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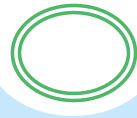
TOPIC: Gender equality and socio-political engagement of women: Case of Uzbekistan

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Policy frameworks and institutions for gender equality



The regulatory documents and practical interventions adopted in Uzbekistan are an important step towards implementing the national gender policy. They are fully compliant with international norms and regulatory standards and practices, while some of them are based on the UN recommendations on human rights.

- ❖ In September 2019, the laws were adopted “Guaranteeing equal rights and opportunities for women and men” and “Protecting women from harassment and violence”.
 - ❖ The National Program for promoting women in economic, political and social dimensions for 2022-2026 has been approved.
 - ❖ By his Decree, the President of Uzbekistan approved the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Action Plan implementing the National Program for promoting women in economic, political and social dimensions for 2022-2026.
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- Institutionalisation of gender equality: the Republican Commission was established by the decision of the Kengash Senate Oliy Majlis of March 4, 2022, to enhance the role of women in society, gender equality and family issues
 - The Senate Oliy Majlis has a Committee on Women and Gender Equality, which aligns national legislation with the international standards to ensure women's rights and eliminate any form of discrimination.
 - Last March, the State Committee on family and women was established, including its municipal offices in Karakalpakstan, provinces, City of Tashkent and its districts, to advance the state family and women related policy to a new level, address associated concerns, effectively guide and coordinate interventions of the authorized bodies
 - In Uzbekistan we have the Republican Rehabilitation and Adaptation Center for Women and its territorial and inter-district offices, Women Entrepreneurship Center, Family and Women Research Institute under the State Committee for Family Affairs.



• Outcomes of strategies and national programs for women's economic empowerment



- ✓ Resolution of the Senate Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan last May approved the National Program for promoting women in economic, political and social dimensions of the country.
- ✓ The Comprehensive Action Plan for implementing the Gender Equality Strategy identifies specific tasks aiming to widely engage women into entrepreneurship and income generation activities.
- ✓ This document provides for the following measures to support female entrepreneurship:
 - ✓ - increase subsidies to female start-upers from 7 million to 10 million soms;
 - ✓ - increase women-led businesses 40 %;
 - ✓ - provide women with concessional loans for up to 35 million soms for the construction of greenhouses to grow flowers and vegetables in small holdings, start an animal husbandry, poultry farming, fish farming and beekeeping, etc.
- ✓ The State Program for implementing the New Development Strategy of Uzbekistan, approved by the Decree of the President of Uzbekistan on January 1, in the year of honoring human dignity and active mahalla, will give a particular focus on women's entrepreneurship.
- ✓ In particular, free educational and practical courses will be organized to help women build business skills, concessional loans and leasing will be provided, businesses will be set up in the form of cooperatives, to engage more women.
- ✓ Tasks have been identified for allocating subsidies to educate women for a profession and assist them in starting a business, and implementing integrated entrepreneurship and self-employment activities for the unemployed women.
- ✓ To this end, the following activities were carried out in 2021,
 - ✓ - within the framework of Women Entrepreneurship Programs, 2 trillion soms were allocated through loans and subsidies for more than 200,000 projects, 320,000 women were offered permanent employment;
 - ✓ - 190,000 women attended job trainings;
 - ✓ - approx 900,000 women received socio-economic, medical, legal and psychological assistance as part of "Women's Register".



Highlights of implemented gender projects



- In accordance with the Government's research contracts, female scientists and researchers are running 82 R&D projects for the total annual amount of 45.4 billion soms (57 practical projects for 27.8 billion soms, 25 innovative projects for 16.9 billion soms).
- There are 696 women involved in ongoing R&D projects, creating new developments with high commercialization potential.
- 2,483 women pursue science and research in their post-graduate study, including:
 - - 1195 in basic doctoral studies;
 - - 83 in doctoral studies;
 - - 971 study for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), unassisted;
 - - 122 study for the Doctor of Science (DSc), unassisted;
 - - 122 do research during their internship.
- The State Statistics Committee introduced a new interpretation of their official website gender.stat.uz, for the consistent collection, processing and analysis of gender statistics.
- The Republican Commission for Gender Equality and Family launched the Gender Equality Leader project to enhance the role of women in society, to promote young people's liberal and leadership skills.
- Entrepreneurship Development Agency will provide credits to the non-state non-profit organizations for the total amount of \$ US 2 million at a rate of 4 percent per annum for 5 years, including 1 year grace period, for the implementation of multidimensional policy-based projects.
- In 5 years, 40,000 people, primarily youth and women, will be trained in entrepreneurship, with 120 billion soms of loanable funds be provided for them.