Kazakhstan Technology Commercialization Project — World Bank-Backed TCO and Lab-to-Market Grants (2008–2015)

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A US$13.4m World Bank loan funded research groups and an Astana Technology Commercialization Office run with CRDF Global: 40 science start-ups reached sales (target 10) and 11 licences were signed, though only 33 grants were awarded vs 55–60 planned.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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