



# LESSONS LEARNED from SOLID PROJECT



**National Alliance of Professional  
Social Workers**

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**National Association of Schools  
of Social Work**

# 1. Introduction (Briefly introduce yourself, your role in the project, and your institution)

- **Country:** Kazakhstan
- **Name:** Dr. Yessimova Dinara ( PhD in Social work)
- **Role in the project:** Scientific coordinator of SOLID KAZAKHSTAN
- **Role in University:** associated professor at Eurasian National University named after L.N. Gumilyov
- **Role in NGO:** Executive director of National Alliance of professional Social workers of Kazakhstan
- **President of National Association School of Social work of Kazakhstan**
- **Other affiliation:** member of National Expert Council under Human Rights Commissioner



**SOLID Kazakhstan team**



**NGO "National Alliance of Professional Social Workers"  
11 branches**

## 2. Key Learnings and Insight

- **Describe the most valuable lessons learned through your involvement:**
- **Lesson 1:** Learn more with learning by doing how should be organized such big international project as SOLID
- **Lesson 2:** Got on the practice evident how close and mutual influencing to each other Social work and Sustainable Development goals
- **Lesson 3:** We should open up separate Department SW and Faculty of SW and develop after that functioning Curriculum such Social management of Addiction.
- **Lesson 4:** Keep going with developed trajectory of International prison standards develop content and framework of Social worker in prison setting

Mention any new knowledge, skills, or perspectives they gained, whether technical, cultural, or strategic:

- **Technical skills:** advanced skills in Zotero etc, skills to work in technical groups in collective books etc;
- **Cultural skills:** be able works effectively with culturally diversity in Multi-cultural team and able promote global understanding of SW with example of pillars of giving project
- **Strategic skills:** gain enough ability to organize international and diversive scientific talk and conference/ forum in Social work as a result of cooperative technical meetings in different countries. Its also a result of gaining proper knowledge and confidence after taking part in numerous scientific conference in SW around world. Lisbon addictions, Global AIDC conference etc



Lisbon Addictions Conference - 2022



Technical meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 2023



AIDS Conference in Munich, 2024

# European Conference on Social work Education “Diversity and Social Work Education: Building Bridges for Sustainable Futures”. June 20-23, 2023

International cooperation with practitioners, researchers, teachers and students from different universities of Europe, South America, Canada, Philippines, Chile and etc.



**President of European Association of Schools of SW**



**From Netherlands**



**From Israel**



**From Phillipines**



**From Malta**



**From Germany**

### 3. Challenges and How They Were Addressed

- **Summarize the main challenges you encountered during the project:**
- 1) lack of Social work department to have independent enough capability to use results of the such projects to develop SW as an academic discipline;
- 2) Managing funds of the project taking at least 6 months time before purchasing services;
- 3) lack of doctoral programs in Social work at ENU after L.N. Gumyliev
- 4) Inter-disciplinary Collaboration and multi disciplinary-team and as a outcome several separate discourse, sometimes on nature and characters of addiction,different approaches in Countries to Social work and treatment.

### 3. Challenges and How They Were Addressed

- **Explain the approaches or strategies you used to overcome these challenges:**
- **1)** Capacity building and increase capability of proper Social work Understanding in country and establishing National Association Schools of Social work and getting crucial massive of knowledge in the fields of main pillars of SOLID project
- **2)** Using this funds to documentation of the project and support networking, organizing and attending conference around world and including a making final film to final regional conference;
- **3)** to keep investing in future PhD in Social work (Ismagulova Sandugash) as a future professors in Social work to support alumniees as formers bachelors of Social work (Ismagulova Sandugash and Kudabekov Medet both have bachelor of Social work degree which is same time is sigh supporting Social work education in Kazakhstan.

# 4: Positive Experiences and Highlights

- **Highlight the aspects of the project you found most rewarding or enjoyable:**
- **Share memorable moments:** Very inspiring Summer school for next generation of Social workers for region of Central Asia
- With support of SOLID project was possible to organize the conference with topics of SOLID projects in Astana “Social work with convicts as ensuring human rights: Issues of interaction between state institutions and civil society” (May 26-27, Nur-Sultan, 2022).
- **Successful collaborations:** was established with technical support of SOLID project networks with International community of Social workers, with foreign Schools of Social work and national associations of Social work and practitioners of field social works
- **or significant breakthroughs:**



Anna Maria Campanini,  
ex-President of the IASSW



International cooperation







**International Forum of Social Workers of Kazakhstan “Social work with convicts as ensuring human rights: Issues of interaction between state institutions and civil society”  
May 26-27, Nur-Sultan, 2022**





**Technical meeting of the SOLID project  
May 24-25, Nur-Sultan, 2022**





**4th Central Asian (Astana) Forum of National Associations of Schools of Social Work «Development of national and regional policies in the field of social work in Central Asia: professional standards, educational programs in professional social work. Where we are now and where we need to go»  
December, 2023, Astana**

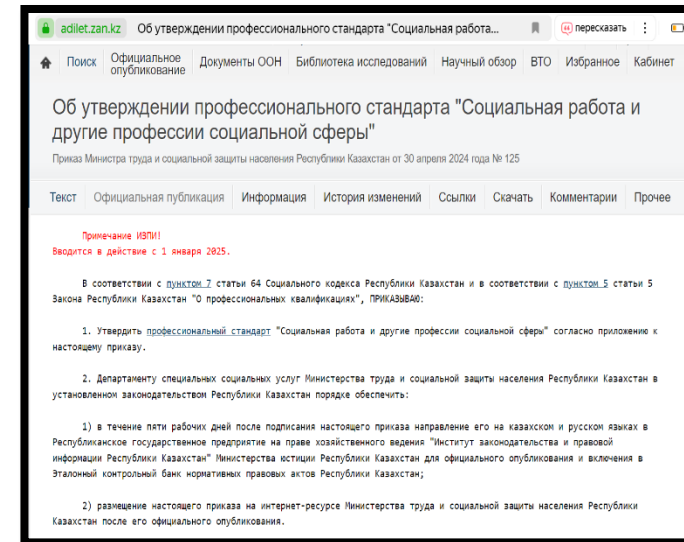


## 5. Impact and Benefits for your Country / Organization

- **Reflect on how your participation has benefited your organization or country.**
- **Organization:**
- **ENU:** 1) enrich Social work teaching on BA and MA level, updating ENU SW curriculum, capacity building of Students and staff in Social work direction involving in SOLID activity last 5 years, getting experience organizing International conferences and Forums to promote Social work ideas, experience of running with International consortium
- **Country:** «Social work and health» in prison collective monograph conceptually very important for institutional changes
- Insights and evidence for further developing and proper understanding Harm reduction for our region
- Understanding how crucial develop SW in country on the way of estimating Sustainable developing goals.
- **NGOs:** Capacity building of national NGOs as well as service organizations as well as National NGO such as National alliance of professional social workers and involving in global community of Social work profession

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- **Lasting impacts on Local communities:** more close collaborative practice with local NGO in the field of HIV, addiction and local UNODC and strengthening networks around further implementation case-management in the field work.
- **Lasting impacts on Organizational practices: 1)** Great example for follow up international Summer School in Social work area for Social work students BA and MA level and staff, some of participants of those Summer Schools already teaching at Kazakhstan universities;
- **2)** Very deep introduction in Frankfurt way of developing SW with emphasize on addiction treatment **and some courses already involving in local curriculum as example of academic leadership and rising capability to work on joint monography and enriching of research skills of Doctoral students of SOLID projects;**
- **Lasting impacts on Policy changes:** Revising professional standards of Social work in Health care, implementing Social worker position in regional AIDS centers. Science and evidence-based recommendation providing to government.



The new Professional standard "Social work and other professions in the social sphere"

Active link:

<https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/G24G0000125>

# Winter & Summer schools in Germany and Central Asian countries



# Meetings & Social Networking



Meeting with the Vice Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2022



Executive Director of NAPSW with Representatives of UNICEF Kazakhstan and Professor Heino Stover (Germany)



Cooperation with Deputies of the Mazhilis and the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Cooperation with Higher educational institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan

## 6. Future Steps and Takeaways

- **Outline any follow-up plans or ongoing work related to the project.**
- 1) support government in following Sustainable development goals as the related to SOLID projects and also in SGD related to child as most challenging
- 2) Support Ministry of health to develop professional profile for social worker in implementation Психосоциальная работа в системе МЗ
- 3) Support Ministry of Internal affairs including a Academy of Internal affairs (Kostanay) to develop professional profile for social worker in implementation Психосоциальная работа в системе МВД, promote or piloting SW in penitentiary system.
- 4) Supporting using social work in dealing with NPS, involving in governmental discourse of that social problem, as result further promoting one of results of the project «Implementation of Social management of addiction» as for ENU as for other universities. Since government provided more educational grants from Ministry of higher education, currently 60 grants for MA level instead 20 grants 2 years ago.



# Fruitful cooperation with the Kostanay Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan named after Shrakbek Shabylybaev.



# 6. Future Steps and Takeaways

- **Share key takeaways or final thoughts on the project's overall value and what they hope to bring forward from the experience.**
- 1) Keep attention to Lift-up Social work activities
- 2) Supporting PhD works in Social work was most challenging direction and was a majority of the scope of the project and was an individual investments and act of reciprocity for countries members of the project;
- 3) More proper using of Potential and expertise of Post-docs and SC in giving project, exchange, leadership initiatives etc;
- 4) Develop social work related projects and attending on the regular base Global HIV and Lisbon Addiction conferences and keep going organize Summer and Winter School in Social work.
- 5) Organize side-event in UN (New York around related Social work SDG UN in 2025 year.

