

PROJECT INFORMATION

National E-waste Monitors: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan



E-waste of electronic office devices

Source: UNITAR

Background

Waste electrical and electronic equipment is a hazardous waste stream, containing valuable materials. It constitutes one of the fastest growing streams of physical waste in today's global environment and poses a threat to sustainable development and to achieving relevant sustainable development goal (SDG) targets, notably under SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production. The e-waste problem is particularly acute in countries with economies in transition with most countries facing significant challenges in terms of e-waste management and monitoring its quantities.

Project details

The project will strengthen national and local e-waste monitoring and management capacities in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The project team will produce comprehensive national e-waste datasets and projections, accompanied by national roadmaps for improving e-waste collection and recycling, ready to be utilized in the national policy cycles.

Since 2022, The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) developed scenarios of e-waste generation and collection up to 2050 for the four target countries and their stakeholders were trained. The Center "Cooperation for Sustainable Development" (CSD) conducts stakeholder consultations in the four countries and prepares policy briefs together with UNITAR. Based on the consultations, national forums are held and national roadmaps are discussed with the stakeholders.

Together with the national governments, the project team prepares the National E-waste Monitors which show the roadmaps, policy recommendations, e-waste projections and their societal and environmental impact up to 2050.

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Project region: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

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Beneficiaries: National ministries for environment and economy, statistical offices, economic associations of the electrical and electronics industry, recycling companies, nongovernmental organisations

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