

Financial measures of state support in Kazakhstan



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«Damu» Entrepreneurship Development Fund JSC



and medium-sized enterprises in Kazakhstan, through the implementation of comprehensive and effective support tools





Established in 1997

According to the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Sole shareholder National Managing Holding Baiterek JSC



20 Branches (in regional centres, Astana, Almaty, Shymkent)





BBB-/A-3 (Stable)



Moody's Baa2/Prime-2 (Stable)

Instruments of state support for SMEs

Results for the whole period of implementation of state programmes

Subsidising the interest rate

(«UIP»*, «Joint Order», «Nurly Zher», UNDP, «Economy of Simple Things»)

110,9 thousand projects



for the amount of loans \$17,2 billion

Loan guarantee

(«UIP»*, «Economy of Simple Things», «Enbek», «DAMU-Optima», «Joint Order»)



70,3 thousand projects

in the amount of \$4,2 billion

Results across all financial programmes

As of 01.11.2024



*UIP – Unified Integrated Programme approved as of 16 January 2024 (Previously - SP «DKB-2020/2025" National Project and «Economy of Simple Things») **taking into account the deduction of portfolio subsidy projects from the total number of projects, as portfolio guarantee, and subsidy projects are duplicated ****USD exchange rate of the NB RK as of 01.11.2024 – 488,26 KZT



Financing through conditional allocation of funds

(Second Tier Banks, Micro Finance Organisations, Leasing Companies)



81,3 thousand borrowers



for the amount of loans \$6,5 billion



for the amount of loans \$27,2 billion

SME support results by sector





Dynamics of results of SME support under all instruments



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Results across all financial programmes

As of 01.11.2024



218,7* thousand projects



for the amount of loans \$27,2 billion





guaranteeing

amount, billion KZT

1921,7 billion KZT \$3,9 billion

Preferential financing

amount, billion KZT

252,0 billion KZT \$5,6 mln

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Economic efficiency

of budgetary funds utilisation (2010-2023)





For the period from 2010 to 2023, the tax revenues amounted to - **\$15,0 billion**, which is 7.1 times more than the budget invested - \$2,1 billion, i.e. 1 invested KZT contributes to the payment of **7,1 KZT** of taxes to the budget









141,1 thousand jobs created

962 thousand jobs saved

UNIFIED INTEGRATED PROGRAMME



Strategic Goal of the RoK Development Plan Increasing the share of SMEs to **40%** of GDP by 2030

export-oriented, substituting industries

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Diversification of the economy 8

Development of competitive, import-

and creation of **new jobs**

Support for effective projects

Unified integrated programme

1 Micro-_____ enterprise

> Common Classifier of Economic Activities no limitations, except for trading*

Subsidies and

loan guarantees Loan Investments up to \$41,000, Working capital up to \$10 000

Loan guarantee up to 85% of the loan amount.

Interest rate for SMEs 7%-8%

*Trading in food products is allowed

Small and Medium 0 Enterprise

Common Classifier of Economic Activities priority

Subsidies

Loan investments up to \$6.1 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Interest rate for SMEs manufacturing industry -8%-10%, services - 9%

Loan guarantees

Loan investments up to \$3 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Guarantee up to 50% of the loan up to \$3 mln

Small, Medium, \mathbf{O} and Large Enterprise in Manufacturing and Services (formerly SME)

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Common Classifier of Economic Activities priority

Subsidies Loan investments up to \$30.7 mln, Working capital up to \$10.2 mln

Interest rate for SMEs manufacturing industry -8%-10%, services - 9%

Loan guarantees

Loan investments up to \$7.2 mln, Working capital up to \$2 mln

Guarantee up to 50% of the loan up to \$7.2 mln

Entrepreneurship in Mono- and Small Cities, Rural Areas

Common Classifier of Economic Activities no limitations, except for prohibited sectors

Subsidies

Loan investments up to \$3 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Interest rate for SMEs manufacturing industry -7%, services, trading - 10%

Loan Guarantees

Loan investments up to \$3 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Guarantee up to 50% of the loan up to \$3 mln



5 Social Entrepreneurship

Stock Exchange

Common Classifier of Economic Activities Without limitations

Subsidies Loan investments up to \$7.2 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Interest rate for SMEs 7%

Loan Guarantees

Loan investments up to \$2 mln, Working capital up to \$1 mln

Guarantee up to 50% of the loan up to \$2 mln

Common Classifier of Economic Activities priority

Subsidies and loan guarantees

Nominal value of bond issuance up to \$10.2 mln

Interest rate for SMEs 6%.

Guarantee: up to 50% of the bond issuance amount

Share of the loans in the SME sector

Analysis of Banks' loan portfolio



Since 2019, share of loans by banks to legal entities, private entrepreneurs and SMEs has decreased

Share of consumer loans in the loan portfolio of banks increased

from 25,5% to 36,8%

Since 2010, lending to legal entities and individual entrepreneurs has decreased

from 25,1% to GDP 8,4%

Number of projects guaranteed over 5 years

Budget, billions of tenge



2019

2023-2024

*National Bank of Kazakshtan

from 61.7% to 40,6%

Insufficient collateral







Number of supported projects directly depends on the amount of budgetary funds allocated by the state. In 2021 and 2022, budget allocations are higher by an average of 35 % and 57 %, respectively, than in

Direct dependence on the budget allocated to the guarantee instrument



Digitalisation of state support measures

Process of granting state support measures

Submission of an application

Obtaining authorisation

Signing contract

Monitoring

Before

- Physical presence in the office
- Hard copy documents up to 16 documents (54 pages)
- Manual data analysis
- Paper workflow

Hard copy

- Hard copy confirmation of intended use
- Field visit to the project site

Now

- in ONLINE mode via personal account
- Data verification through the State Database (SDB)
- Automated process (scoring, rating model)
- Electronic document circulation
- E-signing by means of
 Electronic Digital Signature
- Electronic data exchange with the State Revenue Committee (SRC)
- Remote inspection



Effect

- Automatic order generation based on data the State Database (SDB)
- Transparent tracking of the application status via personal cabinet
- Review period decreased from 21 to 3 working days

- Reduction of signing time from 3 days to 30 minutes
- No need for an employee of the Fund to visit the project site
- Increased coverage by 165% without increasing staffing levels

100%

Online applications

since 2014

No increase in staffing levels

80%

Developments in-house



By Kazakhstani external developers

Digitalisation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

In Kazakhstan, the digitalisation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) is actively developing, but entrepreneurs face a number of obstacles to digital inclusion.



Lack of financial resources

Many MSMEs struggle with funding for digital initiatives, which limits their ability to adopt modern technologies.



Limited access to infrastructure

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Challenges in integrating digital solutions

Lack of compatibility between existing systems and new digital tools can cause additional costs and implementation difficulties.

Low level of digital literacy

Lack of necessary knowledge and skills among entrepreneurs and their employees makes it difficult to use digital tools effectively.

Concerns over cyber security

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Role of DAMU Fund in supporting the digitalisation of MSMEs:

Provision of subsidies and soft loans for the introduction of digital technologies into business processes.

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These initiatives aim to overcome existing barriers and accelerate the **digitalisation of MSMEs** in Kazakhstan, contributing to their sustainable development and increased market competitiveness.



DAMU Fund actively promotes the digital transformation of MSMEs through the following measures:

Financial support

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Training programmes

Organisation of trainings and seminars on improving digital literacy of entrepreneurs.

Consulting services

Providing expert advice on selecting and implementing optimal digital solutions.



Infrastructure development

Assisting in improving access to digital resources and services, especially in remote regions.

Concessional Financing

Women's Entrepreneurship Lending Program «Umit»

Own program of DAMU Fund, starts in 2024



Participants of the Program: subjects of women's entrepr.

investments, replenishment of

working capital and internal

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Program budget: 20 million USD (initially)



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Loan term: up to 84 months

Intended use:

refinancing



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Remuneration rates for SMME: basic rate of NB RoK

Add. advantages:

- guarantee within the framework of the Unified Integrated Program;
- education on the base of EBRD



Cooperation



Council of Business Women of Kazakhstan under the NCE RK «Atameken»



Women's Entrepreneurship Development Center under the NCE RK «Atameken»



European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in training

Support for green projects





As of 01.11.2024, a total of 212 'green' projects were supported for the credit amount of \$510 million, including UNDP projects and projects with green labelling according to the taxonomy and independent analysis of the Fund.





ESG implementation at DAMU



Fund's policies are developed in accordance with UN Sustainable Development Goals



Social bonds issuance



In 2021, DAMU Fund issued Kazakhstan's first social bonds, worth \$ 2.3 million, with a five-year maturity, complying with social finance standards. Together with UNDP and AIFC, DAMU Fund supported the setting up of the essential regulatory framework for the green finance market.

Bonds issuance





Issuance is fully compliant with ICMA's social bond principles

Social bonds = COVID-19 bonds



Independent Opinion: Expert RA Total pool of funds











International cooperation



Raised funds totaling more than **\$1 billion** from international financial organisations for further SME lending



Thank you for your attention!