

EU global response to **coronavirus** in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Providing emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak, enhancing long-term resilience of the health system

The EU has mobilised **EUR 3 million** to address the most pressing challenges in Kazakhstan and other Central Asian posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase the country's capacities to respond to similar public health threats, should they occur in the future.



The Central Asia COVID-19 Crisis Response (CACCR) solidarity package provides funding worth **EUR 3 million (KZT 1.4 bln)** to the World Health Organization. This funding will support Kazakhstan to fight virus and to better address the health system challenges in catering to the needs of the most vulnerable people.



CACCR will provide **400,000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment** and **1,000 diagnostic test kits** for COVID-19. CACCR will contribute to carrying out a total of **2,000,000 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests** in Kazakhstan. **10 Kazakh hospitals** will be assessed against minimum Infection Prevention and Control Requirements (IPCR).



CACCR will provide **trainings to 5,000 health workers** on Infection Prevention and Control Requirements (IPCR) and to **400 laboratory staff** on the use of PCR tests and biosafety.



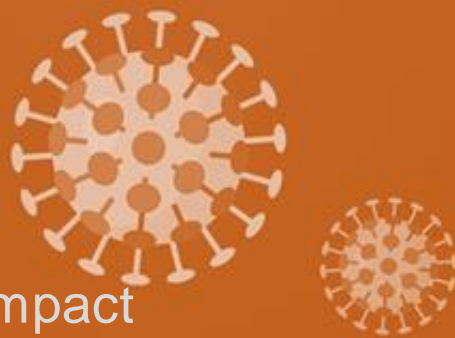
CACCR will help to **update 80% of hospital plans with reference to IPCR assessments** and provide expert advice for the **revision and update of national emergency preparedness and response plans** as well as **national action plans for health security**.



The EU constantly looks for **additional possibilities to use ongoing cooperation programmes**, for example, to provide protective equipment to border agencies of Kazakhstan and to migrants strained at the country's borders.



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Mitigating the economic and social impact

The EU will continue to support the recovery process in the aftermath of the crisis.



The EU will continue working with partners to **support Kazakhstan as regional cooperation partner, stimulate sustainable economic growth, and enhance the rule of law** through projects with EBRD, OECD, UN, CoE, and others.



The EU will provide **policy support and technical assistance on competitiveness, trade facilitation** as well as **blending support for green SME development and infrastructure projects** with the help of ITC and EIB.



The EU will continue promoting **regional tourism development and job creation** through Silk Road Cultural Heritage Corridor Programme together with UNESCO.



The EU will continue providing assistance in the area **of water, environment, sustainable energy and climate change, as well as disaster risk reduction** together with the World Bank, CAREC, and UNDRR.



The EU continues to support projects addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of the society, including **women, children, and migrants and their families** with the help of UNICEF and UNDP.



The EU will also continue supporting projects in the area of **integrated border management, drug policies, and prevention of violent extremism**, implemented by Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia and UNODC.