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## STRATEGY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION OF THE POPULATION

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### ABSTRACT

The article describes the consistent continuation and further improvement of systemic reforms in the field of social protection in the Republic of Uzbekistan, ensuring the rights of the population to receive social protection, the effective activities of the state in providing social assistance and services.

### **KEYWORDS**

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Population, social protection, social protection of the population, strategy of social protection of the population, material support of youth, main directions of social protection, social security, social activity.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Social protection of the population in Uzbekistan has become one of the invariable priorities from the first days of independence and has gained great importance at all stages of reforms. Since 1991, a legal environment for social protection has been created in the country, and its legal framework has been laid. The principles of social protection are guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan and reflected in the adopted laws. A powerful policy of social protection was carried out by the state when creating a socially oriented market economy in the country. Especially in recent years, significant results have been achieved in a number of areas, such as ensuring the rule of law, solving social problems that torment the population, ensuring openness and transparency, strengthening freedom of speech through the introduction of new mechanisms in the process of working with public appeals.

In this place President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev "Our largescale work to ensure the interests of the individual, provide financial support to the population, especially young people, obtain information about their condition, care for them, and increase attention to (ISSN - 2771-2222) VOLUME 03 ISSUE 03 Pages: 06-10 SJIF IMPACT FACTOR (2021: 5. 705) (2022: 5. 705) (2023: 6. 713) OCLC - 1121105677

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them is becoming increasingly relevant today. All our achievements are the first results on the way to the construction of New Uzbekistan, a land where human value is great. We will continue such good work together with our creative people and will definitely achieve the great goals that we have set for ourselves," their opinions are of urgent importance.

To date, social protection policy has risen to a higher level as a result of ongoing reforms. Also Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-6208 dated April 20, 2021 "On additional measures to support entrepreneurship and youth employment, its social protection and meaningful organization of free time", Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Kam On measures to provide material support to wealthy families and further expansion of the fight against poverty" Decree No. PF-6277 dated August 11, 2021 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On additional measures to provide material support to the population in need of social protection" 2022 Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated April 29 "On approval Strategies for the social protection of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan "ide" Resolution of April 29, 2022, as well as Resolution No. 327 of May 23, 2020 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On approval of certain administrative regulations for the provision of public services in the field of social protection of the population", "Measures for further improving the system of social protection of the population "- on measures" dated October 21, 2021 No. 654 documents on bringing the provision of social services to the population to a new level in terms of quality, creating ample opportunities for the social adaptation of disabled people in society, placing orphans and children deprived parental care, family care and other further support of alternative forms by the state, ensuring systematic measures aimed at

improving the living standards of the population, social protection and material support of citizens, indexing their income depending on the level of inflation and the minimum amount of relevant social payments. Particular attention is paid to to ensure that consumer spending is not less than the cost.

Social protection in a broad sense defines a set of legal, economic, social measures that ensure social and material protection of the country's population and that have developed in society. Also, the care of the state and society for citizens who need help and assistance due to age, health, social status, lack of livelihood, the elimination of sharp differences in education, culture, professional qualifications, incomes of the population, living standards worthy of a person by society, and is to promote human development.

Main directions of social protection:

ensuring free socio-economic activity;

employment, choice of profession, study and education;

- income guarantee;
- every citizen has income from his economic activity;
- protection of consumer rights, consumer societies;
- ensuring the quality of goods and services, guaranteeing consumption;
- provision of medical services to the population; the social security system and the provision of pensions, benefits and various benefits to lowincome and low-income strata of the population.

Who needs social protection now? Who is the "protected class" of the population? - the question arises.

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The coverage of the strata in need of social protection is extremely wide, if you give an answer to this question. For example, children from orphanages, including "social orphans", whose parents are the children of people whose parents did not return home due to labor migration. Disabled people left alone with their incurable disease. Teenagers who got lost and broke the law. An elderly person without a guardian at home. Former prisoners without social rehabilitation. Patients with cancer and other serious diseases. Dysfunctional families and victims of domestic violence, etc. It seems that some need temporary help and some need long-term help. Therefore, it is necessary to develop systemic measures that allow targeted problem solving.

Now, if we think about the solution, based on world experience, social protection is built on two pillars social security and social activity.

1. The social security system includes various programs of payments in the form of funds financed by the state and allocated by the Pension Fund.

2. The system of social work is a professional activity aimed at helping people overcome their personal and social difficulties through support, protection, correction and rehabilitation.

Consistent measures are being taken in our country to further improve the targeting of social services and assistance provided to the population, the procedures for social protection of the population are being gradually digitized. In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On additional measures to automate the procedures for the provision of state social services and assistance to the population" dated August 4, 2020, a child allowance and material assistance to low-income families will be fully "Social" implemented through the information system of the unified register of protection.

The main objectives of the implementation of the information system "Unified Register of Social Protection" were defined as follows:

- radically reduce the number of certificates and supporting documents required for the provision of state social services and assistance, by automating the process of mutual exchange of documents through the use of interdepartmental electronic interaction;

- exclude a subjective approach to decision-making by automating the processes of providing state social services and assistance, an objective assessment of the level of need of low-income families, as well as projects in such areas as entrepreneurship, architecture, crafts, represented by citizens who have served a sentence of imprisonment;

- monitoring and analysis of the dynamics of changes in the composition of the low-income category of the population, improving the criteria for their assessment, taking into account the socio-economic development of the republic and regions;

- formation of a constantly updated single database of state social services and recipients of social assistance;

- provide information to the relevant ministries, departments and organizations for the provision of services on a gratuitous or preferential basis in the performance of the tasks and functions assigned to them.

Based on the goals set in the development strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026, and in order to consistently continue and further improve systemic reforms in the field of social protection, ensure the rights of the population to receive social protection,



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create an effective interdepartmental coordination system in the provision of state social assistance and Services, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Uzbekistan Decree No. PF-175 dated July 25, 2022 "On Approval of the Strategy for Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan". According to the decree, the social protection strategy implemented in the country covers four areas:

1. Social services - services and support are provided depending on the individual circumstances of families. This is the reduction of social services to the district level. Women activists will be trained to work with families in need and their activities will begin.

2. Social insurance system - the procedure for paying women benefits for pregnancy and childbirth will change. A social insurance fund is formed and funds from the state budget are allocated to it.

3. Social assistance - the procedure for paying child benefits will change. It is planned to establish a system for the payment of child benefits paid to low-income families through the conclusion of a social contract.

4. Employment support - vocational training will be expanded, employment subsidies will be paid through a social contract. In this direction, the main goal is to provide the population with a permanent source of income. Currently, some persons applying to the labor authorities are involved in paid public works. But this is a temporary measure and after a certain period of time a person participating in public works will again be unemployed.

Vocational training will be expanded to eliminate such situations. That is, if the unemployed has a certain profession, it will be easier for him to get a job. Once employed, a person's need is eliminated and this approach is long-term, not temporary. The social protection strategy provides for the creation of a system to guarantee a minimum level of social protection for citizens.

Based on the foregoing, it is appropriate to make the following suggestions:

- Taking into account the current budgetary possibilities in the field of social protection, it is recommended to develop a national integrated strategy for social protection and combine all its functions within a single state coordination mechanism.
- It is necessary to create a unified structure of social protection.
- It is necessary to solve the problem of inconsistency and fragmentation in the activities of ministries and departments that are entrusted with the functions of social protection.
- establishment of unified control over the observance of professional standards by social workers,

- It is necessary to develop a roadmap for proposed social protection reforms to consolidate social protection functions in a single office that will be able to proactively evaluate results through specific indicators for evaluating reforms.

Therefore, the Strategy for Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Uzbekistan defines priority areas and comprehensive measures for the development of the system of social protection of the population until 2030, and the implementation of its Roadmap will ensure the achievement of the set goals.

Thus, the social protection of the population in the Republic of Uzbekistan is a continuous process and is continuously carried out as a result of reforms. The country is implementing comprehensive measures

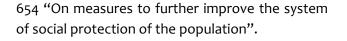


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aimed at introducing and strengthening new procedures for social protection of the population.

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