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HUMANITARIAN POLICY OF UZBEKISTAN IN PROVIDING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLE

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ABSTRACT

When a person is born, he wants to live a happy and prosperous life. It is no secret that our people have suffered many hardships during the long period of oppression, deprived of many rights and freedoms. During the years of independence, strong social protection of the population has become a top priority of public policy. During the past period of independence in the country, social protection of the population was carried out mainly in three directions. The sole purpose of all reforms in the Republic of Uzbekistan was to create a normal lifestyle for citizens, to provide continuous economic support to the poor and needy.

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INTRODUCTION

When a person is born, he wants to live a happy and prosperous life. It is no secret that our people have suffered many hardships during the long period of oppression, deprived of many rights and freedoms.

Therefore, after gaining independence, first of all, special attention was paid to ensuring the welfare of our people.

During the years of independence, strong social protection of the population has become a top priority of public policy. The only goal of all the reforms implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan over the past years has been to create a normal lifestyle for citizens, to provide continuous economic support to the poor and needy. "Before the introduction of market mechanisms," said Islam Karimov in his 1992 book "Uzbekistan's own path to independence and development," social protection measures must be taken. A state is considered humane only if it can protect its population. The state should provide timely assistance to people, especially those in need, the socially vulnerable, orphans, children, students, pensioners and the disabled, single mothers, large families and low-income families "[1, p. 41].

It is known that the policy of social protection has been declared a priority of state policy since the early days of independence. The purpose of this direction is, first of all, the interests of man, his full satisfaction. Strong social policy, regulation of relations in the social sphere, full expression of the human factor, creation of decent living conditions for the population have become a strategic task of the country's leadership. The social protection of the poor, the needy, the disabled, pensioners, the lonely elderly, and the material and moral support of women with young children have undoubtedly shown their results.

During the past period of independence in the country, social protection of the population was carried out mainly in three directions. First of all, there was the liberalization of prices, the devaluation of property. Under these conditions, the minimum and average levels of income of the population have been steadily increasing. Second, the measures taken to protect the domestic consumer market, to maintain a certain level of consumption of basic types of food and non-food products, provided social protection to the population. Third, measures have been taken to provide social protection to pensioners, the disabled, the needy, large families and low-income families, the unemployed.

In particular, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev continues this work, paying special attention to social protection and employment. Speaking about the urgency of the work on social protection, the President said, "The most important socio-economic task is to implement the program to increase employment, approved by the chambers of the Oliy Majlis. We need to create more than a million new jobs by the end of the year.

The issue of employment of 480,000 graduates of professional colleges requires special control. [2].

The positive work carried out in Uzbekistan under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has quickly shown its results and led to an increase in public confidence in the future. Speaking about the positive achievements in the field of social protection of the

population under the state program for 2016, the President said, "As part of the program, about 9 million women of childbearing age and about 10 million children have undergone medical examinations and rehabilitation.

In particular, cochlear implantation operations were performed at more than 350 children with hearing impairments at the Republican Specialized Pediatric Research and Practice Medical Center. 21 billion soums were spent for this purpose. But what matters to us is not how much money is spent, but the health of hundreds of our children.

Among such activities, 700,000 children were vaccinated against pneumococcal infection and other infectious diseases.

Within the framework of the program, great work has been done to create the necessary conditions for our women, to build modern housing and social infrastructure in rural areas on the basis of standard projects.

At the same time, \$ 100 million has been attracted with foreign investment to provide rural areas with drinking water and modernize water networks in districts and cities. "[3]

The announcement of 2017 in our country as the "Year of dialogue with the people and the interests of man" also has great significance. "The main goal of these reforms is to ensure a decent standard of living and quality of life for the population. The main priority is to consistently implement the noble idea that "human interests take precedence over everything else."

Today, the main goal of our life, which is reflected in our Constitution, is to ensure the full protection of human interests. In order to ensure the interests of the people, first of all, it is necessary to communicate with people, with the people, to know their worries, dreams, problems and needs. The people should serve our people, not government agencies, and this fact should be well understood by leaders at all levels. "[4]

The fourth direction of the "Strategy of actions on five priorities of development of Uzbekistan for 2017-2021" [5], adopted on February 7, 2017, is called "Priorities for the development of the social sphere", which includes increasing real incomes and purchasing power, low-income families. further reduction of the number and level of income inequality of the population;

creation of new jobs and employment of the population, first of all, graduates of secondary special and higher educational institutions, ensuring balanced development of the labor market infrastructure, reducing unemployment;

Improving the social protection and health care system, increasing the socio-political activity of women;

Provision of compulsory social guarantees to the population, strengthening social protection of the needy and state support of the elderly and people with disabilities, improving social services, development of public-private partnership in the provision of social services to the population;

Increasing the socio-political activity of women, strengthening their role in government and society, ensuring the employment of women, graduates of professional colleges, their broad involvement in entrepreneurial activities, further strengthening the family base;

further development and improvement of the system of medical and social assistance to pensioners, the disabled, lonely elderly and other needy groups of the population to ensure their full life;

The President also noted that the living conditions of the population, especially young families, citizens living in dilapidated houses and other citizens in need of housing, should be improved through the provision of mortgage loans on favorable terms and the construction of affordable housing in urban and rural areas. is an example of humanity and devotion to the field.

Regarding the work done in 2017 "Year of dialogue with the people and the interests of man", the President said, "During 2017, the issue of creating new jobs, which is very important for us, was in the center of our attention. In 2017, more than 336,000 new jobs were created due to the construction of new industrial enterprises, commissioning of service facilities, development of small business and private entrepreneurship.

It is obvious that we have given priority to employment, so we need to pay special attention not only to quantity but also to quality.

The implementation of the adopted programs on reforming the social sphere, which is a very important direction of state policy in Uzbekistan, is gradually being ensured. It is known that the housing problem has long plagued our population, especially public sector workers, low-income families. There is a fact that we have almost ignored this serious social problem. Taking into account the needs and desires of our people, this year we have launched a project to build affordable housing on the basis of soft mortgage loans.

In total, more than 3.5 million square meters of standard houses and multi-storey houses have been built in our cities and villages. If we compare this figure with previous years, we can see that 20 times more houses were built than in 2007, 3.5 times more than in 2010, when the standard housing program was launched, and 2 times more than in 2014. It is worth noting that for the first time in the last 25 years, we have begun to build affordable, multi-storey housing for the population. In 2017 alone, more than 800,000 square meters of such housing were built and commissioned. In Tashkent alone, 420,000 square meters of multi-storey housing have been commissioned this year. This is almost three times more than last year. "[6] The mahalla is a social institution that reflects the character, lifestyle and content of the Uzbek people, and usually unites, organizes, directs and encourages the nation to act on a community basis.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev "On radical improvement of activities in the field of support of women and strengthening the institution of the family" from April 1, 2018 instead of advisers on religious enlightenment and spiritual and moral education In 2000 and more civic gatherings, the position of a specialist in working with women and strengthening the spiritual and moral values in families was introduced. At the same time, the fact that the service houses of the mahalla supervisors are located in the mahalla and they are given a car at a discount is an example of the great attention paid to the mahalla.

Speaking about further strengthening social protection, the President said, "Economic development and social protection are inextricably linked concepts and cannot be imagined in

isolation. Improving the living conditions of the population, providing them with decent housing, improving the welfare of our people will always be in the center of our attention. "[7]

In 2019, it can be observed that the following tasks have been implemented for the further development of the social sphere.

- The procedure for full payment of pensions to working pensioners has been introduced. The amount of benefits for people in need and in need of social assistance has been doubled.

- Last year, 634 private medical institutions were established due to the increase in the number of medical activities from 50 to 126 and the provision of a number of benefits.

“Large-scale construction and beautification works have been carried out in 479 villages and auls, 116 urban mahallas within the framework of the “Obod Qishloq” and “Obod Mahalla” programs.

- 6.1 trillion soums or 1.5 trillion soums more than in 2018 were spent on this.

- 17,100 houses were built in rural areas, 17,600 in cities, a total of 34,700, or almost 3 times more than in 2016.

- More than 116 billion soums were paid to 5,000 low-income families in need of improved housing, including women with disabilities, to purchase affordable housing on the basis of mortgage loans.

The reforms we are carrying out are being praised by the world community.

In particular, one of the world's leading publications - "Economist" magazine recognized Uzbekistan as the country with the most rapid reforms in 2019 - "Country of the Year".

Touching upon the positive work to be done in 2020, the President said, “In 2020, 5.5 thousand women will be provided with soft loans worth 100 billion soums for small business projects. To do this, we allocate resources to banks from the state budget.

In addition, 1,576 women will receive an initial payment from the budget to acquire new housing.

The training of our sisters in need of social protection in Women's Entrepreneurship Centers will be organized in short training courses within the framework of 5 important initiatives”[8].

We all need to understand one thing in depth: such priorities that we have set ourselves are very complex and truly huge goals.

At the same time, over time, the world is changing, and the demands of our people for a better life are growing. Now we cannot please our people with yesterday's result.

Today, every day requires research and innovation. Only by working on the basis of such requirements can the life of our people be changed for the better. Our President is also showing humanity and dedication to reducing poverty in Uzbekistan.

In 2020, \$ 700 million in poverty reduction programs will be implemented. This was stated by President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his speech at the celebration of International Women's Day.

Poverty reduction has been identified as a priority in Uzbekistan, and we have begun to implement large-scale measures in this direction. We need to clearly understand one fact - to reduce poverty, we must first reduce unemployment. First of all, it is necessary to train the population in modern professions, increase their economic and financial literacy, inspire people, especially women, to entrepreneurship, - said the President. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on March 26, 2020 approved Decree No. PF-5975 on measures to radically update the state policy on economic development and poverty reduction. According to the decree, 100 billion soums will be allocated to the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in 2020 to finance measures to reduce poverty.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

On April 20, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a video conference on ensuring the full operation of enterprises in industry, construction and infrastructure.

It was noted that families who are temporarily unemployed and in need of assistance should be identified and the scope of providing them with food and medicine on a targeted basis should be further expanded. It is natural that during the current pandemic, the number of unemployed, the population in need of assistance and support will increase. Along with the fight against the disease, various countries are doing everything possible to save jobs and prevent a sharp economic downturn. put forward an initiative to set up the movement.

- In the coming days, the holy month of Ramadan will come. Helping needy and needy families this month is both a debt and an obligation. Therefore, in this holy month, every entrepreneur should actively support the population in need of social protection, especially their neighbors, - said the head of state.

As a result, donations and donations during Ramadan will be targeted, and funds for iftars and food will be directed to the poor. Depending on the opportunity, one entrepreneur can help, for example, 10 families a month, and another 20 families, and most importantly, hire members of needy families. As part of charitable activities, charitable assistance is provided to lonely elderly people, people with disabilities and the unemployed, people who have lost their regular income due to quarantine, and low-income families.

A video conference chaired by Shavkat Mirziyoyev was held on May 13, 2020 on the issues of mitigating the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic on living standards and sectors of the economy. The meeting also paid special attention to the issue of social protection. "Tasks have been set to ensure the rights of employees of quarantined institutions, quarantined citizens and their caregivers, to increase the number of social pensioners by at least 10 percent or 60,000. Parents caring for their quarantined children are paid a temporary incapacity benefit. At a time of declining economic activity, the issue of employment requires special attention. Therefore, an additional 200 billion soums will be allocated from the Anti-Crisis Fund to the Public Works Fund." [9]

A video conference was held on July 8, 2020 under the chairmanship of Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The meeting focused on the work being done to reduce poverty. The head of state noted the need to "employ at least 257,000 needy families, provide loans to 37,000 households in the framework of family business" [10]. In 2021, the comprehensive work on comprehensive social protection

and poverty reduction will be continued. At the solemn ceremony dedicated to the 30th anniversary of state independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan on August 31, 2021, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his speech "Independence of our country is a source of strength and inspiration for us, the basis of development and prosperity." has ushered in a new era of Uzbekistan."

At a meeting with voters in Surkhandarya on October 8, 2021, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev acknowledged that "the state will allocate 50 trillion soums for economic and social development of Surkhandarya region in the next five years" [11].

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, it should be noted that the humanitarian policy of Uzbekistan to ensure the well-being of our people serves for the well-being and happiness of our people.

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