

Policy Brief (1,500 - 3,000 words)

Title

The title should be short, descriptive, and catchy (5-15 words).

Short summary (100 - 200 words)

This part summarises the policy brief's content, which includes information about the addressed problem, policy gaps, primary findings, and recommendations.

Introduction (100 - 200 words)

This section includes an introduction to the problem and an explanation of why change is needed. What are the leading causes and consequences of the existence of the problem? What is new and old in the problem? Have there been attempts to solve the problem in the past?

Methodology (100 - 200 words)

This section provides a concise description of the methodologies employed to obtain the presented outcomes and suggested recommendations. In the case of a research-based policy brief, it outlines the data collection and analysis techniques utilized. For a policy brief grounded in practical experience, it highlights the approaches and processes responsible for the lessons learned and other conclusions discussed.

Main body (600 – 1,200 words)

The arrangement of this section can vary depending on the chosen approach. Here are two possible structures:

Problem – Causes – Effects – Policy Options

Here, you will first discuss the causes and effects of the problem, drawing upon your research or practical experience findings. Next, you will propose potential solutions or policy options that address one or more of the identified causes. Afterwards, you will provide a concise comparative analysis of the advantages and disadvantages associated with each option. Finally, you will select the best option to be elaborated upon at the end of the brief as a policy recommendation.

Problem – Intervention – Results – Policy Implications

Here, you will evaluate a policy intervention, program, or infrastructure project and its implementation outcomes. Based on this evaluation, you will propose critical lessons to inform future policy-making efforts.

Policy Recommendation (600-1,200 words)

The final section of the brief establishes a direct connection between the findings and the policy recommendations. It involves expanding on the policy recommendations by outlining key actions that should be taken. Additionally, you should explain the expected outcomes of implementing these recommendations and how they can contribute to problem-solving. Identifying the necessary capacities and resources to implement the policy recommendations successfully is essential. Furthermore, it is crucial to assess the recommendations' feasibility and applicability within the Central Asian context.

List of references (no word limit)

At the end of the policy brief, including a comprehensive list of all sources utilized throughout the document is essential. Please use the APA referencing style for the citations.

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