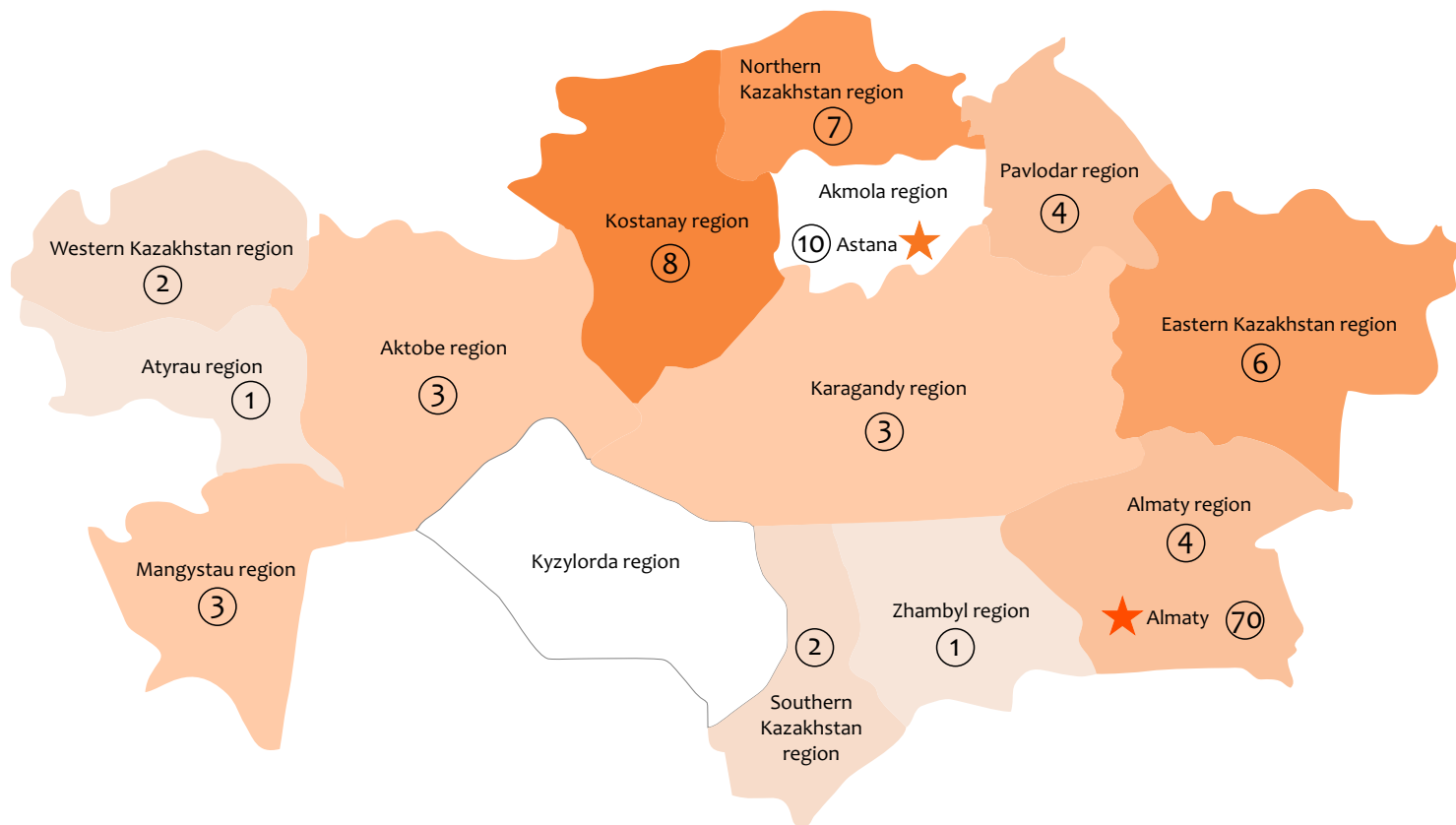




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Soros Foundation - Kazakhstan



The number of grants issued as part of the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan's programs

Human Rights Program – 32

Media Program – 14

Transparency and Accountability Program – 11

Youth Program – 21

Social Inclusion Initiative – 20

Public Policy Initiative- 16

Local Budget Initiative - 10

Almaty – 70

Astana – 10

Kostanay Region – 8

Northern Kazakhstan Region – 7

Eastern Kazakhstan Region – 6

Almaty Region – 4

Pavlodar Region – 4

Aktobe Region – 3

Karagandy Region – 3

Mangystau Region – 3

Western Kazakhstan Region – 2

Southern Kazakhstan Region – 2

Atyrau Region – 1

Zhambyl Region – 1

Funds allocated in 2015:

Programs	amount (tenge)
Public Policy Initiative	82 133 743
Social Inclusion Initiative	81 239 454
Human Rights Program	154 520 813
Media Program	98 828 738
Youth Program	77 701 640
Local Budget Initiative	83 950 343
Transparency and Accountability Program	52 866 308
Other program expenses	11 551 346
Administrative expenses	200 201 639
Total:	842 994 024

Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan (SFK) is an Almaty-based non-governmental organization established by the Open Society Foundations in 1995 to promote civil-society initiatives in Kazakhstan.

Our mission is promoting values of the open society in Kazakhstan.

Our priorities:

1. Promote public policies to safeguard fundamental human rights.
2. Ensure budget transparency and accountability.
3. Increase social activism and tolerance within society.



PROGRAMS

At the moment there are four programs running by the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Program purpose: supporting and strengthening the activities on protection of human rights in Kazakhstan.

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Transparency and Accountability Program, former “Public finance transparency” is existing in Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan since 2004 and its purpose is to ensure transparency and accountability in the public finance management processes.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Program purpose: support youth in the development of a fair, tolerant and active society in Kazakhstan.

MEDIA PROGRAM

Purpose: to improve the professional standards of journalism in Kazakhstan in the context of the development of new information technologies.

A photograph of three people, two women and one man, smiling and raising their hands in a celebratory gesture. They are in a room with a large, colorful poster in the background that has the word 'Training' written in large, stylized yellow letters. The poster also features the letters 'T-KA' and some smaller images. The man on the right is wearing a yellow hoodie with a pink heart and the text 'STKAIC FROM THE HERT'. The woman in the center is wearing a black blazer over a yellow top. The woman on the left is partially visible. The background also shows a brick wall and a window with a bright light source.

INITIATIVES

There are also three initiatives functioning at the Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Purpose: implementation of the rights of people with mental disabilities to live, learn and work without isolation from society.

PUBLIC POLICY

Purpose: development of public policy in Kazakhstan.

LOCAL BUDGET

Purpose: to create the best practices in budget transparency and accountability, as well as citizen engagement in budget processes at the local level.



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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of Corporate Foundation “Soros Foundation – Kazakhstan”

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Corporate Foundation “Soros Foundation – Kazakhstan” (the “Foundation”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in fund balance and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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