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KAZAKH FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CREATE AGENCY TO SYSTEMATIZE KAZAID

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The Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) plans to form an agency to systematize official development assistance (ODA) from Kazakhstan to Central Asian countries, the ministry explained during a Aug. 19 press briefing.

Although Kazakhstan has been providing ODA through KazAID program for the last 20 years, the MFA has been administering the program with other governmental bodies, said Kazakh Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Yerzhan Ashikbayev. The lack of a single regulator made it hard to collect the data and track the flow of resources. The new agency should make the process more systematized and transparent.

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