"Promoting Gender Equality in Turkmenistan"

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Progress in gender equality

Overview of major achievements

In order to ensure gender equality, in August 2015, the Law of Turkmenistan "On State guarantees for ensuring equal Rights and opportunities for Women was adopted

The country is implementing the "National Action Plan on Gender Equality in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025", which is a policy document aimed at ensuring conditions for equal participation of men and women in all spheres of society.

Success story/Best Practice

- In March-April 2020, together with the UNFPA office in Turkmenistan, a survey was conducted on the "Health and situation of women in the family in Turkmenistan".
- The sample survey "Women's health and status in the family in Turkmenistan" is the first national experience in collecting data and analyzing the problems of domestic violence against women based on a survey of women aged 18-59 years in all regions of the country.
- The survey has contributed to a deeper examination of the issues and causes of violence against women.



Challenges and future directions

• Challenges that remain

- One of the recommendations of the UN human rights treaty bodies is the development and adoption of a special law aimed at preventing domestic violence
- The country has general legislation aimed at preventing violence, including domestic violence.
- These are the relevant norms of the Criminal Code of Turkmenistan, the Code of Turkmenistan on Administrative Offenses, the Law of Turkmenistan "On State guarantees of ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and men".
- There is no special law on this important issue of gender equality in the country.

Strategies for the future

- To promote gender equality in Turkmenistan, along with the legal, economic and organizational measures implemented by the state, it is advisable to develop regional cooperation:
- To study the experience of special state structures dealing with the implementation of national gender policy;
- Exchange of experience in law-making on preventing gender-based violence.



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