



Strategy of Social Protection of the Population in Uzbekistan

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Abstract: *The article highlights the issues of social protection of the population in New Uzbekistan. The experience of building the information system "Unified Register of Social Protection" in Uzbekistan is being studied. And also, the stages in the action strategy and development strategy of New Uzbekistan are analyzed. In conclusion, recommendations are formulated for creating a unified form of managing the social protection of the population in the conditions of creating the foundations of the Third Renaissance in New Uzbekistan*

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Introduction

In his speech at the solemn ceremony dedicated to the thirty-first anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that “We have every reason to say one truth with confidence: today's Uzbekistan is not the Uzbekistan of yesterday. Our nation today is not the nation of yesterday”¹. With this, the head of our state showed that he has fully covered various areas of our country's development with the strategy of actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the achievements in these areas in 2017-2021 were assessed as the first strategic steps towards building a new Uzbekistan in the full sense. Indeed, in the middle of 2017-2021, social protection of the population and the creation of comfortable working conditions for the population in New Uzbekistan became one of the priority directions. Each task set in the strategy of the movement was aimed at increasing the social welfare of our people and radically improving the quality of the social protection system².

In the new development strategy of Uzbekistan, it was stated that it is extremely necessary to create a single form of management for social protection of the population in our country³. Therefore, the transformational processes taking place in modern societies require the change of historically formed socio-cultural norms and values in all spheres of human activity, the lifestyle,

¹Mirziyoyev Sh.M. National independence is the strong foundation of the new Uzbekistan.// “People's word”(Xalq so‘zi) September 1, 2022, No. 191 (8253)

²About the strategy of actions for further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan. <http://strategy.gov.uz/uz/lists/docview/14>

³Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. About the development strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026// People's word, February 1, 2022, No. 23 (8085).



daily life and work activities, and the further strengthening of the position and status of various groups and strata.

Today, for the first time in our country, the "Single Register of Social Protection" information system was created⁴. It is worth noting that with the widespread introduction of this system, the bureaucratic steps for the appointment and payment of social benefits were canceled. Due to the "Unified Register of Social Protection" information system, the state paid special attention to the important needs and demands of people from the needy strata of the population, taking into account the feelings of kindness and goodness characteristic of our people.

The single register is an automated information system that determines the needs of a family (citizen) without human intervention, assigns benefits, implements and controls payments, and keeps track of expenses. Social allowances are the payment of material assistance to low-income families with children up to 14 years of age, for raising a child until the child is two years old, and to low-income families. Currently, the creation of a separate database on women, youth and persons with disabilities in need of assistance in the "Social Protection Single Register" information system, including the integration of the "Iron Register", "Youth Register" and "Women's Register" with the "Social Protection Single Register" increased. Because in the near future, the program of providing food products and medicines for children up to 3 years old of low-income families will be accepted⁵.

2022-2026 years will be based on the results of the last five-year reforms. For this, we will focus on the works announced by the head of our state before the adoption of the decree "On the development strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026". First of all, we would like to point out that the necessary political-legal, social-economic and scientific-educational foundations for the establishment of the New Uzbekistan have been created in our country in order to determine the important tasks of the development strategy.

In September 2021, the book "New Strategy of Uzbekistan" by our honorable President Shavkat Mirziyoyev was published⁶. This book discusses the work being done to build the New Uzbekistan and the Third Renaissance and the national development strategy. This strategy also includes various areas of our country's development, and it was decided to build on the basis of the new principle of "man - society - state".

In the new trend, the strategy of social protection of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan is clearly shown from a theoretical point of view. This book consists of an introduction, 7 chapters and a conclusion. Importantly, our head of state called the fourth chapter of the book "Just social policy" and called on our people to always raise the bar and continue the reforms even faster⁷.

At the video selector meeting chaired by our head of state on January 26, 2022, the issues of determining the development strategy of Uzbekistan for 2022-2026 and its implementation this year

⁴ <https://kun.uz/news/2020/05/20/ozbekistonda-ijtimoiy-himoya-yagona-reyestri-axborot-tizimi-yaratildi#0>

⁵ A program of providing food products and medicines for children up to 3 years old from low-income families is accepted. <https://xs.uz/uzkr/70587> 04 January 2022 Society

⁶ Mirziyoyev Sh.M. New strategy of Uzbekistan. - T.: "Uzbekistan", 2021. - 464 p.

⁷ See: Mirziyoyev Sh.M. New strategy of Uzbekistan. - T.: "Uzbekistan", 2021. - 197-264 pages.



were discussed ⁸. Thus, it is planned to cover the development of our country in the next five years in the strategy of New Uzbekistan. According to the order, the strengthening of targeted social protection and material support of the population, the expansion of the scope of providing financial assistance to citizens in need of assistance and lonely elderly people, and the further implementation of its effectiveness have been started. In particular, the monthly compensation payment for single persons in need of education for social pension recipients - 45% of the basic amount of the pension calculation. Also, for persons who have reached the age of 100 and over, an additional payment to the amount of the pension has been established every month.

In addition to the above, our President signed the Decree on the "Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" and announced a document that serves as a solid foundation for the prosperity of our people and the future of our entire population ⁹. The tasks defined in this document, first of all, the noble idea "For the dignity of man" has been put into practice. It should be noted that 398 measures are planned to be implemented in the current year in 7 priority directions and 100 goals.

New in Uzbekistan In the implementation of the strategy of social protection of the population, the next step was the decree ¹⁰and decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures for material support of the population in need of social protection" ¹¹. They include ensuring the consistency of measures aimed at raising the standard of living of the population, providing social protection and material support to citizens, indexing their incomes according to the indexation level and ensuring that the amount of relevant social payments is not less than the amount of minimum consumption expenses, and providing social services to the population in terms of quality. implementation, creation of wide opportunities for social adaptation of persons with disabilities to society, and further support of family and other alternative forms of placement of orphans and children deprived of parental care.

At the same time, in order to implement reforms aimed at social protection of the population, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to provide appropriate support to the population in need of social protection" was also announced ¹². With this decision, the state will support the population in need of social protection, including low-income families with children, in a clearly targeted manner, increase their level of material well-being, ensure the protection of the interests of the elderly, as well as humaneness, kindness, generosity, and consistent measures. in order to continue, from the funds of the state budget, to the recipients of age-related, disability pensions and pensions of the population in need of social protection, to each

⁸Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. On the further improvement of the system of material support for categories of the population in need of social protection// People's word, January 29, 2022, No. 20-21 (8082-8083).

⁹Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. About the development strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026// People's word, February 1, 2022, No. 23 (8085).

¹⁰Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. About measures for material support of the population in need of social protection // People's word, April 30, 2022, No. 90 (8152).

¹¹Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. About measures for material support of the population in need of social protection // People's word, April 30, 2022, No. 90 (8152).

¹²Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. About additional measures to provide appropriate support to the population in need of social protection // People's speech, May 26, 2022, No. 108 (8170) .



family member receiving the child pension and the pension for the loss of a breadwinner, as well as to the recipients of the child-rearing allowance for children under the age of 18 who need to be raised by others, in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the regions - 300,000 soums, one-time financial assistance of 400,000 soums in Tashkent.

After that, within the framework of this direction, continuous reforms will be continued in the direction of improving the population protection system, increasing the amount of funds allocated from the State budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the field of social protection and attracting additional resources, expanding the coverage of social protection programs, and introducing additional mechanisms aimed at bringing families out of difficult life situations. For this purpose, the President's decree on approving the strategy of social protection of the population was adopted ¹³.

As a result, the following tasks were implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2022 within the framework of the strategy of social protection of the population. In particular, the adoption of a total of 10 normative legal documents in the first quarter of the current year in the direction of fair social policy and development of human capital became the legal basis for ensuring the implementation of clauses in the social sphere.

At the same time, the amount of measures taken to create new jobs in the country, increase the incomes of the population and thus reduce poverty, ensure safe, orderly and legal labor migration, and conduct an effective migration policy has also been extremely extensive. For example, in order to organize the organized sending of individual citizens to labor migration, to provide appropriate assistance in ensuring their rights during the implementation of temporary labor activities abroad, the "Road map" has been approved in the regions ¹⁴.

In this, it was decided to cover the expenses of 60,000 citizens who are going abroad for temporary work, and to cover the costs of life and health insurance policies of 20,000 citizens.

The parameters of the forecast for 2022 for allocating preferential macro-loans to 10,000 citizens who are going abroad for temporary work activities have been provided.

In order to increase the effectiveness of the fight against the pandemic, 616.1 thousand families, about 2.6 million of their members, about 2.6 million of their members, entered into the "iron book" to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and limit its negative impact on the economy and people's lives as much as possible. 588.5 thousand families were removed from the "iron book" by ensuring the employment of 691.4 thousand qualified but unemployed people.

In fact, 100,000 people were employed permanently in order to create a permanent source of income for the families included in this book. 34.5 thousand citizens started their business activities, and 22.7 thousand families were granted loans within the framework of family business development programs.

Our President repeatedly emphasizes the need to work not for quantity, but for quality in any field. It is not for nothing. Because quality is more important than quantity. In order to support people in families who have lost their breadwinner and need social assistance, a list of 16.1

¹³Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. On approval of the strategy of social protection of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan// People's word, July 26, 2022, No. 159 (8221).

¹⁴Khojaeva M., All reforms are for the sake of people// People's word, April 29, 2022, No. 89 (8551).



thousand needy families who have lost their breadwinner, 31.2 thousand families with disabilities and need social assistance, and 2.1 thousand families with disabilities who need to repair their homes have been formed. The houses of 1.7 thousand or 80.1 percent have been repaired ¹⁵.

In general, the rapid and effective measures taken under the strategy of social protection of the population in New Uzbekistan began to show their results. As a result of the active reforms carried out by the zeal of the head of state, the development of entrepreneurship and the start of local work, it was noted that the gross domestic product increased by 7.4% last year ¹⁶.

In short, each of the above-mentioned tasks and actions take into account the improvement of the social well-being of our people, the targeting of the social protection system, and the targeting of certain social strata and groups. Today, reforming the social protection system is a permanent issue so that the weak sections of society are protected from threats and shocks. Therefore, we should all be active in ensuring the timely and high-quality implementation of the tasks set in the state program, and we should approach it from the point of view of first of all, to satisfy the people, increase the value of human beings and build a people-friendly state through the further development of a free civil society and bring our country to the ranks of developed countries. suitable

¹⁵Khojaeva M., All reforms are for the sake of people// People's word, April 29, 2022, No. 89 (8551).

¹⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/xalqsuzi.uz/>