

ADDRESSING CONTEMPORARY SAFETY AND SECURITY RISKS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

Project beneficiaries: Ministry of Defense and the Border Service of the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Project Background

The objective of the project “Addressing Contemporary Safety and Security Risks in the Republic of Kazakhstan” (further – Project) is to contribute to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) life-cycle management of conventional ammunition (CA) capacities and the Border Service of the National Security Committee (Border Service) capacities in countering risks of proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), Conventional Ammunition (CA) and explosives from Afghanistan.

The Project will seek to strengthen the MoD SALW and CA life-cycle management capacities through a review of existing legislation and elaborating recommendations for the improvement, organization of exchange programme visits and the development of a training system. It will also enhance the Border Service’s capacities in combatting illicit trafficking of SALW, CA and explosives by developing a specialized training programme, canine service assistance programme and testing new technical equipment for green border control, such as unmanned aerial vehicles.

Activities

1.1. Reviewing regulative framework of life-cycle management of CA

1.2 Conducting an exchange programme visit

1.3 Technical review of the current educational and training programme of the MoD in support of the life-cycle management of SALW and CA approach

1.4 Developing up to three thematic classrooms and conducting tailored training programme supporting life-cycle management of CA

2.1 Enhancing Border Service training capacity on combatting illicit trafficking of SALW, ammunition and explosives

2.2 Developing Border Service K-9 assistance programme in combatting illicit trafficking of SALW, CA and explosives

2.3 Testing and evaluating new technical equipment and innovating solutions for the Border Service

OUTPUTS



National Master Plan to Improve Conventional Ammunition Management



National Master Plan to Improve CA Management

The Project supports Kazakhstan's Ministry of Defense in crafting a national roadmap for establishing the ammunition management masterplan and training capabilities, with special focus on risk analysis and ammunition surveillance. This includes designing a national pathway to institutionalize a through-life ammunition management system and a structure. Swiss Verification Unit provides strategic advice on strengthening sustainable through-life management of CA.

Feasibility Needs Assessment Report

Breed Program/Puppy Development

K-9 Programme of Cooperation between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the United Kingdom (2024-2025)



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K9 Feasibility Needs Assessment Report

The Project provided for the Feasibility Needs Assessment Report (Breed Program/Puppy Development), to support development of specialized training programmes on veterinary, explosive ordnance disposal, K9 welfare and information management system at K9 Training Center of Border Service. Based on evaluation by leading British canine experts, strategic recommendations were provided for development of Karaoy Center, and best practices shared in K9 training and breeding system.



Lenger UAV Centre of Excellence Concept Paper

The Project presented to the Border Service of the Republic of Kazakhstan the Concept Paper for the Development of the UAV Centre of Excellence in Lenger. The document outlines a comprehensive, phased roadmap for establishing the Centre, which will serve as a foundation for developing new unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) capabilities within the Border Service. The Lenger initiative represents a cornerstone effort to modernize border control operations and enhance situational awareness of Kazakhstan's Border Service.

RESULTS



From 30 September to 11 October 2024, the Project organized **an advanced Training of Trainers, for a group of ten new UAV instructors of Kazakhstan's**

Border Service in Lenger, Turkistan province. With the Project's support, the Border Service established a Centre of Excellence for UAV operations in Lenger, where future capacity-building activities are planned to be held with the OSCE's support.



From 30 September to 10 October 2025, the Project, in partnership with the Ministry of Defence of Kazakhstan and international experts from Germany and the UK,

organized **an Ammunition Storage and Surveillance Course (ASSC)** in Almaty to enhance national expertise in safe and secure ammunition management. The training combined theoretical sessions on risk management and UN hazard classification with practical exercises.



From 7 to 11 April 2025, the Project, with expert support from the United Kingdom, **conducted a needs assessment visit to the K-9 Training Centre of the Border**

Service in Almaty. Based on the findings of this visit, the Office produced a **Feasibility Needs Assessment Report** on the Breed Programme and Puppy Development, providing recommendations to enhance breeding practices, kennel infrastructure, and operational readiness of K-9 services.