



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

KAZAKHSTAN - GENDER EQUALITY INDICATORS 2007			
Population¹			
Total: 15 012 985			
Female: 51.9%			
Male: 48.1%			
1. STATE MACHINERY AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION			
1.1	Ratification and reporting under the UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	Yes ²	Year of ratification: 1998 Ratification of the Optional Protocol: 2001 ³ Initial periodic report (26/01/2000), Second periodic report (16/01/2007), Third periodic report was due on September 2007 and is now due in 2010.
1.2	Human rights problems as specified in Conclusions of the CEDAW Committee	CEDAW Concluding Observations in response to the initial periodic report of Kazakhstan (2007) ⁴ Main concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provisions of the Convention are not sufficiently known, including by judges, lawyers and prosecutors, and by women themselves; • A limited understanding by the authorities of the concepts of formal and substantive equality and of direct and indirect discrimination; • Persistence of patriarchal attitudes and deep-rooted stereotypes regarding roles and responsibilities of women and men; • Lack of information on whether marital rape is criminalized and whether legislation prohibits sexual harassment; • Persistence of trafficking in women and girls; • Lack of sufficient authority, decision-making power and financial and human resources of national machinery for the advancement of women; • Limited access to adequate health-care services for women; • Existence of marriages involving girls under 18; • Underrepresentation of women in public and political life and in decision-making positions; • Absence of legislation providing for equal pay for work of equal value. 	
1.3	Reports made by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women	No	
1.4	National government body on gender or women	Yes	National Commission on Family Affairs and Gender Policy under the supervision of the President of Kazakhstan. The Commission is presently lacking a chairperson.
1.5	Constitutional protection from discrimination on the	Yes	Article 14 “(1) Everyone shall be equal before the law and

	basis of sex		court. (2) No one shall be subject to any discrimination for reasons of origin, social, property status, occupation, sex, race, nationality, language, attitude towards religion, convictions, place of residence or any other circumstances.” ⁵
1.6	Gender equality law	No	A Draft Law on Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities of Men and Women was introduced to parliament in November 2006. ⁶
1.7	National gender mainstreaming measures (e.g.: National plan of action on gender equality or gender mainstreaming or other similar commitments)	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Action Plan on Improving the Status of Women (1999); Concept of Gender Policy (2003); Gender Equality Strategy of Kazakhstan for 2006-2016 (2005); Action Plan for Implementing the Gender Equality Strategy for 2006 to 2008 (2006).⁷
2. POLITICAL SECTOR			
2.1	Per cent of women in parliament (is there a quota for women)?	Bica- meral No ⁸	Elected in 2007: Lower House (Mazhlis) Total number of seats: 107 Total number of seats won by women: 17 Percentage of women: 15.9% Elected in 2005: Upper House (Senate) Total number of seats: 47 Total number of seats won by women: 2 Percentage of women: 4.3% ⁹ Local Decision Making Bodies: 5 vice governors of oblasts (deputy akims) 17% regional deputy akims 11% akims of rural/village districts 18% deputy akims in rural and village districts Women in executive positions: 58% of the public service 22% of heads of executive bodies 11% of the judiciary ¹⁰
2.2	Is there a fixed quota for electoral lists?	No ¹¹	
3. ECONOMIC SECTOR			
3.1	Per cent of women in the paid labour force	49% ¹²	
3.2	Adult unemployment rate: Total Female Male	8.4% 9.8% 7.0% ¹³	
3.3	Estimated earned income (PPP US\$) Female Male	5 799 9 222 ¹⁴	
3.4	Ratio of estimated female to male earned income	0.63 ¹⁵	
3.5	Right of women to own property	The legal status of property in marriage and the right to own land by spouses is determined by civil marriage and family law. Women do not forfeit their right to land if they can legally protect their rights. However, according to Kazakhstan’s Land	

		Code (2003) and Law Concerning Farming (1998), land can only be granted to individuals with agricultural knowledge or certain expertise.
3.6	Women as percentage of international migrants	57.8% ¹⁶
4. SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SECTOR¹⁷		
4.1	Life expectancy at birth: Female (years) Male (years)	71.9 60.9 ¹⁸
4.2	Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (deaths of mothers per 100,000 live births), year 2000	140
4.3	Adult literacy rate (ages 15 and older) Female Male	99.3 99.8
4.4	Net primary school enrolment: Female Ratio of female to male	92% 0.99
4.5	Net secondary school enrolment: Female Ratio of female to male	92% 0.99
4.6	Gross tertiary education enrolment: Female Ratio of female to male	56% 1.38
5. TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS		
5.1	Ratification of Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	The protocol was neither signed nor ratified. The Convention was signed in 2000, but has not yet been ratified.
5.2	Relevant criminalization legislation	Yes
5.3	Availability of shelters for victims of trafficking	Yes, NGOs operate support centres that provide legal and material assistance as well as counselling services. ¹⁹
6. MAJOR GENDER EQUALITY ORGANIZATIONS		
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¹ <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/kazakhstan.pdf>

² <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/states.htm>.

³ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/protocol/sigop.htm>

⁴ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/37sess.htm>

⁵ http://www.akorda.kz/www/www_akorda_kz.nsf/sections?OpenForm&id_doc=DB26C3FF70789C84462572340019E60A&lang=en&L1=L1&L2=L1-9

⁶ <http://www.legislationline.org/lawReviews.php?tid=99&jid=1>

⁷ <http://tandis.odihr.pl>

⁸ <http://www.quotaproject.org/displayCountry.cfm?CountryCode=KZ>

⁹ <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>

¹⁰ <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Reports/Country-Gender-Assessments/cga-kaz.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.quotaproject.org/displayCountry.cfm?CountryCode=KZ>

¹² <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/kazakhstan.pdf>.

¹³ <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>

¹⁴ [:http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KAZ.html](http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KAZ.html)

¹⁵ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KAZ.html

¹⁶ <http://esa.un.org/migration/index.asp?panel=2>

¹⁷ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_KAZ.html

¹⁸ <http://www.worldbank.org.kz/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/ECAEXT/KAZAKHSTANEXTN/0,,m enuPK:361879~pagePK:141132~piPK:141107~theSitePK:361869,00.html>

¹⁹ <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/78820.htm>