Projects



Youth and Education

- JasSpace
- Meet and Code

Support for Vulnerable Groups

- Orle

Civic Engagement and Good Governance

- Qogamdyq Kenistikter
- Your Voice Matters

Entrepreneurship

- Baitaq Zher
- Tandau

Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Small NGOs

- Capacity Building for Women's NGOs and Initiative Groups

Corporate Consulting Services

- Kounrad Foundation in Balkhash

Youth and Education

STEAM Development





JasSpace

Donor: *Chevron*

Geography: *Atyrau*

Social media: [@aydi.kz](https://www.instagram.com/aydi.kz)

During 2022-2023, EFCA implemented a unique educational project — "JasSpace: Youth Development Initiative of Atyrau" — at the Abay Center in Atyrau. The program was based on an innovative STEAM approach, integrating science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. This approach not only helped students and youth acquire important skills and discover new talents but also created an ecosystem and infrastructure within the educational environment.

The project lasted *1 year and 8 months*, and during this period, the following results were achieved:

An ecosystem was created, and the infrastructure and potential of employees were developed.

The JasSpace STEAM Center provided ongoing education to youth and adolescents in Atyrau.

Teachers and youth in the Atyrau region improved their skills and qualifications in STEAM methodology and practice.

Project Impact in Numbers:

Infrastructure:

- The infrastructure of the JasSpace space (a STEAM laboratory covering 877 sq.m.) was created to provide ongoing STEAM education. Equipment and zones were updated, and necessary consumables were purchased;
- 2,608 students from grades 7-11 in secondary schools across Atyrau were trained through 16 educational programs;
- 300 projects were developed by students as part of the courses during the project implementation period;
- 90 students participated in various competitions and contests at different levels;
- 44% of these students became winners or prize-winners.

Content:

- 16 integrated educational programs for students were developed;
- A video course on "Introduction to Engineering" was created for both students and teachers;
- An educational module on "Managing STEAM Projects" was developed.





Personnel:

- Two training courses for teachers in the Atyrau region were organized and conducted;
- 130 teachers were trained and certified;
- Capacity-building in managing large-scale innovative educational projects was developed for 10 teachers and 10 administrative specialists at JasSpace;
- 40 open lessons using the STEAM approach were conducted by trained teachers in their educational organizations.

Ecosystem:

- A consultative council of 8 active citizens from the region was established to support the project;
- Collaboration between EFCA and 5 local NGOs on the "JasSpace" project helped Atyrau organizations expand their portfolios, enhance organizational capacity, and improve the quality of services in the STEAM field;
- Methodological support at the national level was provided by 3 organizations: "Caravan of Knowledge," the ITeachMe Foundation, and the Kazakhstan Federation of Educational and Sports Robotics "KazRobotics";
- Financial support was provided by 4 organizations: Chevron, the British Council, SITEC CASPIAN, and the Abai Center;
- Since the beginning of the project, over 8 million people have learned about it;
- 141 events were held for various target groups, with a total reach of approximately 8,000 people.

Education of the Future in Atyrau

The "JasSpace" center is a place where students aged 12 to 18 discover new knowledge and learn to apply it practically. Launched in May 2022, more than 8 million people in Kazakhstan have since learned about the center's achievements. The project offers students, including those with disabilities, the opportunity to attend offline courses on modern skills free of charge. Programs cover subjects such as chemistry, biology, anatomy, ecology, 3D modeling, robotics, Python programming, web development, introduction to engineering, journalism, technical and conversational English, and much more.

"Students choose courses in either Kazakh or Russian, complete the educational programs over two to three months, and finish by creating their own project and receiving a certificate. Our program also opens doors for participation in scientific competitions and olympiads, where students can showcase their knowledge and skills and share their unique ideas with the world. This is not just a learning space but a field for growth and self-expression, where each participant becomes part of an inspiring success story," says Saltanat Nogaybalanova.

The JasSpace team includes outstanding STEAM experts, including EFCA project manager Saltanat Nogaybalanova, President of the Kazakhstan Federation of Educational and Sports Robotics "KazRobotics" Aizhan Zhekeeva, certified STEAM trainers Gulzhanat Rayskhanova and Zhanar Mynbayeva, and other distinguished specialists, including Askar Aldan, director of the Atyrau branch of the Kazakhstan Federation of Educational and Sports Robotics "KazRobotics." The team has conducted four intensive teacher training courses and organized seminars, workshops, and training sessions that have opened new educational opportunities for teachers.

In nearly two years of work in Atyrau, the JasSpace team has reached 7,000 students and implemented 300 projects. Additionally, 90 people participated in various regional and national-level competitions, 40 of whom became winners, prize-winners, or nominees in different categories. Two students won grants from Shell Kazakhstan totaling 700,000 tenge.

The story of JasSpace student Daria Begaliyeva is a shining example of young leadership and creativity. Passionate about chemistry, Daria not only discovered her interest in science but also developed a bioplastic to replace plastic bags. Her project won first place in the regional JasSpace Project Challenge 2023 for robotics and STEAM projects. Daria continues to refine her innovative idea, contributing to her broader educational journey.

Over its operational period, JasSpace has become a hallmark of the region. The center has hosted prominent guests, including President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan Daniel Rosenblum, and delegations from other regions of Kazakhstan and abroad.





JasSpace is not just a learning space,
but a field for growth and self-expression



STEM for Rural Schools in Atyrau Region

Donor: *Caterpillar*

Geography: *Atyrau Region*

The "STEM for Rural Schools in Atyrau Region" project aimed to enhance education in rural areas by helping local teachers integrate STEM approaches into their teaching through elective courses for students. Thanks to this project, schools gained access to new programs such as robotics and 3D modeling, enabling students to develop skills in science and technology.

Implemented by EFCA from January 1 to December 31, 2023, with support from Caterpillar, the project addressed the shortage of qualified teachers and educational materials in rural schools. As a result, approximately 1,000 rural students now have the opportunity each year to acquire skills in robotics, 3D modeling, science, and technology, as well as to develop critical thinking, creativity, and leadership qualities. This will help them become more competitive and make informed decisions about their future careers. Additionally, by applying a project-based approach to local environmental issues, students gain important skills and realize their full potential.

Project Impact in Numbers:

Infrastructure:

- The material base of 34 schools has been upgraded, equipment and consumables for elective courses have been purchased;
- 1023 pupils in grades 7-11 are participating in elective courses across the 34 rural schools.

Content:

- 5 educational programs were developed and approved by the Atyrau Regional Methodical Cabinet;
- 5 methodological guides were created for teachers;
- A video course for teachers titled "Implementating STEAM Projects" was developed, providing a step-by-step guide for executing STEAM projects.

Personnel:

- 2 training courses were organized and conducted for teachers in the Atyrau region;
- 91 teachers from 7 districts of Atyrau were trained and certified;
- 54 teachers received additional hours in their schools to conduct elective courses;
- 83 STEAM elective courses have been launched in 34 rural schools in the Atyrau region since September 1, 2023.



Ecosystem:

- 34 rural schools and 54 teachers are now part of the regional STEAM ecosystem;
- The project was supported by the regional education department, the regional methodical cabinet, district education departments, and district-level methodologists.

How STEM Has Transformed the Educational Potential of Rural Schools

The "STEM for Rural Schools in Atyrau Region" project has played a key role in renewing the educational environment of rural areas. The project focused on two main areas: training teachers and upgrading STEM, robotics, chemistry, and biology laboratory equipment. These efforts have led to significant improvements in both the educational process and teachers' skills.

Professional development of teachers was one of the key achievements of the project: 76% of teachers started using STEAM project creation skills in their lessons, despite initial lack of experience. In addition, 98% of teachers reported professional development and 83% reported increased motivation as a result of the project.

The upgrade of equipment affected 32 STEM and robotics classrooms and 19 chemistry and biology labs, significantly improving the learning conditions. Robotics courses, which were initially offered in only 9 schools, are now available in 34 educational institutions, and the number of students accessing training in four STEM programs has increased fourfold.

The project also had a substantial social impact by providing students in rural areas with access to quality education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, which is crucial for their future. Given that many parents cannot afford extra courses, the updated educational program has become a significant event for the community. The "STEM for Rural Schools in Atyrau Region" project demonstrated the successful implementation of innovative teaching methods, opening new opportunities for teachers and students in rural areas and contributing to their professional and personal development.





Meet and Code

Project Impact in Numbers:

- 15 programming training events were implemented through local NGOs. The project took place in Kostanay, Astana, Atyrau, Karaganda, Almaty and South Kazakhstan regions;
- Over 400 children were trained in programming, coding, and database development, as well as participated in robotics masterclasses;
- During the events, participants did 3D engineering modelling using Fusion 360, learned the basics of virtual game development, explored physics through robotics, built space shuttles, and organised a project competition called RoboProject.

Donor: *TechSoup*

Geography: *Kostanay, Karaganda, Almaty, Astana, Taldykorgan, Atyrau, South Kazakhstan Region*

"Meet and Code" is a European initiative aimed at equipping young people with digital skills for a successful future. The project's goal is to create an environment where every young person, aged 8 to 24, has access to programming knowledge and skills. The program provides financial support to local NGOs to organise events and training sessions, helping children and teenagers to explore digital technologies and the basics of coding. The initiative seeks to inspire youth to engage in computer science, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities through technology and various programming languages.

How Kazakhstani Students Are Developing Digital Literacy

In today's world, digital literacy is not just an advantage but a necessity. Recognizing this need, the Kazakhstani organization "Connect-Ed" launched free online digital literacy courses for school students in both Kazakh and Russian, ensuring access to quality education for children across Kazakhstan. Thanks to a grant from "Meet and Code," Connect-Ed developed a series of 5-10 minute educational videos available on YouTube. These videos cover a broad range of topics, from using word processors and spreadsheets to working with Zoom and Canva. Participants received links to the videos and homework via WhatsApp, where they could also get feedback from the course coordinator.

Throughout the course, students learned how to create presentations, work with word processors and spreadsheets, design posters in Canva, and use Zoom and Duolingo. These skills not only made them more confident users of computer programs and mobile apps but also expanded their opportunities in education and creativity. One of the students' mothers, Amelia, shared her thoughts: "The digital literacy course is simply amazing! In a short time, my daughter learned so many useful skills. The lectures were engaging, and the material was presented clearly. She feels much more confident in the digital world now."

Having acquired valuable skills, the program's participants can now use modern technologies more effectively in both their studies and everyday life, which will undoubtedly have a positive impact on their future. The program highlights the importance of access to quality education and preparing young people to face the challenges of today's digital society.





Feedback from beneficiaries:

"The programme gave me a unique opportunity to immerse myself in the world of programming. Thanks to the courses, I learned how to create my first apps and games, something that once seemed unattainable. The chance to interact with like-minded people and IT professionals was particularly valuable. This experience will definitely shape my future career path."

— *Aidar (Taldykorgan)*

"Participating in the 'Meet and Code' initiative changed my view of technology. I used to think that programming was difficult and not for me. But now, I can confidently say that I will find my place in IT. The training in robotics and game development inspired me to continue studying computer science."

— *Kamila (Karaganda)*

"I want to thank the organisers for this incredible experience! I not only gained valuable knowledge in programming and robotics but also applied it in practice by creating projects as part of a team. This training opened doors for me to a future where I can bring my ideas to life with code."

— *Timur (Kostanay)*

I can bring *my ideas to*
life by coding

Support for Vulnerable Groups





Project Impact in Numbers:

65

people were trained in vegetable farming (20 in West Kazakhstan and 45 in the Atyrau region)

21

people were trained in handicrafts (12 in West Kazakhstan and 9 in the Atyrau region)

14

people received investments for building greenhouses

8

people received investments for producing handicraft items

1

festival was held in Uralsk, attended by 850 people

Donor: *Shell Kazakhstan*

Geography: *West Kazakhstan Region, Makhambet and Makat Districts of Atyrau Region*

Social media: [*@orle.project*](https://www.instagram.com/orle.project)

The project focused on providing economic support to local communities by offering training in vegetable farming and handicrafts to help participants establish their own micro-businesses. Women, youth, and men aged 18 to 45 from socially vulnerable groups received mentorship and access to investment. This enabled community members to develop their skills and start their own ventures, fostering the sustainable development of their communities.

In 2021, "Orle" was launched in the West Kazakhstan Region, and since 2022, it has expanded to the Makhambet and Makat districts of the Atyrau Region. The project's partners and trainers include the Local Communities Fund of the Enbekshikazakh District of the Almaty Region and the Union of Artisans of Kazakhstan.

From Job Loss to Starting a Business

Miras Giniyetov is a farmer from the Makhambet District of the Atyrau Region and a father of four. When the pandemic struck, he lost his job and faced serious difficulties. However, Miras chose not to despair and saw the situation as an opportunity for a new venture.

Upon learning about the "Orle" project, he applied to participate and soon began his training. "Participating in the first stage of the project was like a real school for me. I learned how to grow cucumbers and realized that it could be a profitable venture," shares Miras. He also understood that for effective commercial activity, a significantly larger greenhouse was necessary. Investing his own resources, he began constructing a large greenhouse of over 1,000 square meters.

Thanks to his perseverance and the experience gained from the project, Miras was able to secure additional funding on his own. Initially, he won a government grant, which allowed him to expand his farm, and in November 2023, he received funds from the local administration to implement innovations.

Today, Miras employs four staff members, hired through a youth employment program, including four agronomists who assist him. His farm has become a stable source of income for his family, and his products are in demand at local markets.

Miras Giniyetov's story is an example of how challenges can lead to growth and success. His experience inspires not only his family but also others who face difficulties and seek a better future. Miras continues to develop his business, participating in the agricultural cooperative established during the third phase of the "Orle" project. Together with other farmers from Atyrau and the Makhambet District, he plans to supply cucumbers to major markets in the city and region.

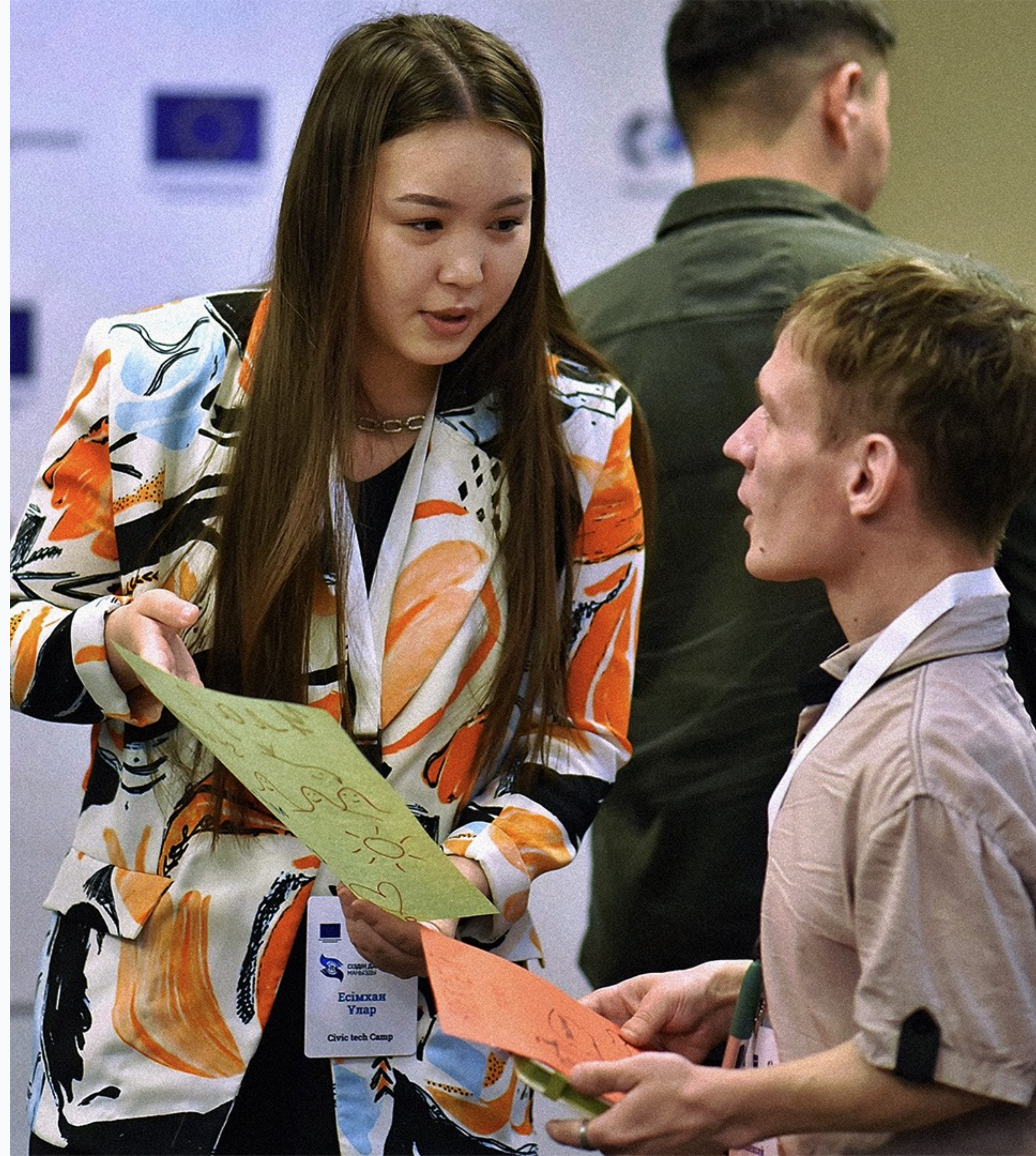




I mastered vegetable growing and realized that you can earn money from it



Citizen engagement and effective governance





Qogamdyq Kenistikter

(Public Spaces)

Donor: *Tengizchevroil LLP*

Geography: *Atyrau City, Atyrau Region, Mangystau Region*

Social Media: *[@qogamdyq_kenistikter](#)
[@qogamdyq_kenistikter_atyrau](#)*

The "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" program is designed to actively engage local residents in addressing issues and improving public spaces. What makes the program unique is its approach—citizens not only participate in planning but also take an active role throughout the entire construction process. Residents form initiative groups, select suppliers, oversee installations, and continue to maintain and service the facilities even after they are handed over to municipal ownership. The project also collaborates with local authorities to make infrastructure more accessible and safer, showcasing the value of residents' participation as local community experts and the benefits of collective public activity.

Project Impact in Numbers:

59
new facilities were built by local residents

38,5K
residents are using the new public spaces

1290
residents participated in mini-projects to improve infrastructure

382
people attended training sessions

23
representatives from local authorities were involved in the project

60%
of the funding came from community contributions (including financial and time resources)

The team conducted
28
offline training sessions and

378
online consultations

>1350
trees were planted by the community

From Wasteland to Playground

In the city of Kulsary, active resident Karlygash Izbasarova always thought about how to make the environment more child-friendly. Wanting to create safe play areas, she decided to take matters into her own hands and participate in the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" project. Along with a team of like-minded individuals, Karlygash developed a plan to transform a wasteland into a vibrant space for play and relaxation.

In 2022, they successfully completed the construction of a sports ground, which quickly became a popular meeting spot for locals. But they didn't stop there. This year, Karlygash and her team embarked on building a new playground that attracts children not only from their village but also from neighbouring districts.

Every day, especially in summer, up to 50 children play on the playground, actively participating in its upkeep and learning about responsibility and teamwork. Thanks to Karlygash and her initiative group, the children's lives in the village have become brighter and more fulfilling. Now they have a place to develop skills and simply enjoy their childhood.





Dream Park: An Example of Community Unity and Strength

Graduates of the Zhana-Karaton school, who completed their education twenty years ago, achieved a remarkable feat by participating in the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" project and bringing their dream of creating a village park to life. Their determination and active involvement led to the establishment of a unique space where both children and adults can enjoy outdoor relaxation and each other's company.

The residents of Zhana-Karaton admire the alumni, who not only fulfilled their dream but also became shining examples for everyone. Their project beautified the village and created a cozy environment for leisure and social interaction, symbolizing the unity and strength of the community. They have demonstrated that through collective effort, true wonders can be achieved, making the world a better place.





Your Voice Matters

Project Impact in Numbers:

310

women and young people (58% women) enhanced their skills in addressing public issues using civic technology tools

>160K

individuals became better informed about civic technology tools and available resources

60

people improved their digital skills

25

NGOs and initiative groups increased their knowledge and skills in civic technologies

>80

government officials improved their effectiveness in addressing social issues

10

civic technology projects received financial support to strengthen their impact

1

[Guide on effective civic technologies in Kazakhstan was developed by the team](#)

Civic Participation in Decision-Making Through Technology

Donor: [Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan](#)

Geography: [17 regions of Kazakhstan](#)

Social Media: [@voicematters.kz](#)

The "Your Voice Matters: Civic Tech Solutions for Decision-making" project was created to enhance the influence of women and youth in Kazakhstan. Its goal is to ensure that decisions are made responsibly, collaboratively, and with consideration for all segments of society, including the more vulnerable voices of women and youth.

In partnership with the IT organisation "ITeachMe," the project organised offline training sessions, marathons, and camps focused on civic technologies. These technologies represent tools and services designed to develop society, simplify interactions between citizens and the state, and engage people in addressing significant issues. The training aimed to increase the participation of women and youth in decision-making and improve their digital skills.

How Civic Technology Can Address Social Issues

Balzhan Abdullah from Taraz spent over two years undergoing treatment for health issues, including several surgeries. During this time, her mother and child were her main sources of support. The doctors and other women in her hospital ward also played a significant role in helping her cope with depression.

"I spent about a month in the hospital. I was surrounded by women with various diagnoses. Some were admitted, while others were discharged. We went through medical procedures together and had meals in the cafeteria. Gradually, I started to get closer to them and help with personal issues. I'm an accountant with an outsourcing company that provides accounting services. I began advising women on matters such as receiving benefits, registering as self-employed, filing reports, maternity leave, and other issues. I even helped some of them find jobs," she says.

Balzhan realized that she could use her education and profession to assist others, particularly women. Subsequently, she founded and registered a public association called "Phoenix," a name that symbolizes her own rebirth and fresh start

"I participated in various training sessions and seminars, earned certifications, and continued to enhance my knowledge. I was invited to the Civic Tech Camp program by the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia. I completed a three-day training in Almaty, attended lectures from mentor-speakers, participated in workshops, and successfully finished the program. I also took part in webinars and online sessions," she recounts





Balzhan applied for a mini-grant competition and became the winner.

"I presented my project titled 'Happy Mother – Happy Child' and won the grant. In a short period, we achieved significant successes. We helped women in Taraz, as well as in the village of Asa in the Zhambyl region and the village of Sarykemer in the Bayzak district, master new technologies. This included single mothers, women raising children with disabilities, and those needing special care. Through this project, we taught them how to access government services properly, fill out requests and applications, obtain medications, apply for kindergarten, receive health-related benefits, participate in government grants, enroll in various training programs, engage in budgeting, advocate for environmental protection, and get involved in community life. This way, they became closer to the government system and increased their civic engagement. Only through these efforts will the government learn about women's issues," she explains.

Currently, Balzhan is preparing a project for a rehabilitation center. According to her, the center will employ psychologists, doctors, and educators. Any woman will be able to come to this center, undergo training in various programs, and receive assistance from a mobile support team.

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(zakon.kz)*

«Only through these efforts will *the government learn about women's issues*»

Balzhan Abdullah

Entrepreneurship





Baitaq Zher

Donor: *Chevron*

Geography: *Akmola Region*

Social Media: [@baitaqzher.kz](https://www.instagram.com/baitaqzher.kz)

The "Baitaq Zher" project aims to address economic challenges in rural areas by supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in the fields of eco-, ethnic, and agro-tourism. Launched in September 2022, the project entered its second phase in October 2023. During the first phase, it operated in three districts of the Akmola Region: Zerendinsky, Sandyktausky, and Korgalzhynsky. From autumn 2023, the project expanded to cover the entire region.

"Baitaq Zher" offers entrepreneurs the opportunity to receive training, individualized support from business and tourism experts, and interest-free loans for two years to implement their business ideas. The project also released an online course available on the EFCA YouTube channel, a podcast titled "Tourism in Kazakh," which covers the nuances of tourism in Kazakhstan, published maps of the three districts, and organized a press tour across the Akmola Region.

Project Impact in Numbers:

1490

clients were served by entrepreneurs

6

participants received financial support
(3 entrepreneurs and 3 NGOs)

₸38M

was provided in loans

10%

increased entrepreneurs' income

40

participants were involved in the first part of the incubation program in the second phase

40

participants completed the online training, and

20

participated in the incubation program from the first phase

₸4,5M

entrepreneurs contributed
(5% of the total budget)

18

online lessons and

11

episodes of the "Tourism in Kazakh" podcast were released

2

NGOs launched commercial activities

3

nationwide events were held

80

athletes participated in competitions organized by NGOs involved in the project

3

guide maps were developed

Ecology, Innovation, and Corporate Social Responsibility in Business

Marat Altynbekov, an entrepreneur with 20 years of experience in business projects and 13 years in the banking sector, has achieved significant success with his roadside complex, "Jasmin," located in the Zherendinsk district.

Marat owns the "Jasmin" recreation base near Kokshetau, which offers a comprehensive range of relaxation and leisure services. These include saunas with swimming pools, various types of wood-fired baths—such as Finnish, Eastern, and Russian—as well as yurts and outdoor pools. The establishment also provides a diverse menu of European and national cuisine, featuring a spacious dining area that accommodates up to 40 people, along with a summer terrace.

Over the years, Marat incurred significant expenses on electricity and heating due to the high energy demands of heating the water in the pools and baths, not to mention the environmental impact. When he joined the "Baitaq Zher" project, he considered the idea of installing heat pumps. His business project aimed to integrate ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) principles into the operation of the recreation base by acquiring heat pumps for an eco-friendly heating system with low energy costs. This initiative not only helped reduce CO2 emissions but also allowed for substantial cost savings. Marat learned about this innovation from other entrepreneurs in the field, and project trainers assisted him in refining his approach and calculating the associated risks and profitability.





After completing a 10-day incubation program, Marat received a loan of 6 million tenge, which he used to purchase and install two heat pumps. To attract clients, Marat promoted his complex on large LED screens in Kokshetau and through popular Instagram accounts in the city. He also organized social events for children with disabilities, attracting sponsors and media coverage. The addition of a barbecue area, sun loungers, a yurt, and an ice cream stand enhanced the quality of customer service.

Despite challenges such as staff turnover and adverse weather conditions, Marat's project delivered impressive results. He managed to *reduce electricity and heating costs by 35-40%, decrease environmental impact by 20%, and cut the load on the power grid by 50%.*

Looking ahead, Marat plans to offer winter tourism services, including an ice rink on the main site, as well as the rental of sleds, snowmobiles, and horse riding within the complex. Through his innovative approach and commitment to sustainable development, Marat Altynbekov has set a successful example in the business world, proving that social responsibility can go hand in hand with profitability.



Tandau

Project Impact in Numbers:

25K

district residents were informed about the project

108

applications were accepted for the first round of the competition

27

business plans were prepared by participants

113

applications were submitted for the competition (*83 from Kulsary and 30 from other settlements*)

34

participants completed the training, with 21 receiving completion certificates

10

projects are led by women, *accounting for 52% of the total*

4

projects are startups

13

winners received funding

Donor: *Tengizchevroil LLP*

Geography: *Zhylyoi District, Atyrau Region*

Social Media: [*@tandau_zhylyoi*](#)

The “Tandau” program aims to improve the well-being of residents in the Zhylyoi District by supporting business initiatives through training and financing opportunities. Participants in “Tandau” receive facilitation, training, and interest-free funding through a competitive process to develop or expand their businesses.

What sets this project apart is its unique feature that allows returned funds to be reinvested into new businesses annually. This approach makes support for small businesses more sustainable and systematic. Participants in the “Tandau” project include self-employed individuals, small business owners, unemployed persons, laid-off employees from Tengizchevroil and its contractor companies, and other members of vulnerable groups.

Entrepreneur, Mother, and Community Leader

Mafu Rzabaeva, a resident of Kulsary, did not succeed in the social entrepreneurship competition at the beginning of her journey. However, she did not give up. Over the next two years, Mafu focused on developing her personal and professional skills and reapplied for the "Tandau" project. She actively participated in training sessions, carefully calculated her finances, and meticulously refined her business idea. As a result, her dream came true—thanks to the funding, she expanded her cleaning business by opening a laundry and dry-cleaning service.

"I started my business from scratch, believing that I could not only provide jobs for my family but also for others. My goal is not just business expansion but also supporting women in need, creating comfortable working conditions, and offering fair wages. The 'Tandau' project provided me with knowledge in marketing and finance, as well as insights into business management, helping me realise my dream of expansion. I hope there will be more projects like this in Zhylyoi!" shared Mafu.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur, Mafu plays a significant role in her community. As a single mother, she has brought together mothers of many children and solo parents by offering them flexible job opportunities. Mafu Rzabaeva's story is an example of self-confidence and hard work, inspiring others in her community.



«I hope there *will be*
more projects like this
in Zhylyoi!»

Мафу Рзабаева

Strengthening Organisational Capacity of Small NGOs





Capacity Building for Women's NGOs and Initiative Groups

Donor: *Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan*

Geography: *Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan*

Social Media: femmektep.org

The program aims to strengthen the organizational capacity of emerging organizations and initiatives in Central Asia, led by women and non-binary individuals, who face challenges with funding while working to advance the rights of girls and women. It is implemented in partnership with the FemAgora Foundation across three Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

Participants gain knowledge and practical skills through training sessions, webinars, and mentoring support. This enhances their organizational development, effective management, project development, and fundraising capabilities. The training covers topics such as the theory of change, project management, strategic planning, and strengthening both internal and external communications.

Project Impact in Numbers:

- 10 women's organizations and initiative groups enhanced their knowledge and practices in project management, fundraising, proposal writing, theory of change, stakeholder mapping, advocacy, and communications through webinars and mentoring support;
- 13 training sessions and over 35 consultations on organizational development and program mentoring were conducted for participants;
- 5 out of 10 participating organizations revised their mission, vision, and goals, while 6 organizations developed new visions to enhance internal and external communications and partnerships;
- 4 NGOs and initiative groups altered or added new areas of activity;
- 8 out of 10 NGOs and initiative groups began developing strategic plans for their organizations;
- 10 organizations increased their awareness of gender analysis, human rights, funding for women's NGOs, and advocacy;
- 9 out of 10 organizations applied for various grants and improved their fundraising skills, with 8 of them securing grants;
- 5 organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan implemented organizational development grants totaling 4,000 euros.

Women Journalists in Tajikistan on the Path to a Digital Future

In the heart of the Sogdian region of Tajikistan, in the city of Khujand, a group of pioneering female journalists known as “Sadokat” embarked on their journey in 2019 with an ambitious goal: advancing the interests of women in journalism. Through their involvement in the project "Capacity Building for Women's NGOs and Initiative Groups," these women not only acquired new skills but also secured funding to amplify their efforts.

The primary objective for “Sadokat” within the project was to create and promote a website that would serve as a platform for sharing stories and as a tool for self-presentation and professional growth for women journalists. “We developed and successfully launched a website, which has become a cornerstone of our initiative, providing female journalists with a valuable platform for publishing their work and engaging in various events,” says Firouza Mirjumayeva, the leader of the group.

Thanks to the project, “Sadokat” has made significant advancements: updating its charter, crafting a strategy, forging new partnerships, and expanding its programs. The initiative now offers not only journalism training but also workshops on new media, social entrepreneurship, and media literacy, specifically aimed at empowering women in these fields.

“We have learned to address gender issues, develop proposals, research the market, and engage in social entrepreneurial initiatives,” notes Firouza. Participation in the project has not only fostered growth within the organization but also enhanced its visibility both within the Sogdian region and beyond, attracting new partners and participants.

The program's culmination was the registration of “Sadokat” under the new name “Ravobit” (“Connection” in Tajik). The team is now planning to establish a support center for female journalists to aid their professional and personal development. This story exemplifies how a group of women journalists in Tajikistan transformed support into tangible outcomes, opening new avenues for women in the media.



Feedback from beneficiaries:

Feedback from the Initiative Group “Collective Memory” (Kazakhstan):

“Participation in the project provided us with a unique opportunity to focus on enhancing our internal communications and management processes. Working on strategic planning and project management allowed us to refine our organization’s mission and improve our stakeholder database. These changes laid the foundation for successfully attracting new members and partners, strengthening our strategic position, and expanding our potential for further development.”

Feedback from the Public Organization “Diyor” (Tajikistan, Sogdian Region, Khujand):

“Being part of the project marked a significant milestone for our organization. Thanks to the financial support we received, we were able to establish a volunteer movement with over 20 active members. The training, advocacy, and increased awareness about our activities made possible by the project have greatly expanded our influence and strengthened our organizational structure.”

Feedback from the Public Organization “Dialogue, Trust, Right” (Kyrgyzstan, Batken):

“Our organization has significantly improved its PR activities and expanded its informational reach. The support helped us secure a \$38,000 grant from the U.S. Embassy, enhance our interactions with partners and beneficiaries, and deepen our understanding of supporting women’s initiatives. This year has been one of growth and new beginnings for us.”

In addition to developing social programs, EFCA offers corporate consulting services aimed at enhancing social investment portfolios and providing systematic support. Since April 2023, our team of specialists has executed a comprehensive strategy enhancement for the corporate fund "Kounrad," established by LLP "Sary Kazna" and LLP "Kounrad Copper Company" in Balkhash.

Our activities were *divided into four key phases:*

1. Assessment of the needs of the local community;
2. Organisational and Institutional Development of the fund;
3. Study Tours in Almaty to meet with partners, friends, and donors of EFCA;
4. Strategic Plan Development for the fund for 2027.

Corporate Consulting Services

The Kounrad Fund team actively participated in all stages of organisational development in a “Learn by Doing” format. EFCA’s primary goal was to transfer all tools and mechanisms and help develop the skills needed for a more systematic approach to management. The result of the comprehensive consulting was several documents, including a self-assessment of the Kounrad Fund’s organisational development and a draft Strategic Plan. These documents outline the main prospective program directions based on actual needs and data, as well as mechanisms and procedures for providing various types of support to different population groups.

We are ready to share our experience, methods for improving corporate social responsibility, and contribute to achieving SDGs and ESG indicators.



CORPORATE CONSULTING SERVICES



OUR PROJECTS

Section 3
Our Achievements



Awards

NGO Award in Kazakhstan

On October 19, in Astana, the EFCA team was honored with the "NGO Award 2023" in the category of "Promotion of Civil Society Development." Since 2017, the Ministry of Culture and Information has recognized non-governmental organizations through a mechanism that rewards their contributions to solving social issues. Over the years, more than 350 NGOs have received awards for achievements in 16 key areas. This award, received as part of the annual recognition, reflects our ongoing commitment to improving the lives of people in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

JasSpace's Victory at AmCham Awards

In May, we attended the AmCham Awards ceremony in Astana, where the project "JasSpace: Youth Development Initiative in Atyrau" was recognized as the "Best Social Project." Since its launch in 2022, the project has provided free STEAM education to around 7,000 students in Atyrau and the Atyrau region. Over 2,500 students have gained skills through 16 STEAM programs, more than 220 educators have enhanced their skills, and 346 teachers have received methodological support. We are proud of this AmCham award, which highlights our commitment to youth and education, affirming the significance of our contribution to Kazakhstani society.

Events



Urban Festival in Uralsk

On May 27, Uralsk hosted a large-scale urban festival, "Orle Fest." With its rich program, over 850 residents participated in workshops on microgreens cultivation and felt-making, purchased works from local artisans, attended an ethnographic fashion show, and enjoyed an open-air concert. Additionally, active community members formed groups to discuss pressing city issues and explore potential solutions.

The festival's highlight was its role as a platform for participants of the "Orle" economic support project. Workshops were led by individuals who had previously received training and investment to develop their businesses, showcasing their work at the fair. "Orle Fest" exemplified how social initiatives can not only support entrepreneurial spirit but also strengthen community bonds, contributing to its growth and prosperity.

Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" Project in Atyrau

In Atyrau, a festival was held at the Youth Park to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" social project. The festival brought together residents actively involved in the development of their cities and villages. Attendees enjoyed live music and dance performances, participated in flash mobs and quizzes with prizes, and children were entertained with a fun program by animators.

Beyond the entertainment, festival participants learned more about the project, became acquainted with the plans for the upcoming year, and had the opportunity to ask questions to the organizers. It was highlighted that the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" project significantly contributes to the city's improvement thanks to the dedicated efforts of local residents, and it was assured that this work will continue.

"ABAY GYLYM FEST" - A Grand Finale for the "JasSpace" Project

On November 25, Atyrau hosted the family science festival "ABAY GYLYM FEST," marking the culmination of the "JasSpace: Youth Development Initiative in Atyrau" project. The event attracted over 1,000 guests and turned the Abai Center into a hub for educational lectures, interactive sessions, workshops, and exhibitions focused on STEAM approaches to education.

The festival featured 10 educational sections catering to various audiences, including parents, students, educators, and experts. Attendees had the opportunity to take career orientation tests, learn about inclusion in STEAM, and explore the YEMAA cultural center's exhibition. The festival also showcased innovative projects from students and educators participating in the JasSpace Students and Educators STEAM Project Challenge.

"ABAY GYLYM FEST" drew notable experts and opinion leaders, including director Kuanysh Beysek, TikTok star Ulan Usenov, Pythagoras School founder Asan Zholdasov, curator and co-founder of the interdisciplinary YEMAA cultural center Assel Akhmetzhanova, and many others. The festival became a true celebration of science and creativity, uniting people of all ages around the themes of learning, creativity, and innovation.





Civic Tech in Action: Final Conference of the Project in Astana

On December 12th, Astana hosted the conference “Civic Tech in Kazakhstan: Cases, Challenges, Perspectives,” marking the conclusion of the “Your Voice Matters” project. The event attracted over 150 participants, including representatives from government agencies, activists, and journalists. The conference focused on how civic technologies can address critical societal issues and highlighted key outcomes of the project. Discussions covered topics such as preventing gender-based violence, collaboration between civic initiatives and the government, and the use of technology to enhance environmental sustainability.

The event featured the release of the collection “Civic Tech in Action: Projects Changing Kazakhstan,” which includes 11 success stories of projects led by active Kazakhstani citizens addressing community challenges.

The conference served as a crucial platform for sharing experiences and exploring new solutions. Participants emphasized the importance of developing digital skills among citizens of Kazakhstan and the significant role of technology in strengthening democracy and engaging people in decision-making.

Section 4

About EFCA

Training on Endowments Fundamentals

Corporate training is a cornerstone of EFCA's internal culture. We actively support our staff in gaining additional knowledge and enhancing their skills. In October 2023, EFCA hosted a two-day offline training on endowments and fundraising fundamentals for senior management from NGOs, universities, private schools, hospitals, museums, and charitable organizations. In recent decades, endowments have become increasingly important as a mechanism for sustainable development in sectors such as medicine, education, culture, sports, and NGOs. This trend not only impacts the functioning of individual institutions but also opens new economic opportunities.

Our staff gained a comprehensive understanding of what endowments are and how to develop an effective fundraising strategy for organizations. The trainers shared their expertise and demonstrated proven strategies that help organizations grow and achieve financial stability. This training was a significant step in our commitment to continuous development and improvement, enabling us to remain leaders in social impact and sustainable development.





Critical Thinking Training

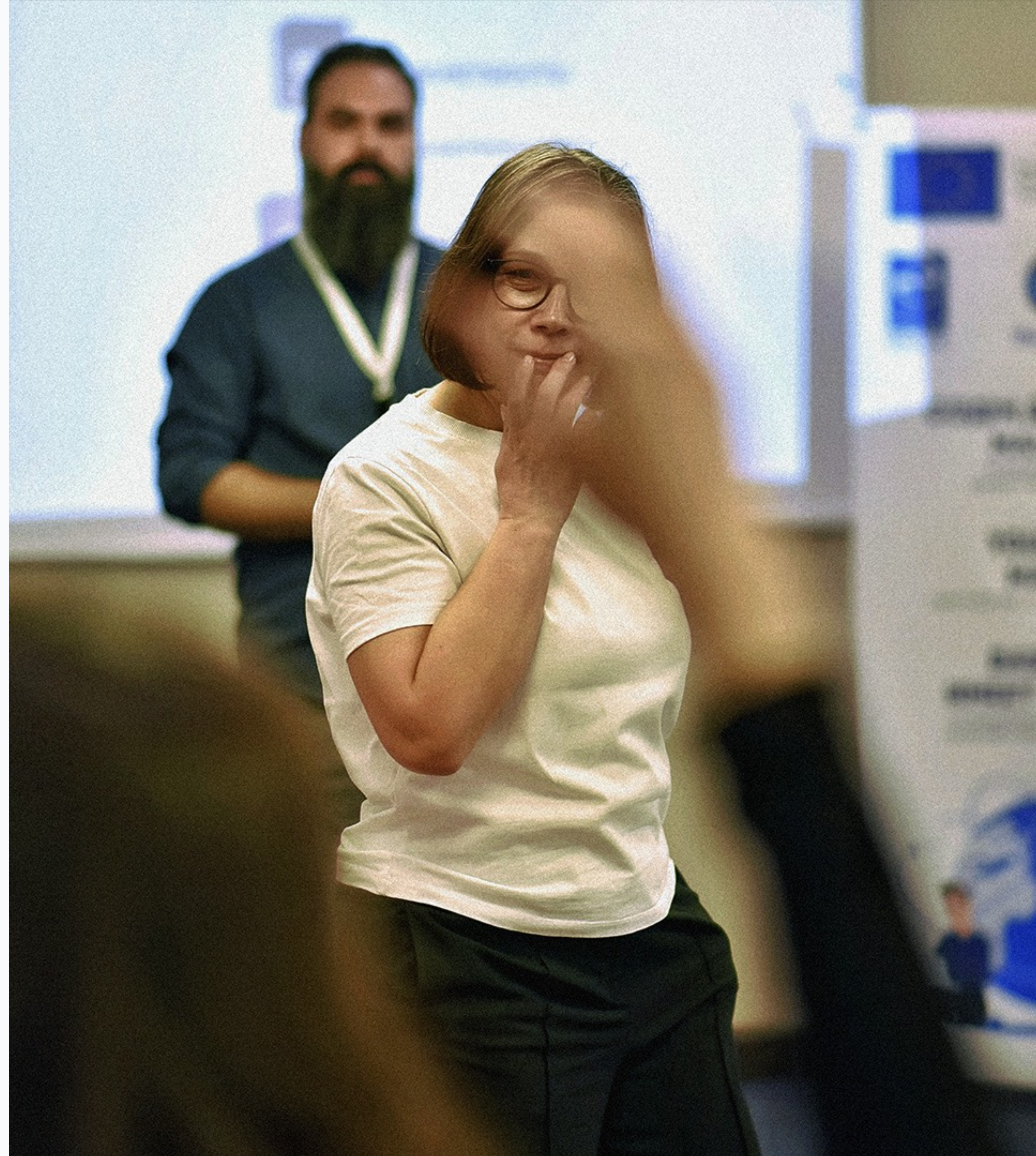
From February 13 to 18, with the support of Chevron, EFCA hosted a training on "Fundamentals of Critical and Creative Thinking" led by business trainer and coach Arkadiy Tsuker in Almaty. Arkadiy Tsuker, who has 29 years of experience in business consulting with companies such as Coca-Cola, Toyota, and Alfa-Bank, shared key skills that enhance quality of life and effective performance in the coming years. EFCA staff learned about developing one of the key skills of the 21st century, "tolerance for uncertainty," as well as finding new business ideas and navigating complex situations.

Handbook "Civic Tech in Action: Projects Changing Kazakhstan"

In December, we presented the handbook "Civic Tech in Action: Projects Changing Kazakhstan" in Astana, continuing EFCA's tradition of releasing annual author manuals. While previous editions focused on topics such as monitoring and evaluating social projects and fundraising, this year's handbook highlights 11 inspiring success stories about civic technology and the people behind it.

The handbook features narratives about various digital tools developed to address social issues, including environmental protection, gender-based violence, accountability of public officials, and limited information on reproductive health. The idea for the handbook and its coordination came from EFCA staff members Danel Khodjaeva and Anar Arinova, with contributions from Kazakhstani journalists: Elena Garkava, Shyngys Ualhiyan, Molder Mukhit, Zhadira Akkaiyr, and Meirman Les.

These collected stories exemplify how each of us can contribute to changing our community using available technology and civic activism. Examples include an online air quality monitoring map, a YouTube channel addressing urban and regional issues, and an app for individuals with limited mobility. They highlight the importance of civic engagement and demonstrate how digital projects can effectively address social challenges



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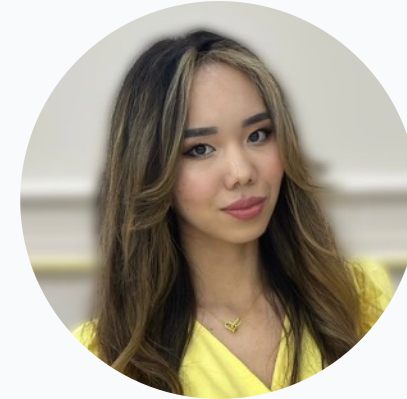
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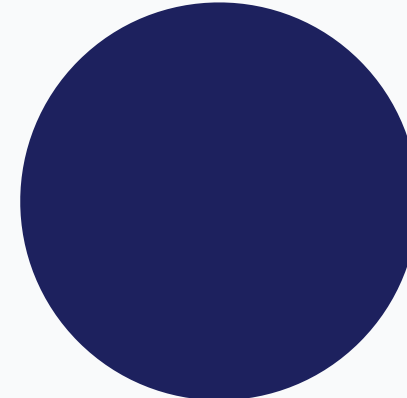
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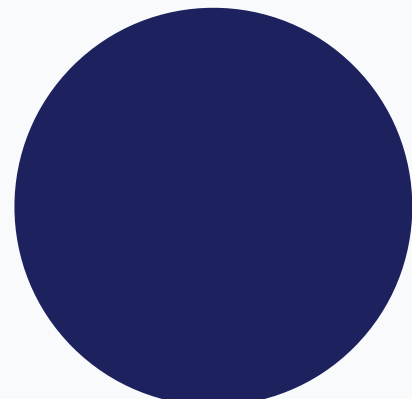
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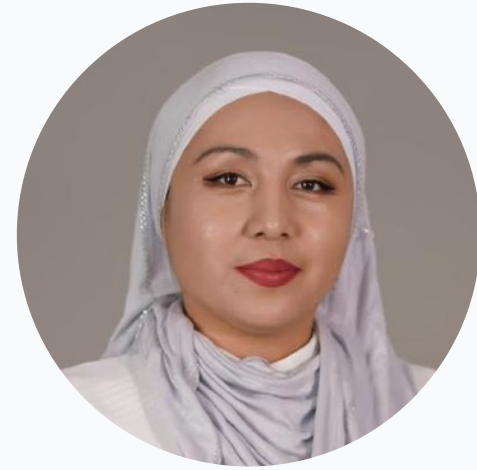


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Altyngul Atabayeva

Altyngul holds a higher education degree in foreign language teaching. Previously, she worked as an English teacher at a secondary school in Kulsary but was seeking opportunities for self-realization and development that her job did not provide.

One day, she learned about EFCA's social entrepreneurship project "Zharkyra" and decided to volunteer, helping to organize events in Kulsary and Atyrau. A turning point for her was participating in the week-long "Zharkyra" training on personal growth, which helped her gain confidence and begin actively participating in community projects, collaborating with the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs and the Union of Women Entrepreneurs.

Currently, Altyngul conducts workshops and actively participates in social and youth projects aimed at developing entrepreneurship and volunteering in the Atyrau Region and Zhylyoi District. She leads a team of three, organizes events within the "Tandau" project, maintains connections with local administration and other stakeholders, and manages an active social media presence.

Thanks to the efforts of local coordinators, EFCA's projects achieve greater reach and have a significant impact. They help build trusting relationships with local communities, which is crucial for sustainable development. Their work ensures that our projects not only address current issues but also create conditions for future successes and the self-sustained growth of these communities.



Uzildik Moldagaliyeva

From 2009 to 2012, Uzildik led the "Barys Health Club." From 2013 to 2015, she served as a local coordinator for the "Orleu" program. From 2018 to 2022, she was the local coordinator for the "Qogamdyq Kenistikter" project in the Zhylyoi District of the Atyrau Region. In this role, Uzildik coordinated interactions with initiative groups and local authorities, oversaw construction, and provided consultation to residents and EFCA managers. Her efforts empowered residents to address issues in their villages independently, share experiences, and take responsibility for their communities.



Karlygash Eshanova

An ecologist with a degree from the University of Liverpool, Karlygash has seven years of experience teaching biology and ecology at NIS in Atyrau. In the "JasSpace" project, she was responsible for organizing the educational process for schoolchildren and students, developing curricula for STEAM clubs, and creating professional development courses for teachers in Atyrau and the region.

"JasSpace provided me with the opportunity to see how government bodies, NGOs, and businesses can collaborate to create social projects. I realized the importance of teamwork and responsibility, where every team member plays a crucial role."



Asel Karbozova

Asel holds a Master's in Pedagogical Sciences, graduating with honors from the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics at Karaganda State University named after E. A. Buketov, with a degree in "Physics Teacher." She has worked in schools and educational institutions in Karaganda and Astana and served as the head of the department at the "Orleu" Institute for Teacher Training in the Atyrau Region.

In the project "STEM for Rural Schools of Atyrau Region," she was responsible for analyzing, purchasing, and delivering materials for STEM lessons, coordinating the educational process, advising teachers, preparing video lessons, and organizing teachers' trips to Astana.

Asel notes, "Working as a coordinator on this project helped me develop my risk management potential, where I had to think through all the steps in advance, track and identify potential problems, and prevent them before they could arise. The project made me realize that the future starts with you, with your thoughts, goals, and intentions. If you intend to bring positive change to the surrounding reality, this project offers a unique opportunity to help students and teachers grow and develop."



Zhanar Nurtoleu

Janar Nurtolueu holds both a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in technical sciences. From 2014 to 2016, she studied Industrial Chemistry at Tokai University (Japan), researching the effect of genes on the lifespan of the nematode *C. elegans*. After graduation, she taught Molecular Biology, Microbiology, and other subjects. She worked as the manager of the Toshiba Corner at the Japanese Pavilion during EXPO-2017 and was part of the team translating Abai's Words of Edification into Japanese. Janar also taught biology at the Atyrau Nazarbayev Intellectual School of Chemistry and Biology (NIS).

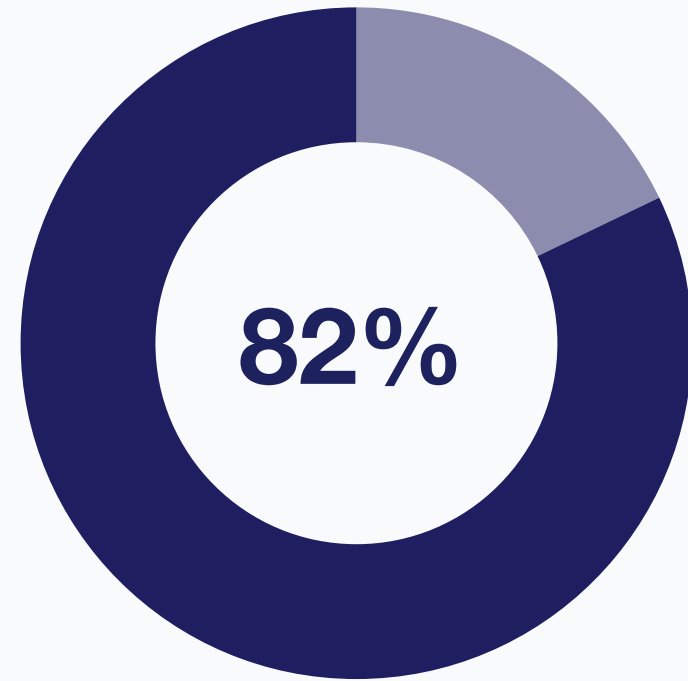
In the project, Janar handled administrative, communication, and teaching tasks, including teaching three summer school cohorts. She coordinated communications with stakeholders, developed partnerships, and designed educational programs on "STEAM Integrated Anatomy" and "Molecular Biology" for the JasSpace initiative.

Janar was also the scientific supervisor of the NXplorers project: "Zhasyl Urpak Baigesi 2.0," organized by the "Caravan of Knowledge" Foundation and supported by Shell. During this project, JasSpace students were awarded a grant of 700,000 tenge for the implementation of their project.

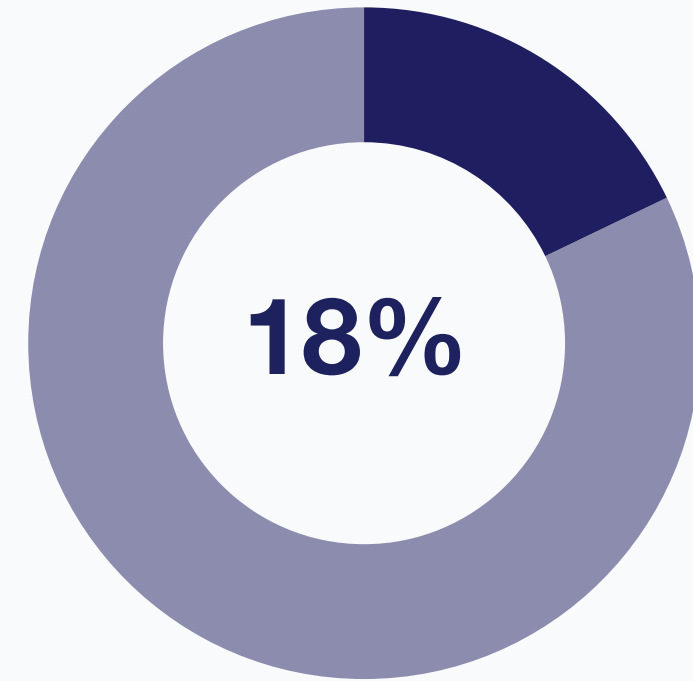
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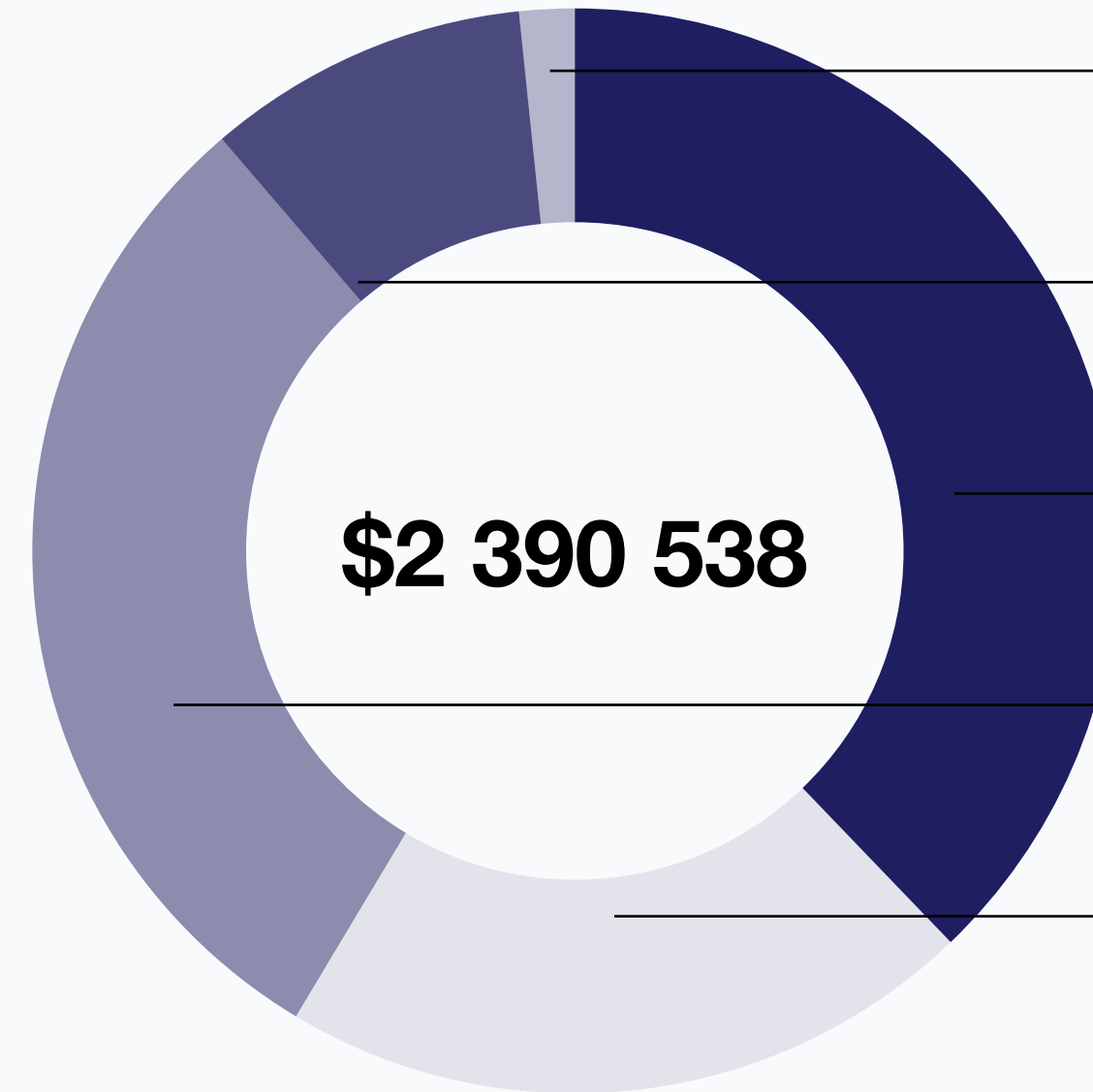
Donations



Corporate donor



Institutional donor



Expenses for employee training, fund development - \$ 39 932

Social entrepreneurship and business development - \$228 976

Community engagement and effective management - \$904 795

Support for socially vulnerable groups - \$497 184

Youth and education - \$719 652

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Union of Artisans of Kazakhstan.
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Integrity Fund
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"Mugedek Alemi" Public Foundation
«Caravan of Knowledge» Corporate Fund
Public Association "Avalon Historical and Geographical Society"
Private Foundation "Foundation for the Integration of Ecological Culture"



Government agencies:

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Department of Digitalization of Almaty City
Office of the Akim of Makhambet District, Atyrau Region
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Methodological Office of the Department of Education of Atyrau Region
Department of Education of Atyrau City
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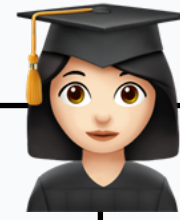
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Business:

Tour Operator «Kompas»
Business Incubator «MOST»
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Sitek Caspian
Atyrau Branch of "CenterCredit" Bank



Academia:

Abai Schoolchildren's Palace
34 General Education Schools in Atyrau Region
25 General Education Schools in Atyrau City
5 Colleges in Atyrau City
Kh. Dosmukhamedov Atyrau State University
Atyrau University of Oil and Gas



Media:

Regional TV Channel "Caspian News"
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Newspaper " Keñ Jylyoi"
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