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THE STATE POLICY ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IS IN PLACE

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Annotation: In this article, an attempt was made to highlight the opportunities created for persons with disabilities in Uzbekistan, the protection of their rights and legal interests by the state, the implementation of practical tasks and problems in this regard.

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Today, 15% of the world's population or about 1 billion people have a disability. 2 or 3 percent of this indicator can be noted among the population of Uzbekistan. According to the World Bank research, in 2022, 845,300 people or 2.3% of the total population were officially recognized as persons with disabilities in Uzbekistan.[1] The majority of persons with disabilities live in rural areas: 532,000 in rural areas, and 313,300 in urban areas. The highest rate in this regard is observed in Navoi (3.6 percent) and Syrdarya regions (3.1 percent) and in the Republic of Karakalpakstan (2.9 percent). There are 142,300 children with disabilities under the age of 18 and 396,700 persons with disabilities who have not reached the retirement age in Uzbekistan. The number of disabled men (475,800) is more than women (369,500).

Attention to persons with disabilities has increased not only in Uzbekistan, but throughout the world. This is the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This Convention was adopted on December 13, 2006 and entered into force on May 3, 2008. As of 2021, 183 of the 192 UN member states have ratified this Convention. In Uzbekistan, on December 18, 1991, based on the Decision No. 18 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Society of the Disabled was established. Its Charter was registered with the decision of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 21, 2014 No. 514p "On the organization of the activities of the Society of Disabled Persons of Uzbekistan". Today, about 600 non-governmental non-profit organizations are operating in the field of disability in our country. Among them: Society of Disabled People of Uzbekistan; Public Fund for Disabled Persons of Uzbekistan; National Association of Disabled Businesswomen of Uzbekistan; Center for disabled youth and children; "Umr" community center for helping paralyzed children and teenagers in Uzbekistan; "Inclusive Life" public association of people with disabilities; Society of the Blind of Uzbekistan; There are people like the Deaf Society of Uzbekistan.

The main goal of the society's activities is to create equal opportunities for members of society, disabled people, to help them actively participate in social life, to attract valuable energy to work, to help solve household issues, and to protect their rights. "Involving people with disabilities in all spheres of our social life is a priority", his words confirm that the protection of the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities is under the protection of the state.

On June 28, 2021, a ceremony was held in Tashkent dedicated to the entry into force of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for the Republic of Uzbekistan. It was organized together with the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights and OSCE representatives in Uzbekistan. This project helps to protect, support and rehabilitate the rights and interests of persons with disabilities.

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Article 45 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan stipulates that "the rights of minors incapable of work and lonely elderly are under the protection of the state" [2]. The inclusion of articles aimed at protecting the rights and freedoms of the population in need of social protection in the new version of the Constitution serves as a stronger foundation for the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. Consequently, the rights of persons with disabilities in our country are determined by law, and their equal use of social, economic, and cultural rights is included in the main structure of the Law "On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". While protecting them, condemning the damage to their reputation and discrimination, their involvement in the life of the society and the state is also provided for in the above law.

In our country, a lot of attention is paid to the needy part of the population, lonely old people, pensioners, disabled people. In particular, the declaration of December 3 as "International Day of Disabled People" in our country is a confirmation of the current work. In order to provide socioeconomic assistance to people with disabilities, to support them, and to improve the health of disabled children, with the initiative of the Ministry of Health, "For a Healthy Generation" fund, with the involvement of foreign partners. Free treatment of children with complex surgery is being carried out. In particular, in accordance with the decision of the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov in 2006 "On social protection of the elderly, disabled and pensioners in 2007-2010 and measures to further strengthen social services for them" [3] Free delivery of medicines to "Sakhavat" and "Muruvat" houses was ensured. Also, according to the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev dated August 1, 2017 No. PF-5006 aimed at "Fundamental improvement of the state support system for persons with disabilities", early detection of disability and practical tasks of providing medical and social assistance to persons with preventable disabilities, training them for a profession, employment and in-depth and comprehensive study of their condition. In our country, a number of measures are being implemented to protect the health of mothers and children, prevent the birth of disabled children, and strengthen the reproductive health of the population. is being conducted. In particular, in 2020, the Law "On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities", on December 21, 2021, "On comprehensive support of persons with disabilities, assistance to their employment and further increasing their social activity" "On additional measures", on February 27, 2023, Presidential decisions "On additional measures to improve the system of support for persons with disabilities" were adopted. Today, a wide range of activities are being carried out in our country on the basis of the state decisions and decrees adopted above. First of all, legal protection of persons with disabilities is provided. These are manifested in:

- 1. The main principles of ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities have been determined by law. According to the law, the activity of medical and social expert commissions was further improved.[4]
- 2. From April 1, 2022, the same amount of 622,000 soms of allowance was assigned to disabled persons regardless of the period of time. An allowance of 500,000 soums is being introduced for parents who take care of children with disabilities under the age of 18 in an amount not less than the minimum consumption expenses. An additional 81 billion soums were allocated for the implementation of this measure in 2022. 157 billion soums have been allocated from the state budget for mothers taking care of children. They are able to show themselves in fields such as art, science, culture and sports.
- 3. According to the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted on November 17, 2023, the disability allowance paid to disabled children under 18 years of age and citizens unable to work was set at 800,000 soums per month.

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4. Starting in 2022, up to 20 people are selected annually

talented young people with disabilities are provided with education in leading foreign higher education institutions, including online courses. Persons with disabilities are admitted to higher education institutions on the basis of additional state grant quotas.[6]

- 5. Bringing the education of blind and visually impaired people to a qualitatively new level, as well as books, magazines and other printed materials for people with disabilities (text, sheet music, illustrative materials, Braille books and audiobooks) database has been expanded.
- 6. The property owned by disabled people and war participants, as well as persons equal to them, whose scope is determined by legislation, was exempted from taxation.[7]
 - 7. "Sakhavat" and "Muruvat" boarding houses from April 1, 2021
- and 1.5 times the monthly post salary of managers and doctors of the republican boarding house for war and labor veterans, 2 times the monthly post salary of middle and junior medical staff; all other employees by 1.2 times the monthly position salary; The monthly salary of the employees of the central office of the Agency is 1.5 times, and the monthly salary of the employees of its regional departments and district (city) departments and the central office of the Republic Medical and Social Expertise Inspection and its regional commissions is 1.2 times; The minimum monthly pension paid to single pensioners living in a boarding house for personal expenses has been increased from 10% to 20%.[8]
- 8. In particular, in the last four years, construction and reconstruction works worth 267.2 billion soums were completed in 27 medical and social institutions, and 1,327 beds that meet modern requirements were put into use. The number of elderly and disabled persons treated in sanatoriums has increased by 20% to 43,000. The number of basic food, food and hygiene items provided free of charge to lonely elderly and disabled persons in need of care has increased from 15 to 19. was increased, the list of prosthetics and orthopedics and rehabilitation technical equipment provided free of charge to persons with disabilities was increased from 22 to 27 types, measures of medical and social rehabilitation and psychological support were provided to citizens.
- 9. A part of the costs of buying a plot of land through an auction of persons with disabilities will be reimbursed. According to the regulation, a one-time payment of up to 100 times the BHM (up to 30 million soums) was allocated, regardless of the number of persons with disabilities in the family, based on the costs of buying a plot of land through an auction.[9]
- 10. During 2022, as an experiment, "Opportunities Center", i.e., vocational training centers for persons with disabilities, were established in the cities of Nukus and Tashkent and from 2023 in the remaining regions.[10]
- 11. The procedure for granting subsidies to those who employ persons with disabilities has been established. According to the regulation, employers who hire persons with disabilities will be given a subsidy in the amount of 1.5 times BHM (405 thousand soums) for each employee.[11]
- 12. Tutor expenses of the disabled will be reimbursed. disabled young people are given a subsidy of up to 50 times the BHM (up to 15 million soums) to teach professions, programming, general education subjects and foreign languages in non-state educational organizations, and, if necessary, to cover living and transportation expenses. It was decided to apply to the center.

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However, even today, along with the conditions created for them, there are also some problems. A number of problems are encountered in the field of social services in the field of disabled people. For example, despite the fact that there are 70,000 disabled people and 300,000 elderly people in Tashkent, 85% of the buildings and social infrastructure are not adapted for their use. Also, development of inclusive education, education for children with special educational needs - to improve the education system, to create a new generation of special textbooks and teaching aids based on the world experience, to provide information on the admission procedure intended for applicants to higher education, in a convenient format for persons with disabilities ', in which methods such as showing the videos with surtotranslation or subtitles should be used.

In conclusion, it is emphasized that the strengthening of the guarantees of human rights, including the rights of persons with disabilities, inclusive development, the introduction of effective mechanisms to ensure that all layers of the population have equal rights and opportunities, the participation of persons with disabilities in all spheres of public life Today, all necessary conditions are being created in our country for their participation.

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