

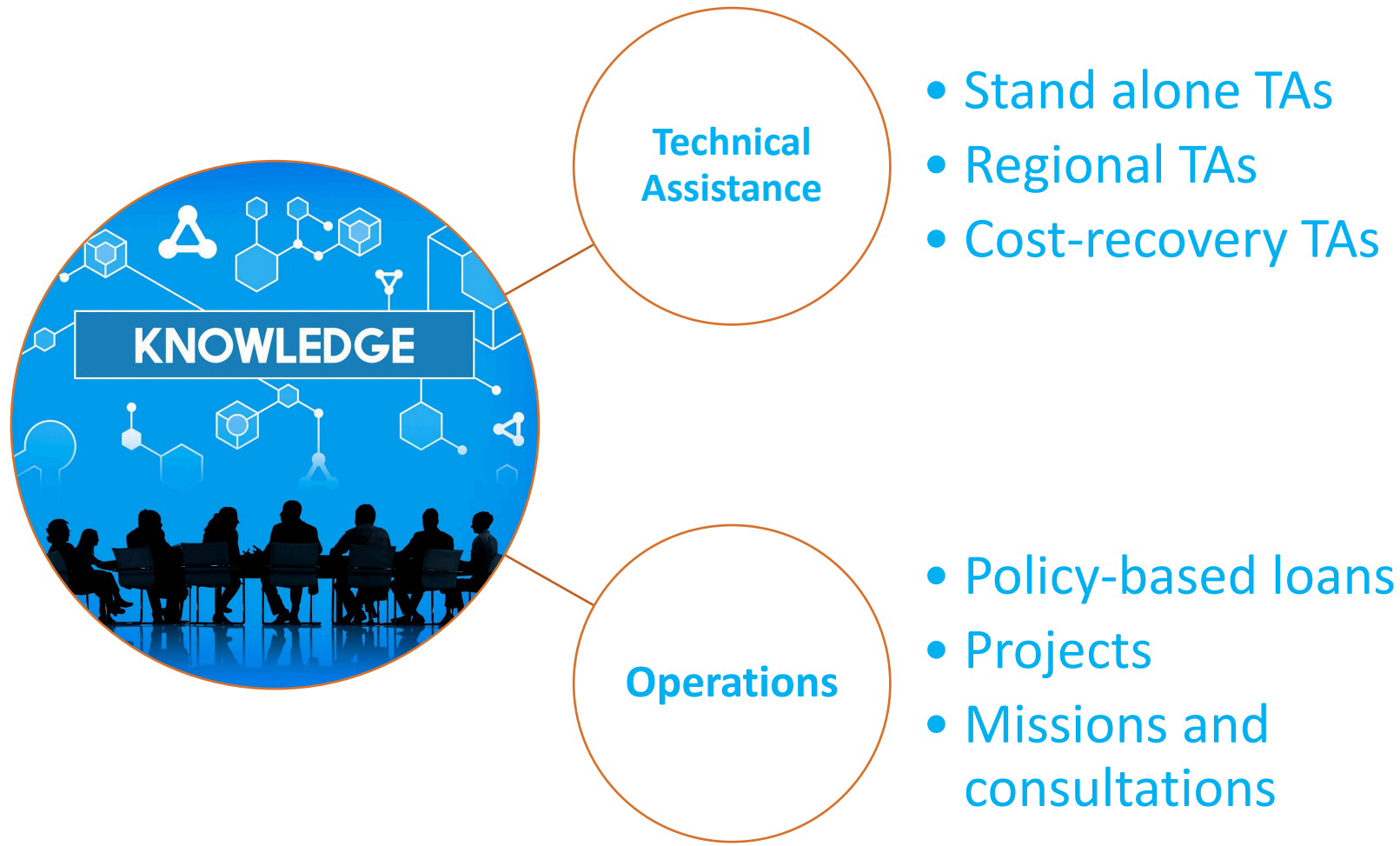
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# Knowledge Partnership with the Government of Kazakhstan

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# Source of Knowledge



Knowledge may take different forms, including tacit, explicit, and implicit



# KEEP Overview

- In June 2013, the Government of Kazakhstan and Asian Development Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which established Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program (KEEP) and it was revised through 4 supplementary agreements;
- KEEP provides just-in-time and demand-driven **knowledge solutions** and **capacity development** activities;
- Cost of the program are equally shared by the government and ADB (50% to 50%);
- Articulated over Phases:

Phase 1 (2013-2016) - \$500,000;

Phase 2 (2015-2018) - \$1,000,000;

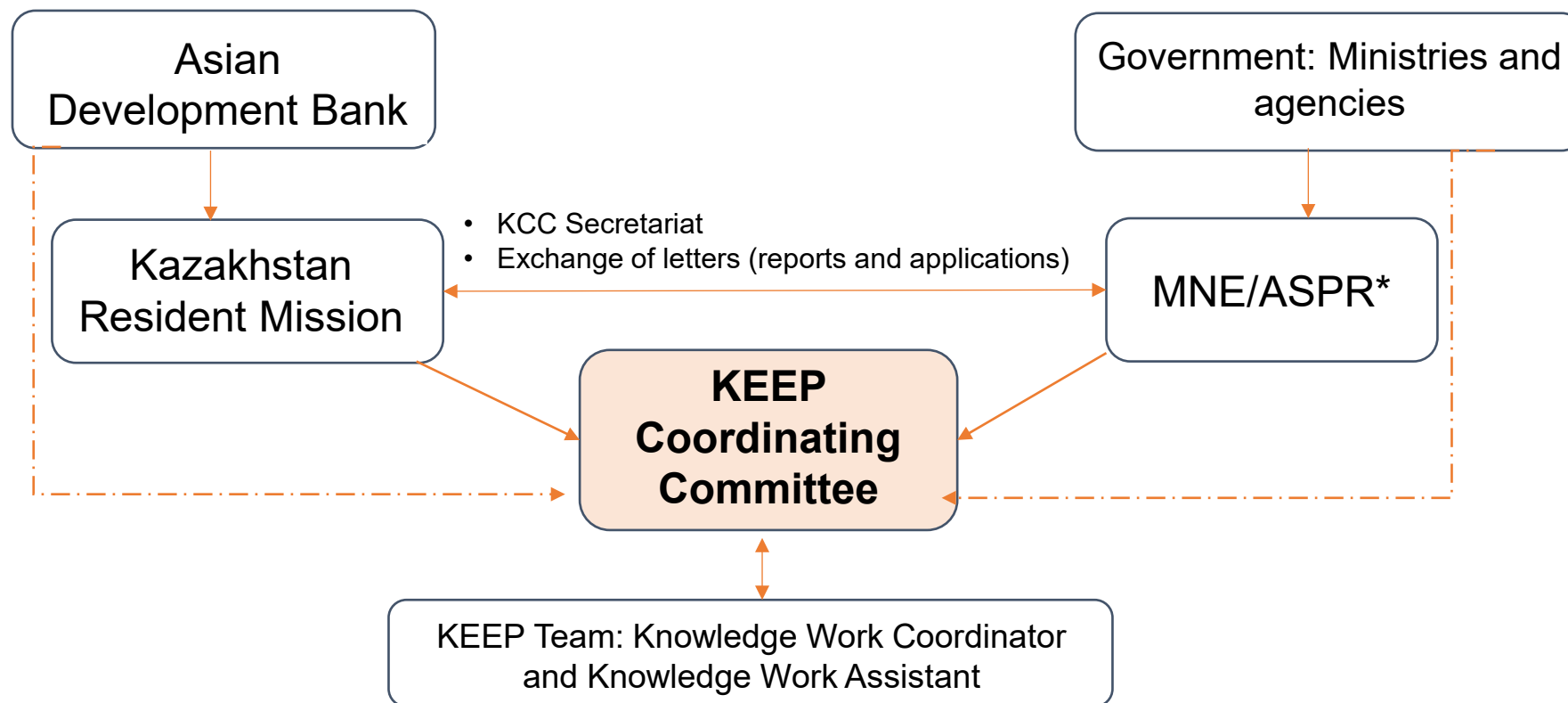
Phase 3 (2017-2021) - \$2,000,000;

Phase 4 (2020-2024) - \$2,000,000;

Phase 5 (2023-2027) - \$3,000,000.



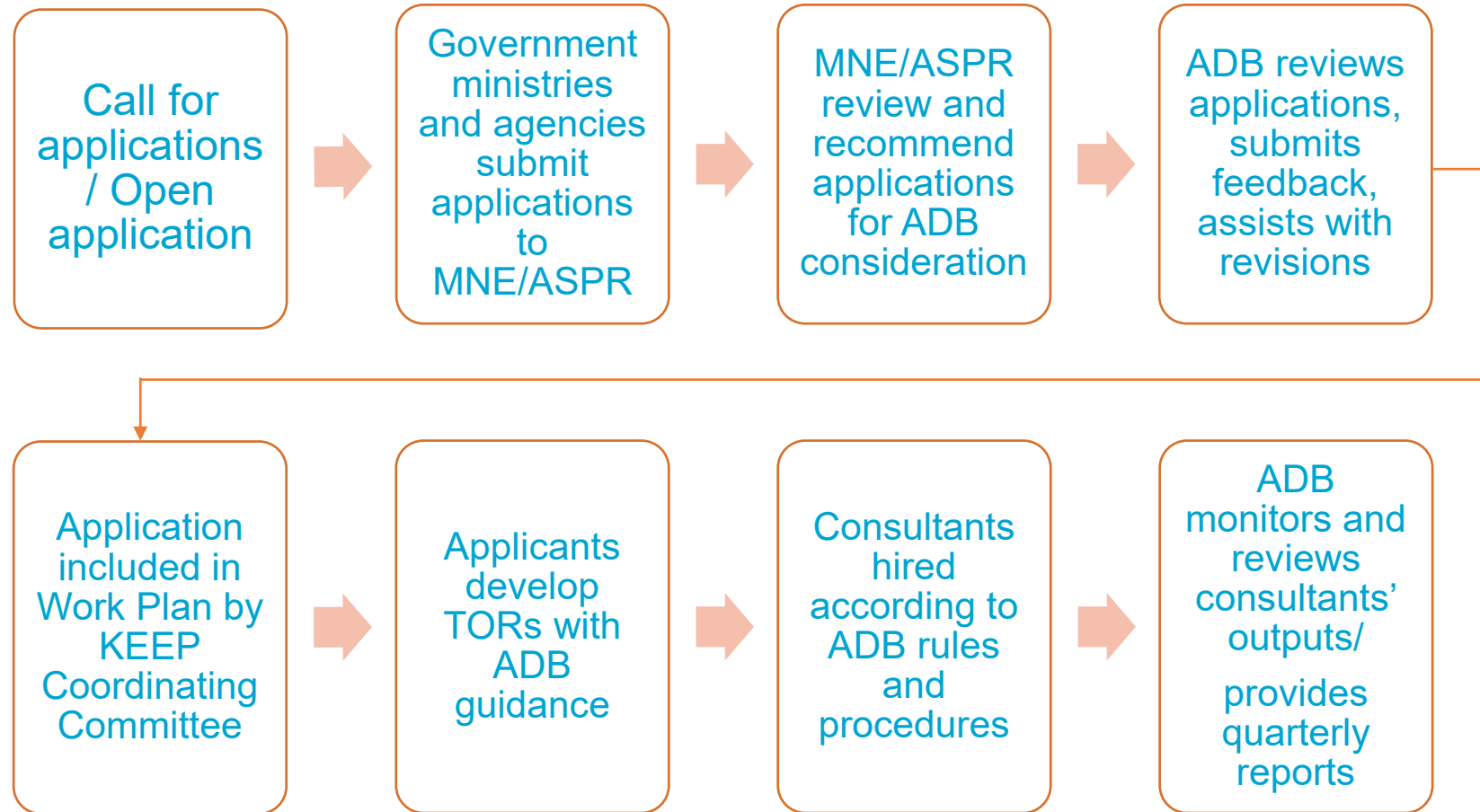
# KEEP Administration



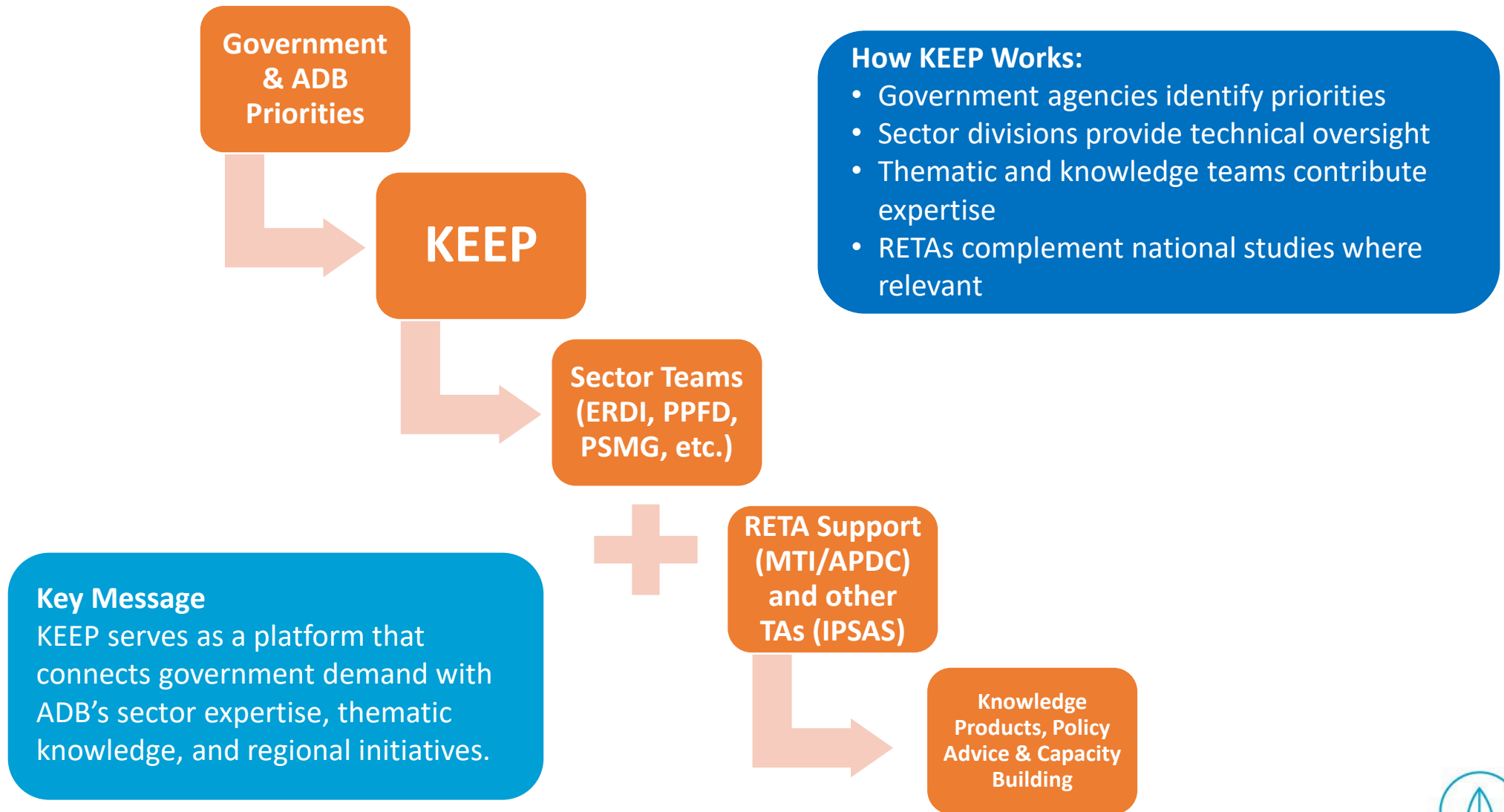
ASPR=Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, KEEP=Knowledge and Experience Exchange Program, MNE=Ministry of National Economy.

\*By the Order of the Prime Minister of Republic of Kazakhstan dated 16 October 2025, the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms (ASPR) was designated as the coordinating authority for projects and cooperation with International Financial Institutions in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

# Knowledge Creation flow



# KEEP: Sector Coverage and OneADB Collaboration



# Select Key Knowledge Outputs



KEEP transforms research and capacity building into policy dialogue, institutional development, and evidence-based reforms

# Statistics Improvement Program

- On 6 November 2025, the Government of Kazakhstan and ADB signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Statistics Improvement Program.
- On 16 February 2026, ADB approved TA 10688-KAZ with budget of \$1,000,000 (additional financing of \$1,000,000 in 2027).



Development of **methodologies and recommendations** to enhance the effectiveness of statistical data



Publication of **analytical reports** and applied research studies



Organization of **capacity building activities** to strengthen knowledge and skills in the field of statistics



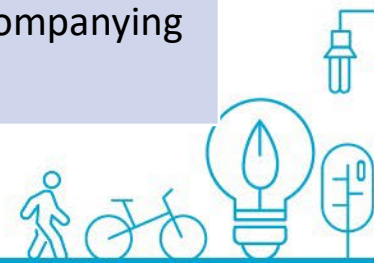
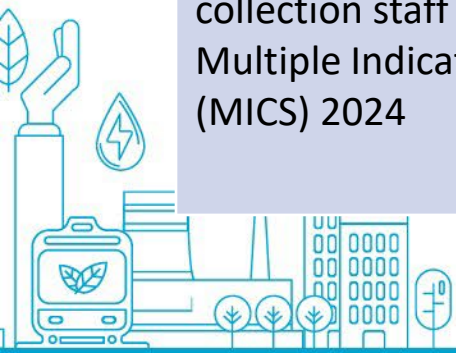
# Benefits of knowledge partnership

- **Flexibility:** timely responding to emerging policy advisory and capacity development needs
- **Best international experience:** access to the pool of the best and leading international experts
- **Positive spillover:** close alignment between knowledge work and operations reinforces positive development impact
- **Trust and open dialogue:** joint implementation of the program builds close working relations, synergizes review/approval procedures and allows to learn from each other



## Annex: Select List of Knowledge Outputs (1)

| Activity                                                                                                                                         | Beneficiary                   | Output                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Development of recommendations for improving PPP legislation                                                                                     | Ministry of National Economy  | The recommendations of the consultants received as a result of this project are reflected in the “Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the unification of the laws “On PPP” and “On concessions”, which was approved on 15 March 2025 No. 172-VIII3PK                                                          |
| Development of a mechanism for comprehensive assessment of proposals for financing projects from the National Fund of Kazakhstan                 | National Bank of Kazakhstan   | By Resolution No. 303 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 2 May 2025, the Rules for the expertise of nationwide projects proposed for financing from the NFK funds were approved                                                                                                             |
| Strengthening the capacity of the BNS regional departments data collection staff by supporting the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2024 | Bureau of National Statistics | On 16 May 2025, the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan hosted the official presentation of the results of the seventh round of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2024 in Kazakhstan, organized by the BNS jointly with UNICEF. ADB supported the BNS and UNICEF in conducting accompanying events |



## Annex: Select List of Knowledge Outputs (2)

| Activity                                                                      | Beneficiary                                         | Output                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Introducing accrual budgeting method in local budget planning                 | Ministry of Finance                                 | On 27 October 2021, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan approved Order No. 1108 of on the Rules for the Preparation of Forecast Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Budget, the Budget of a City of Republican Significance, and the Capital City. The order was registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 28 October 2021, under No. 24948 |
| Promoting environmental protection and sustainable infrastructure development | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development | A seminar was held for 40 representatives of the Committee for Roads, as well as the head office and branches of NC KazAvtoZhol, on bioengineering methods in road construction                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Analytical study on developing a unified platform for investment projects     | Ministry of Foreign Affairs                         | On 21 October 2022, Kazakh Invest National Company, together with the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) and MFA, was tasked with developing the National Investment Platform. As part of this work, draft terms of reference and a budget investment proposal were prepared, and the platform was successfully launched in late 2024                                                         |

