

## KAZAKHSTAN ACTIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN



Kazakhstan Actions Against Trafficking in Children (KATCH), a three-year project [01 April 2023 – 30 September 2025], funded by the United States Department of State (USDOS), works to improve identification of child trafficking in persons (TIP) survivors and children of socially vulnerable migrant families, and support them with appropriate, comprehensive care in southern Kazakhstan.

As a transit and destination location for migrants from the Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan – Central Asia's largest country – faces increased domestic and international migration. Thousands of undocumented migrants transit into Kazakhstan each day via informal border crossings for seasonal labor. These individuals and their accompanying children are particularly vulnerable to trafficking in persons due to their irregular immigration status.

### GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS



KATCH will operate in Turkistan, Qyzylorda, Almaty, Jambyl, and Jetisu oblasts and Almaty and Shymkent cities in southern Kazakhstan, where economic opportunity and proximity to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic borders attract high numbers of migrants.



## CHILD COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (CTIP) CHAMPIONS



KATCH will work with Child CTIP Champions, individuals with community influence and a strong commitment to CTIP and child protection, to conduct outreach activities in project oblasts.



## Winrock's Strategic Approach



Because child TIP prevention and protection projects are most effective when informed and implemented by those who have survived it, KATCH will engage adult survivors of child TIP by forming a Survivor Advisory Group (SAG). On a voluntary basis, SAG members will provide recommendations related to policies, services, and decisions related to survivor identification, referral, and assistance; child protection services, prevention strategies, and policy reform. SAG members will also participate in or lead KATCH activities, contribute to the selection of project partners and Child TIP Champions, and provide input into Winrock's monitoring of project effectiveness.

## SURVIVOR INCLUSIVE



## SUSTAINABLE

To ensure that KATCH objectives continue to be achieved beyond the life of the project, KATCH will prioritize working directly with key government entities and local organizations to promote local ownership and build political will to advance activities. KATCH will:

- ✓ Create sustainable change in individual and organizational systems by training service providers to deliver child-sensitive, trauma-informed care, thereby expanding the pool of local organizations in southern Kazakhstan with such capacity.
- ✓ Clarify government inter-agency roles and responsibilities related to child TIP to increase the efficiency, quality, and volume of survivor identification and protection beyond the life of the project.
- ✓ KATCH will also collaborate with specialized child TIP and protection non-governmental organizations and award micro-grants to expand the network and scope of local organizations to identify and support child TIP survivors and children of socially vulnerable migrant families.



KATCH will partner with key government entities at all levels of government, including the representatives from the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Labor and Social Protection, as well as the Interministerial Commission on Counter-Trafficking in Persons.



## PARTNERSHIPS