Transport Corridor Performance Measurements in Central Asia

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Background of TTFPM

- The World Bank has been conducting performance measurements along transport corridors (TTFPM) in Central Asia since 2006 with the purpose to
 - Identify barriers to trade flows
 - Develop recommendations on improvements to infrastructure and procedures
 - Establish baselines to measure impact of investment program (eg. road rehabilitation projects, customs modernization)
- The methodology used for measurements is based on experience from other regional TTF programs (i.e. TTFSE, Africa)
- The TTFPM are supplementing CAREC initiatives
- In 2008/2009, the TTFPM have been expanded to include Afghanistan and Pakistan (with the support of a USAID grant)



Implementation Arrangements

In order to ensure success, TTFPM requires the following to be in place:

- 1. Formal authorization by the Government of the participating country
- 2. Established local partnership in each country with a team of trained observers

The following are local partners hired to undertake the measurements:

Kazakhstan:

Forum of Entrepreneurs of Kazakhstan (2006,2007,2008)

Kyrgyz Republic:

<u>Tajikistan:</u>

Turkmenistan:

Association of International Road Carriers of the Kyrgyz Republic (KyrgyzAsmap) (2009)

Association of International Automobile Carriers of the Republic of Tajikistan (ABBAT) (2008, 2009)

Turkmen Association of International Road Carriers (THADA) (to conduct partial performance measurements in Afghanistan) (2008, 2009)



Survey Instruments

The following survey instruments are being employed:



• On-site physical measurements

24-hour monitoring of pre-selected Border Check Posts (BCP) by observers during 5 consecutive days



Truck driver interviews

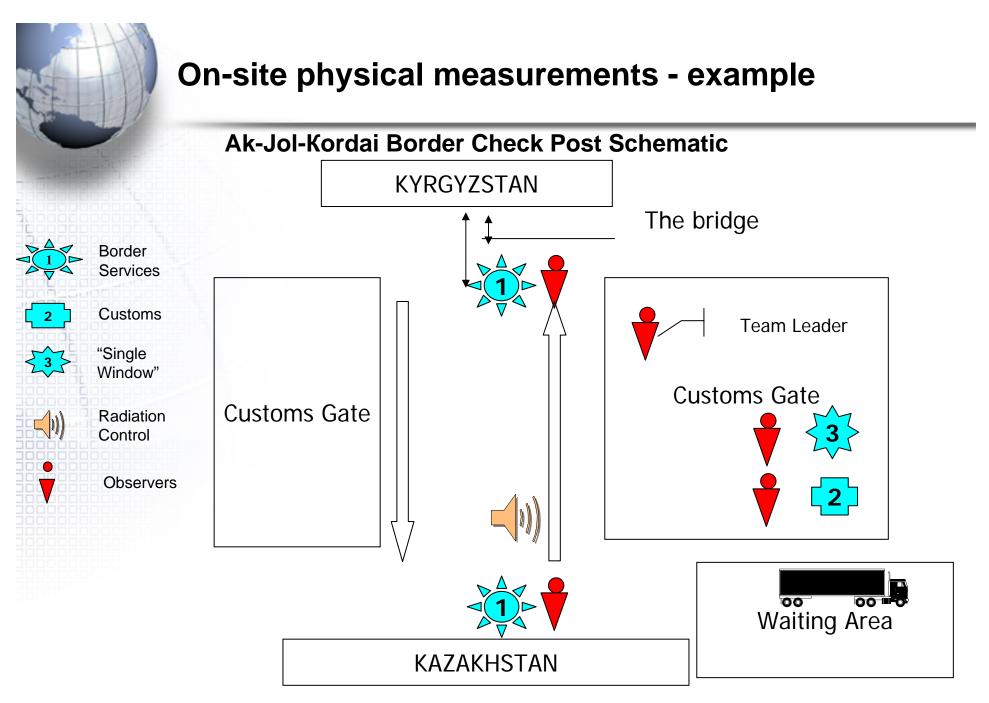
Drivers are interviewed along the pre-identified transport corridors with questions related to the corridors, both in terms of infrastructure availability / condition, and procedures, density of control/inspection points en route, type of transported goods, time spent and official / unofficial payments made during the trip.



•Trip diaries

The observers travel together with the drivers along the preidentified transport corridors and fill in trip diaries/travel journals during the entire trip







Pilot Road Corridor and Sites (2006)

Korgas (Kazakh-Chinese Border) - Almaty

Bishkek - Almaty

- Customs post Ak-Jol-Kordai
- Customs post Aktilek-Karasu
- Internal customs terminal
- Bishkek Customs

Almaty - Petropavlovsk (Kazakh-Russian Border)

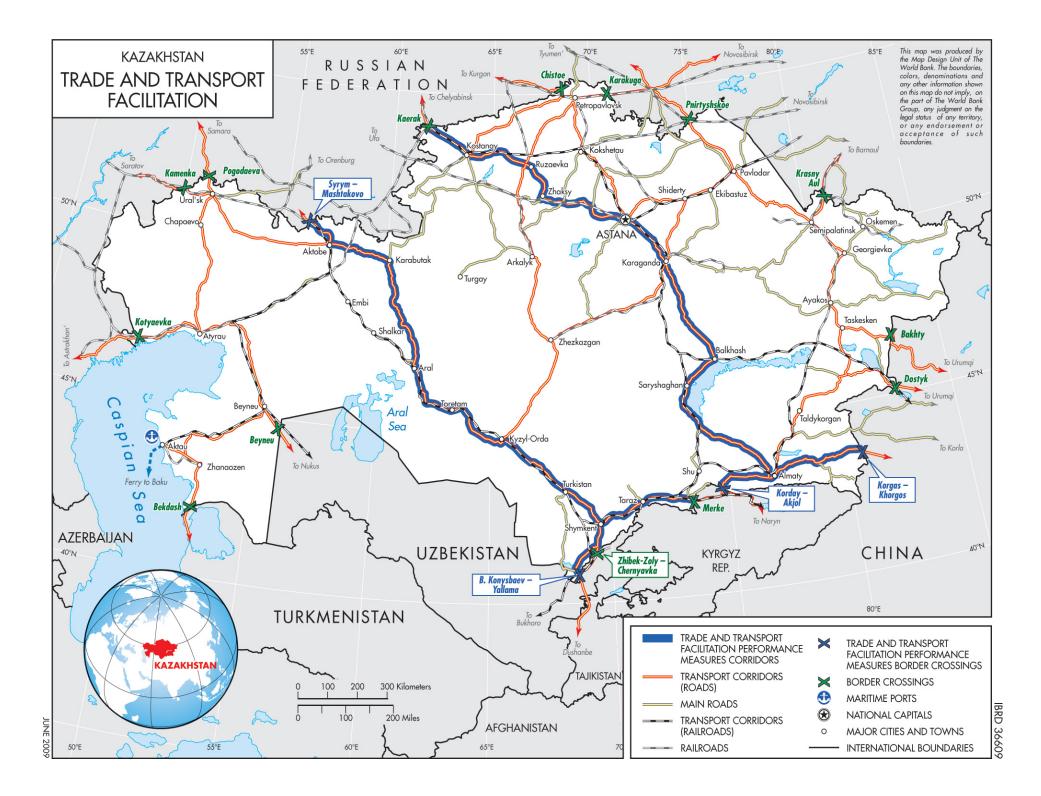
- Customs post Kairak
- Internal terminal in Almaty



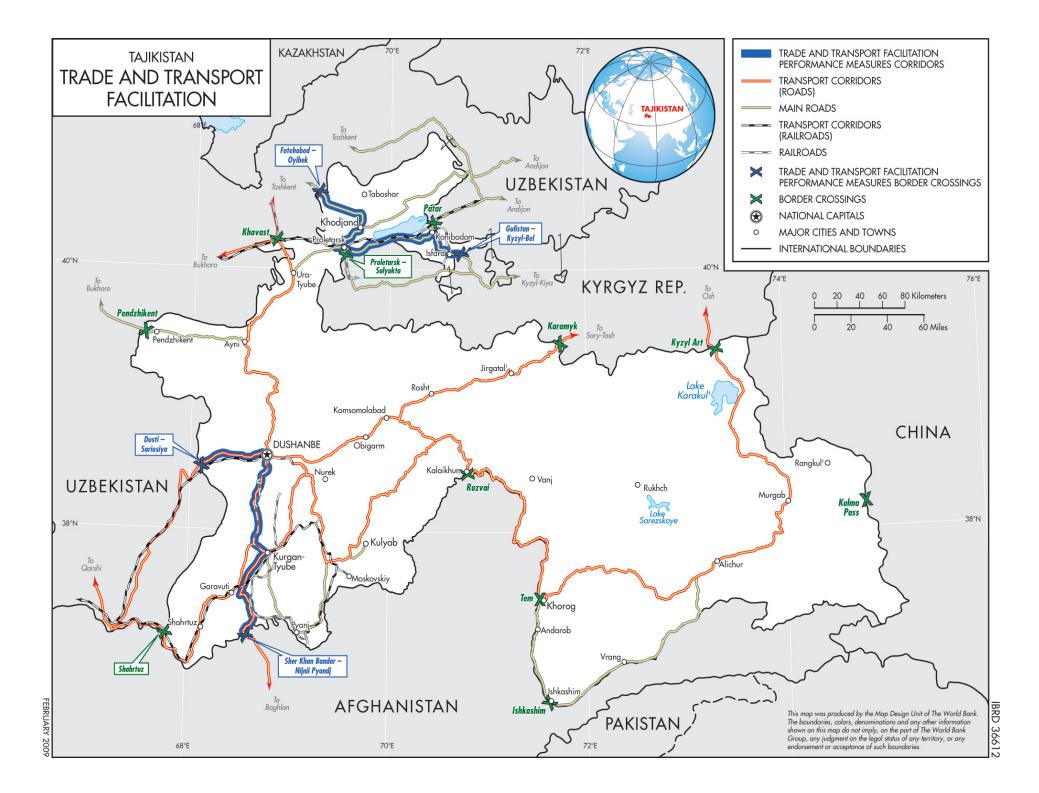
Current Measured Road Corridors and Border Check Posts (2007-2009)

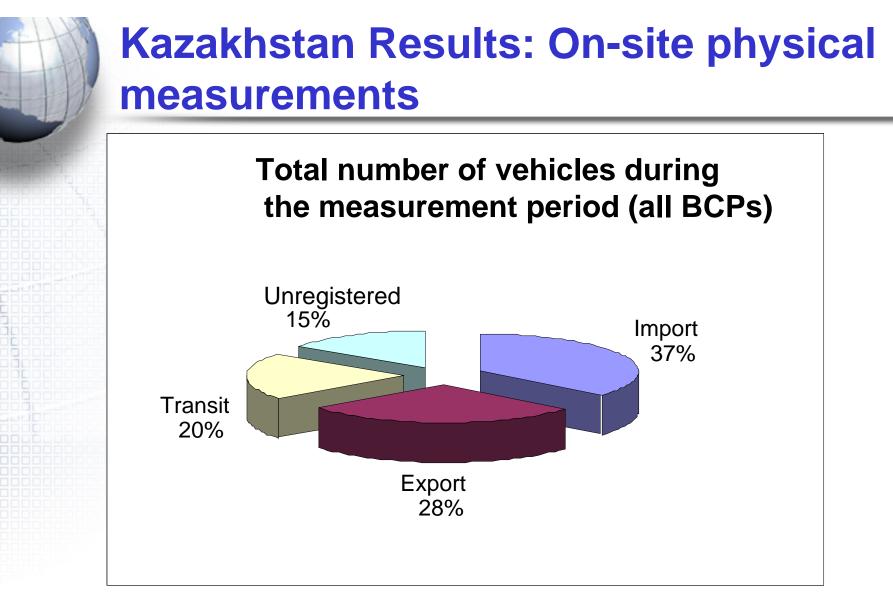
Country Name	Measured Corridors	Measured Border Check Posts			
Kazakhstan	(1) Korgas-Kordai–Konysbaev; (2) Kordai - Kairak;	 Korgas (Kazakhstan - China border); Kordai (Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan border); Konysbaev (Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan border); Syrym, Kairak (Kazakhstan - Russia border); 			
Tajikistan	(1) Fotehobod – Guliston; (2) Dusti – Nijnii Pyandj;	 Dusti and 2) Fotehobod (Tajikistan - Uzbekistan border); Nijnii Pyandj (Tajikistan – Afghanistan border); Guliston (Tajikistan – Kyrgyzstan border); 			
Kyrgyz Republic	 (1) Ak-Jol – Dostuk; (2) Ak-Jol – Kyzylbel; 	 Ak-Jol (Kyrgyzstan – Kazakhstan border); Dostuk (Kyrgyzstan – Uzbekistan border); Kyzylbel (Kyrgyzstan – Tajikistan border); 			





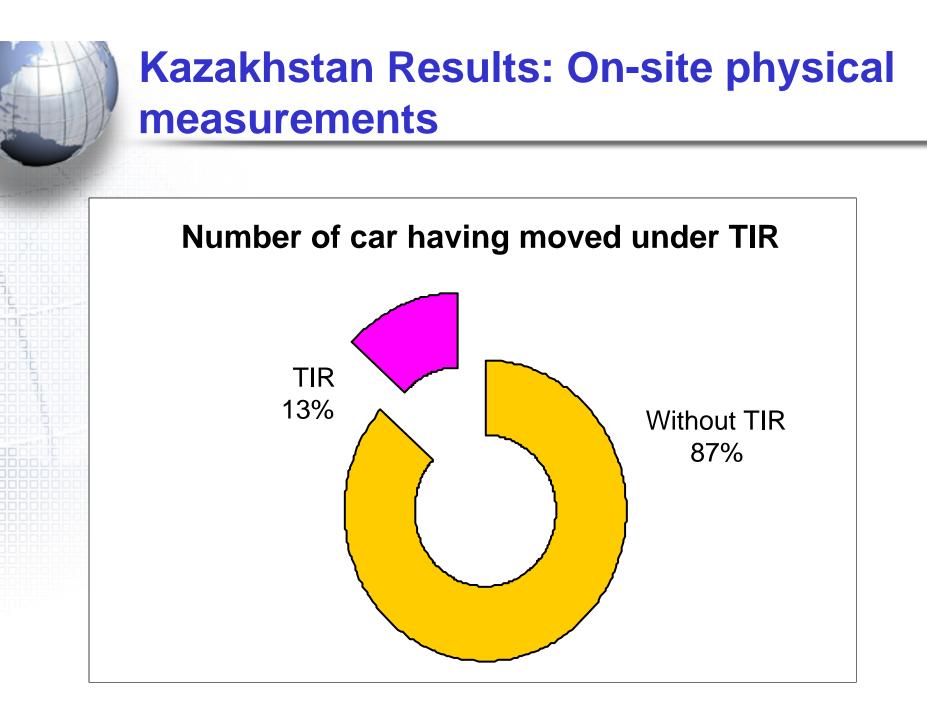






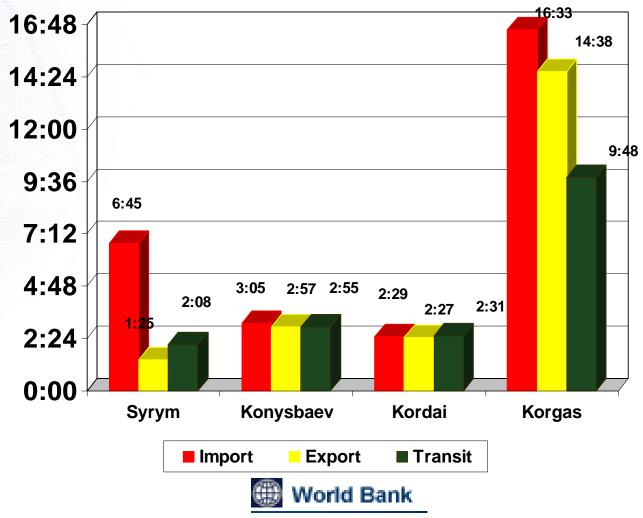
Import - 562 cars Transit - 317 cars Export - 441 cars (27 cars loaded) Unregistered- 231 cars Total 1,320 cars

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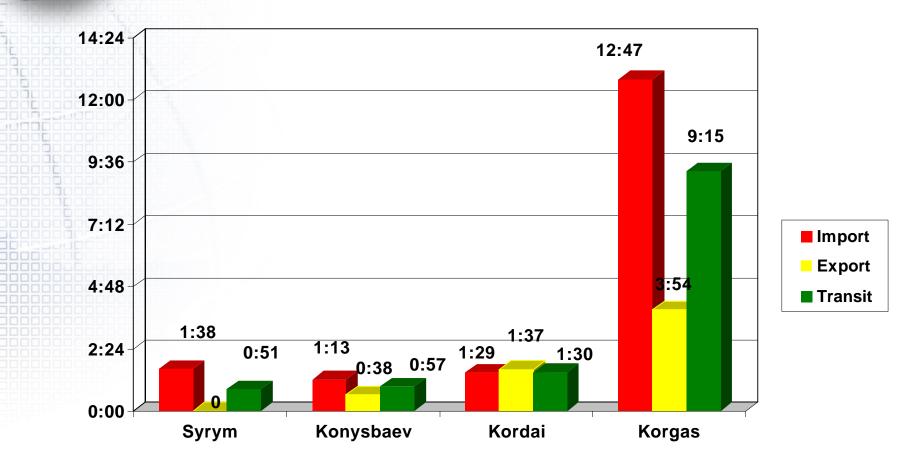


Average time spent at Border Check Posts of Syrym, Konysbaev, Kordai and Korgas respectively (on import, export, and transit basis)





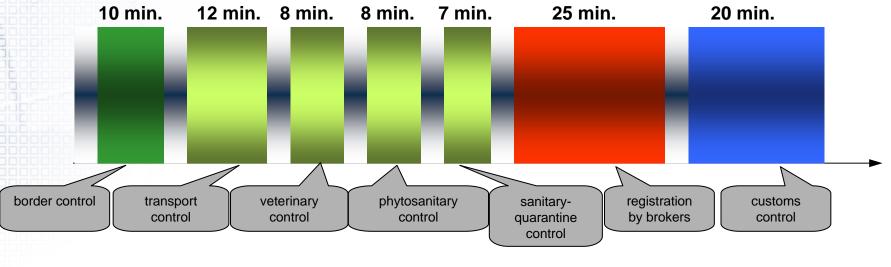
Average time spent for all control procedures, hour



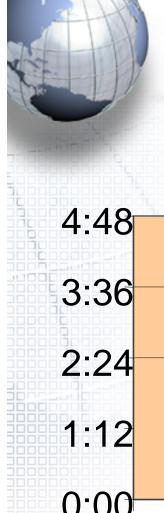




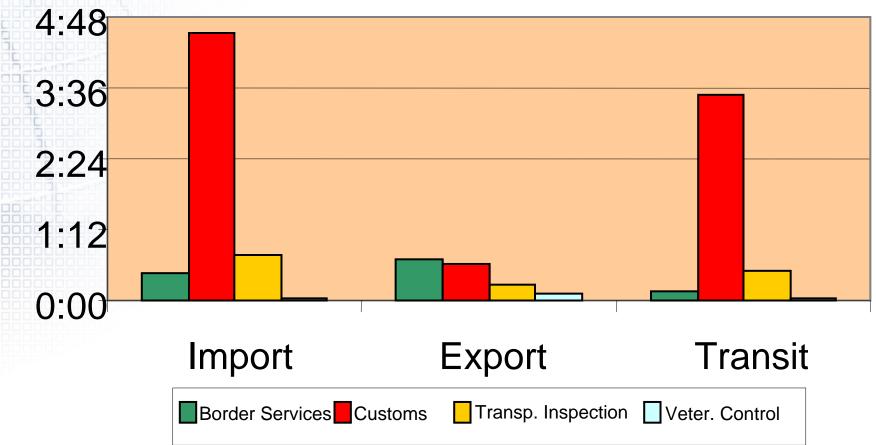
Average Control Time – 65 min. Broker Services – 25 min. Idle time – up to 90 min. TOTAL – up to 180 min.







Average time at Border Check Posts spent on procedures by agency



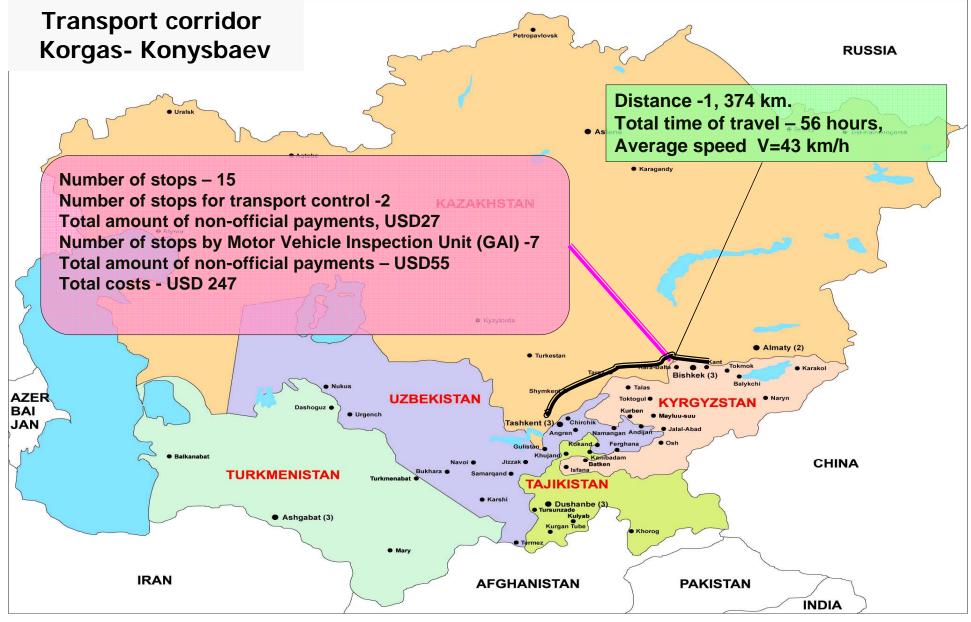




Comparative analysis of imports data at Korgas, Kordai & Syrym Border Check Posts

			Average Crossing Time (hrs)				
BCPs	Years	Total Number of Trucks	Registration of Customs Documents	Other Procedures	Total		
	2006	256	0.47	18.47	18.94		
Korgas	2007	274	7.17	12.25	19.42		
5	2008	254	11.00	5.33	16.33		
Kordai	2007	179	0.05	2.51	2.56		
Noruai	2008	62	1.30	0.59	1.89		
Surum	08-Jan	48	0.34	4.04	4.38		
Syrym	08-Aug	248	4.24	2.21	6.45		



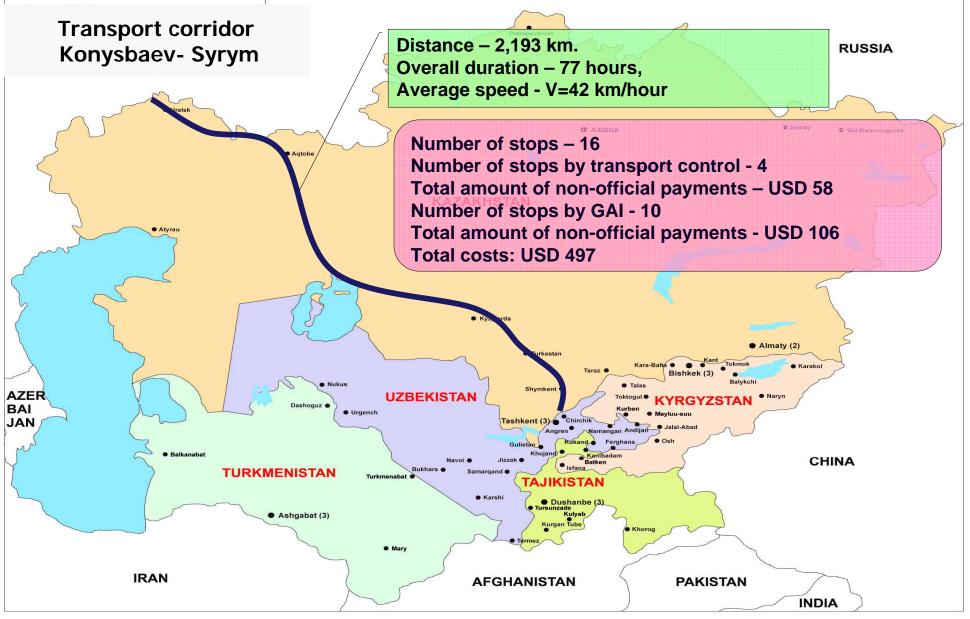




Transport corridor Korgas- Konysbaev Consolidated data of three observers

Obser vers	No. of stops	Total costs, \$	No. of stops by Transport Inspection	Total amount of unofficial payment \$	No. of stops by GAI	Total amount of unofficial payment \$	Repair	Rest	Meals
1	17	285,5	2	31,5	7	51,5	2	3	4
2	17	249	2	23	11	106	-	3	5
3	11	207	-	-	2	9	1	5	4
Avera ge	15	247	2	27	7	55	1	4	4







Transport corridor Konysbaev- Syrym Consolidated data of three observers

Obser vers	No. of stops	Total Costs\$	No. of stops by Transport Inspection	Total amount of unofficial payment, \$	No. of stops by GAI	Total amount of unofficial payment,\$	Repair	Rest	Meals
1	18	498	-	-	1	_	5	3	7
2	15	487	4	68	10	88	-	2	7
3	15	507	3	48	10	124	2	4	10
Avera ge	16	497	От 3 до 4	58	10	106	3	3	8





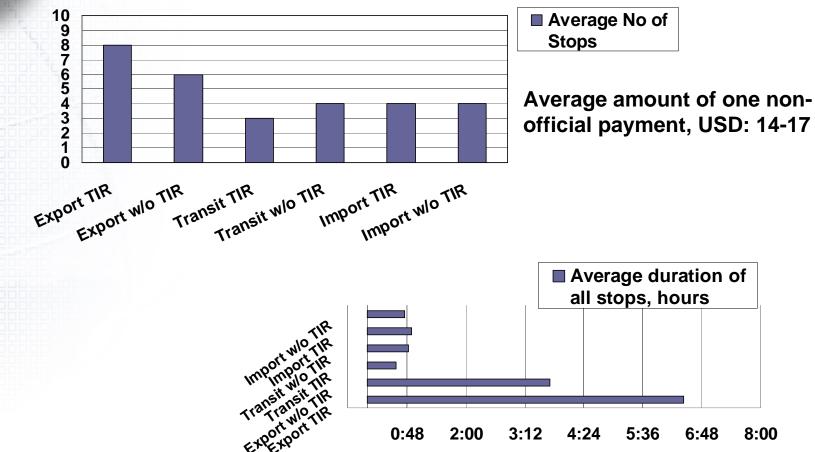
Service/Accommodation Facilities

Corridors	Petrol station	Service center	Cafe	Hotel
Korgas –Konysbaev	110	32	114	8
Konysbaev – Syrym	188	58	150	23



Kazakhstan Results: Consolidated data – trip diaries and interview of truck drivers

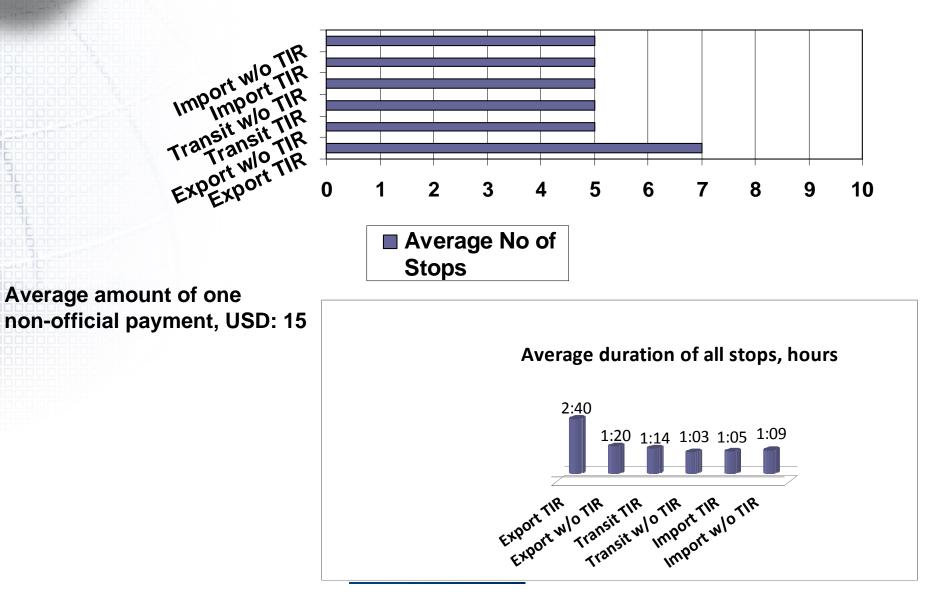
Information on TRANSPORT INSPECTION





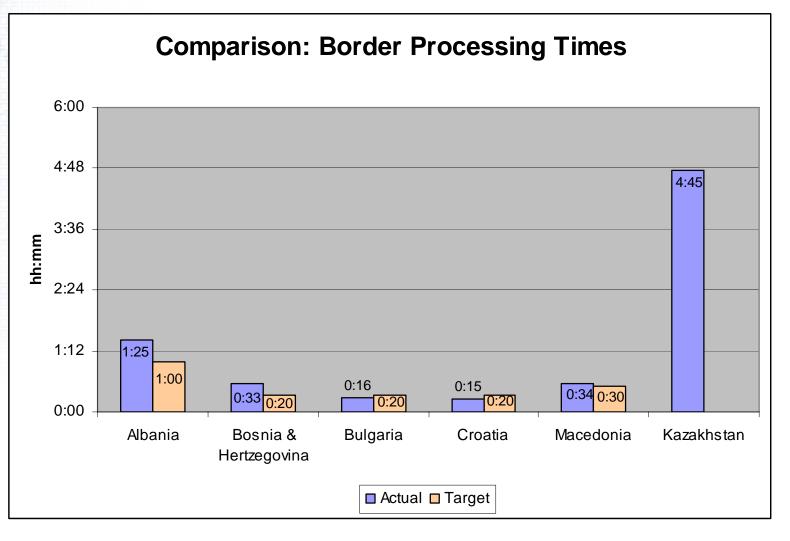
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Information on MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION UNIT (GAI)



Kazakhstan Results: Consolidated data – trip diaries and interview of truck drivers Information on CUSTOMS Average amount of one non-official Import wlo TIR payment, USD: 0-300 Import TIR Transit WIO TIR Average No of Stops Transit TIR Export wlo TIR ExportTIR 2 3 5 8 9 1 4 6 7 10 0 16:48 Average duration of all stops, hours 14:24 12:00 9:36 7:12 4:48 2:24 0:00 Transit wo TR Export wo TIR Transit TIR Import TIR Import wo TIR EXPORTIR World Bank

Comparison with 2003 performance of SEE countries and 2006 pilot in Kazakhstan







Summary of Results

- On many border check posts, poor infrastructure account to slow border transit
- Delays by other border agencies can be significantly more than Customs
- TIR Carnet System does not simplify or harmonize the administrative formalities of international road transport.
- Harmonized participation of all Central Asian countries in performance measurements would show a clearer picture
- Further support from Governments, private operators and international organizations is needed



Next Steps

- Continue with Transport Corridor Performance Measurements and expand to cover more CAREC corridors
- Request the Government of Uzbekistan to join the Measurements
- Extend measurements to include more surveys of road users such as freight forwarders, transporters
- Update Trade and Transport Facilitation Audits for individual countries in Central Asia



Thank you !



