



Resolution
round table participants
"Consumer cooperation –
a mechanism for improving the welfare of the population"

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Organizers: USAID and SRO ALE "National Association of Cooperatives and Other Forms of Economic Communities" of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

About 1000 people registered as participants at the round table.

Present:

- Members of the cooperatives of the Republic of Kazakhstan 92 people (zoom no longer allowed).
- Representatives of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Representatives of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Representatives of the Financial Monitoring Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Representatives of NGOs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The purpose of the round table:

- Development in Kazakhstan of democracy, self-government and self-organization of the population in solving their social problems.
- Conduct a dialogue between the community of cooperatives, government agencies, investigating authorities, the media and the Courts to develop a methodology for developing legal literacy, introducing cooperation as an effective mechanism for improving the welfare of the population, which has proven itself around the world for many years.

Resolved:

The introduction of cooperation in our country is largely hampered by several main factors:

1. The inability of the population, investigating authorities, the media and Judges to separate legal cooperatives and illegal financial pyramids. This illiteracy creates an image of financial pyramids for cooperatives, which limits the population from using all the possibilities of cooperation to solve their social and economic problems.

2. Lack of understanding among the population of their legal rights and obligations for self-organization and self-government in cooperatives created to meet the social and economic needs of citizens and legal entities. The charter and other documents of self-regulation of the cooperative are written for formality.

3. Lack of experience and, accordingly, understanding of the importance of the mechanisms of self-organization and self-government by the population in consumer cooperatives among some officials.

Democratic processes of struggle of positions and disputes within the cooperative are perceived by them as scandals.

Such an erroneous perception is an atavism of the thinking of totalitarianism, in which disputes between people are impossible and everyone must exclusively agree and not have an opinion different from the leadership.

This misunderstanding leads to the fact that they literally violate the legal rights of citizens and cooperatives.

Obviously not understanding or accepting the legally registered charter of the cooperative and the Law "On Consumer Cooperatives". This thesis is supported by the content of the decisions of some courts and the actions of some employees of the investigating authorities.

At the same time, there is a positive experience of interaction with the DER bodies, in which the DER employees have shown openness, transparency and high professionalism in working with the population. This allowed them to more effectively implement all investigative measures and at the same time not provoke social tension.