



# Promoting Gender Equality in Tajikistan



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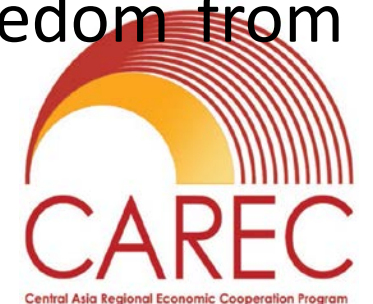
# Progress in Gender Equality

- 14 Working Groups have been established for better communication of government agencies, private sector, civil society and development partners, and implementation of the 2030 Tajikistan National Development Strategy, mid-term development programs and the Sustainable Development Goals, with Group 12 on “**Gender Equality**” to achieve SDG 5;
- The TAJ Government’s Resolution No 167 dd 30 April 2021 adopted the 2021-2030 National Strategy for Enhancing the Role of Women in Tajikistan, and the 2021-2025 Action Plan;
- The TAJ Government’s Resolution No. 204 dd 27 April 2022 adopted the 2023-2030 State Program of Education, Selection, and Executive Deployment of Talented Women and Girls, and the Action Plan.



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- The TAJ Government's Resolution No 131 dd 28 March 2022, No. 131 has increased the TAJ President's grants for women entrepreneurship from 2,000,000 (two mln) somoni to 2,500,000 (two mln five hundred thous) somoni in 2021-2025;
- The TAJ Government's Resolution No 1890 dd 19 July 2022 adopted the the Law "On Equality and Liquidation of All Forms of Discrimination", which defines the procedural and legal basis for equal rights and opportunities for all persons in Tajikistan, and establishes a legal system to effectively prevent and protect from all forms of discrimination.
- In May 2023, the Office of Human Rights Commissioner has established the unit for state protection of the right to equality and freedom from discrimination.



# HISTORY OF SUCCESS

- The TAJ Government's Resolution No 186 dd 24 May 2021 enabled implementation of the UN-EU initiative Spotlight, with active involvement of NGOs.



# CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Currently, the Agency on Statistics under the President, in collaboration with development partners within the framework of Spotlight Initiative, is implementing a Project to harmonize indicators, including on the relationship between the victim and the abuser, age, type of settlement, ethnicity, etc. It is planned to start providing harmonized statistics from 2024 and on;
- Establish the Interagency Council on Domestic Violence under the TAJ Government;
- Build the Juvenile Support Center for the victims of violence;
- Enhance regulatory framework on prevention of violence against women, and assistance to victims of violence.



# CURRENT ISSUES

- gender disparities in employment;
- insufficient gender indicators;
- inadequate gender statistics and lack of a unified database on all types of violence.



# FUTURE STRATEGIES

- enhance gender potential and gender sensitivity of employees across all government departments;
- introduce a gender budgeting system into the budget process;
- develop gender-related training materials to inform national policies and plans based on demographic data, and strengthen capacity of relevant institutions;
- draft amendments to regulatory documents for gender mainstreaming;
- activate mass media to shape public opinion in overcoming gender stereotypes, change attitudes and behavior towards violence against women and girls, early marriage and restrictions of children's rights.

# STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

CLOSE COOPERATION OF CENTRAL ASIAN WOMEN'S DIALOGUE TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY





**THANK YOU!**

