

Effectiveness of Opportunities Provided to Youth in Surkhandarya Region in 2016-2022

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Abstract: This research study analyzed the opportunities provided to young people in Surkhandarya region in 2016-2022 and the effectiveness of their results. The opportunities provided to young people, including reforms in areas such as education, vocational training, employment, and social assistance, and their impact on the development of the region were studied. The study analyzed the role of young people in society, the conditions created for them, and how these opportunities affected their personal and social development. It also considered recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the opportunities provided to young people, future development strategies, and ways to improve regional governance.

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From the very first days of independence, child rearing began to be given great importance in Uzbekistan, as a means of social protection for the population, especially in solving the problems of youth. As our first President I.A. Karimov noted, "The issues of working with youth require special attention. We must always remember that the future of the Republic of Uzbekistan depends on how our young generation is educated, what spiritual qualities it will grow up with, how actively our children will approach life, and what lofty goals they will serve. How our work today will be evaluated also depends on this. We must always care for the harmonious spiritual world of our children, for their spiritual and moral maturity, and physical health. Therefore, the fact that the level of crime among minors remains high and that young people make up a significant part of the registered unemployed does not stop us from worrying."¹ It would not be wrong to say that working with youth has become one of the top priorities of state policy in the post-independence period. Among them, one of the most urgent tasks was to educate them, raise them as qualified specialists, and educate them in the spirit of love for the homeland. This made the issue of children's rights and freedoms one of the most priority issues not only in our country, but also throughout the world.

To date, 2 national reports have been submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the work being done in the Republic of Uzbekistan to implement the requirements of this convention. Based on the results of considering the national reports, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child developed final observations, which indicated areas requiring attention from the state and made recommendations for further improving the system for ensuring their rights. This action plan paid special attention to the issues of improving legislation in the field of

implementing children's rights. In order to implement the final comments and recommendations of the UN Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan developed a National Action Program and adopted more than 15 regulatory legal acts. A perfect system for protecting children has been created in Uzbekistan.

In this regard, in 2016-2018, state programs and laws on youth issues were developed in Surkhandarya region. The Law on State Policy on Youth was adopted on August 12, 2016, approved on August 24, 2016. The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated July 5, 2017, No. PF-5106 "On increasing the effectiveness of state policy on youth and supporting the activities of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan" is also among the important issues. The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 8, 2017, No. PF-4947 "On the Strategy of Actions for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan". The above-mentioned laws and decrees are aimed at protecting the rights of young people in the country and creating broad opportunities for them. A round table discussion on the topic "Brave Men Protect the Motherland" was held at the Termez College of Information Technologies and Home Service, dedicated to the 24th anniversary of the formation of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Opening the event, the director of the college, deputy of the regional Council of People's Deputies Ural Toshboev, emphasized that in the past few years, great reforms have been carried out to improve our Armed Forces into a professional army, replenish them with modern weapons and qualified specialists, and this process is still ongoing. After that, the deputy commander of the military unit, Major U. Urazmetov, spoke about the fact that these days, young people who are ready to fulfill their youthful duty, both physically and spiritually mature, are being called up for the next service, and about the conditions created for military personnel in the regions, and answered the questions of interest to the students. Retired Lieutenant Colonel B. Alimardonov and Private Kh. Bakhtiyorov congratulated everyone on the holiday and noted the great role of educational institutions in raising young people as patriots. Terdu student Sardor Alimov, activist of the youth social movement "Kamolot", winner of the "Shukhrat" medal Nafosat Kurbanova spoke with pride about their achievements, the care and attention shown to the youth of our region. In the evening of the same day, a gala concert was held at the "Surkhon" sports complex. Before the concert, the regional governor T. Mamaramov once again congratulated the participants of the festival and emphasized the great importance of this festival in the lives of young people. At the gala concert, young people heard the heartfelt words of famous actors, People's Artist of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Ikhtiyorov, People's Artist of Uzbekistan Mirza Azizov, Honored Artists of Uzbekistan Saida Rametova, Sayyora Yunusova, Gavhar Zakirova. Also, young people enjoyed the songs of famous artists of the country, People's Artist of Uzbekistan Makhmud Namozov, Gulsanam, Mamazoitova, folk poet Uktam Ahmedov, pop singers Shoira Otabeko, Sardor Mamadaliev, Nargiza Azimova. The artists danced around the square, and young people joined them in dancing. It should also be noted that at the end of the festival concert, a special festival song called "We are the children of a great country!" written by the People's Poet of Uzbekistan Iqbol Mirzo was performed for the first time by the famous singer Gulsanam Mamazoitova. Another unforgettable event at the festival was that after the gala concert, our region was presented with various models of domestically produced cars as a gift from the President. On March 26, the regional "Youth Center" was again crowded with festival participants and representatives of the younger generation of our country. On this day, artists performed in front of the youth, expressing their heartfelt words and delighting their hearts with songs and dances. Honored Artists of Uzbekistan Shokhida Ismoilova, Gavhar Zakirova, and Mekhrinoy Abbosova, laureate of the Zulfiya State Prize, demonstrated their skills to the youth. The performance "Unwavering Heart" staged by young students from Karakalpakstan also made a great impression on the audience. In 2016-2022, great work was done in our country regarding youth, first of all, the social, legal and political foundations of reforms commensurate with new stages of development were created. In particular: a) a legal framework appropriate to modern development and conditions has been created; b) the youth issue has literally been elevated to the level of state policy; c) a targeted and

targeted approach has been introduced to realizing the interests and needs of young people (for example, the "Youth Book", benefits for women, etc.); d) the vertical system of working with young people has been improved (from the neighborhood to the republican level). Also, the victory of the "Neftchi" (Zharkurgan) football club (team manager U. Annamatov) in the "Regional Governor's Cup" tournament held in Karshi from January 24 to February 4, 2017 was one of the results of the opportunities created for young people. The tasks of forming a team that will prepare worthy players for "Surkhon" and the national teams of our country have been set. In connection with the retirement of the first vice-president of the regional football federation, E. Turdimov, the regional khokim nominated Najmiddin Melikulov, the coach of the Sariosiy district children's and youth sports school, for the position of first vice-president of the regional football federation. In his speech, the regional khokim spoke about restoring the football club's former glory in order to actively participate in the first league of the national football championship of Uzbekistan in the 2017 season, and holding championship matches at a high level at the Alpomish stadium in Termez.

In our country, great attention has been paid and continues to be paid to supporting youth in all aspects. In particular, the state award "Zulfiya", established on the initiative of our First President, is awarded to women every year on March 8. In Surkhandarya region, in 2018, this award was awarded to Matluba Toshpulat kizi Sahiyeva from the region - head of the "Health and Ecology" center under the Surkhandarya regional council of the Youth Union of Uzbekistan, and Mukhlisa Usmanovna Shaymardanova - an 8th grade student of specialized secondary boarding school No. 4 in Termez. The fact that she was awarded is one of the opportunities created for young people. The implementation of such awards will greatly help to educate young people in the spirit of thirst for knowledge and love for the homeland.

As for youth employment, as a result of the propaganda and campaign work carried out by the "District Employment Support Centers", as of January 2019, 61,327 young people were employed in Surkhandarya region. A targeted plan has been developed to ensure the employment of these young people, according to which 22,729 young people will be employed through vocational guidance, 3,913 through involvement in crafts, 3,592 through involvement in home economics, 6,522 through the "Labor Fairs" held, and land has been allocated for them to engage in farming.¹¹ It is also known to many that our athlete Surkhan Farzandi, a member of the national boxing team and winner of the "Mard o'g'lon" state award, is a member of the national boxing team. Born and raised in the Sariosiyo district of our oasis, Bakhodirjon will soon celebrate his 25th birthday, more precisely on July 8. If sports fans have not forgotten, three years ago, it was the tall Bakhodir Jalolov who carried the flag of Uzbekistan onto the field at the 31st Summer Olympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In the same year, our country's athletes achieved high Olympic achievements for the first time in the country's history. Sadriddin Saytmtov, a member of the Uzbek national team, an international master of sports, a 9-time champion of Uzbekistan in karate, and a 3-time Asian champion, is also one of the athletes who overcame these hardships with perseverance and perseverance. If you count the achievements and victories of the 21-year-old athlete, you will be lost. Today, the number of his medals is about 100. From the age of 10, he began attending the karate club at the "Barkamol Avlod" children's creativity center in Termez. Not long after, at the age of 10, he participated in the Uzbekistan Championship in his weight category and became the champion. The coaches, seeing the strong love for sports in my son, his perseverance and enthusiasm, paid special attention to him. At the age of 14, he entered the list of the world's strongest karate athletes. Of course, this was due to tireless and hard work, determination and strong will in the child. Young Sadriddin participated in world championships held in Qatar, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, France, Thailand, Portugal, the Netherlands, China, Turkey, Austria, Japan, Azerbaijan. In 2014, he was awarded the title of "International Master of Sports". In 2017, at the World Federation Congress in Germany, he was recognized as the "Best Athlete in the World" in the 60 kg weight category. In order to improve the playing skills and abilities of football players, goalkeeper Alexander Korneychuk, who went through a large football school and guards the goal of the "Surkhon",

"Navbaor", "Bukhara" teams, Akmal Khasanov, Oybek Shodmonov, Otabek Sa'diev, Azamat Jo'ramurodov, Rustam Rajabmakhmudov, Murtazoev, Alexey Zakharenko, who played for the "Khiva", "Surkhon", "Uchkuduk" teams, are coaching. Surkhandarya football enthusiast, experienced coach Botir Qoshkenbaev and Erkin Bokiev, a famous football player of his time, are consulting coaches. We rely on their experience. In the future, we are using the conditions to develop talented players from among our trainees. It is necessary to train young people for big football based on demand. We have signed a contract with the Termez "Surkhon" team. The club must allocate funds to the academy for each player recruited. Currently, several talented young people who have graduated from our academy or are about to graduate are playing in the ranks of the "Surkhon" team. Recently, FIFA has been providing assistance to clubs, specialized schools, and academies in our republic. FIFA representatives visited our academy and got acquainted with the conditions. In October of this year, the construction of a 60x105 artificial turf stadium next to our playground was included in the project. If this stadium is built, it will be convenient for both children and coaches in every way. On December 25-26, 2020, for the first time in our history, the Republican Youth Forum was held at the Humoarena complex in Tashkent. Shavkat Mirziyoyev met and communicated with young people within the framework of the forum. Plans were outlined at the meeting to solve the problems facing young people, and tasks were set. On April 13, 2021, a videoconference meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sh. Mirziyoyev on the implementation of the tasks set for ensuring youth employment and meaningful organization of leisure time. At the meeting, it was decided that from May 1, 2021, enterprises and companies that hired young people will be introduced to refund social tax paid for these employees. Also, from June 1, students included in the "youth notebook" will be allocated a subsidy of up to 500 thousand soums when they receive an internship at enterprises and companies.

Graduates of vocational centers who are employed for the first time will be exempted from paying income tax for up to 6 months. The meeting separately addressed the issue of students' living conditions. Today, more than 130 thousand students live in rented accommodation. A separate program is being prepared by the government on this issue. According to it, starting from May 1, 2021, half of the rent for such young people will be covered by the state. At the initial stage, 60 thousand young people will be covered through this system. At the same time, these expenses will also be covered for needy students from the funds of khokimiyats and universities. Regional khokim Tora Bobolov met with members of the Youth Parliament at the Marvarid sanatorium in Termez district. He announced his participation in the sessions of the councils. He put forward important issues such as attracting entrepreneurs to further increase reading in schools, opening lightweight book, newspaper and magazine stores in educational institutions, helping them purchase mini-technologies directly from our country, and not from Korea, and including in the job descriptions the selection of specialists working on women's issues in the mahallas from among women with the profession of psychologists. At the end of the open dialogue, the regional governor Tora Bobolov was praised for his initiative in implementing the state policy on youth and the high attention paid to the work in the oasis.

Anyone who comes to the district today is amazed at its appearance and changes. The population is also increasing every year, and today 177.2 thousand people live comfortably in Altynsoy. 87.1 thousand of the population are women and 45.5 thousand are young people. Idleness is the cause of all ills. Quarrels in households and family separations also arise from unemployment and poverty. The needs of the growing generation today are extremely high. Without an income from somewhere, it is not out of the question that teenagers who do not yet know black and white well will resort to all sorts of crooked jobs and get into unscrupulous ways. Therefore, the district administration is doing exemplary work in providing employment to the population, especially youth and women. Due to the comprehensive creation of amenities and practical assistance to small and medium-sized

businesses in our district, new jobs are increasing. In this regard, solutions are being sought to reduce unemployment and reduce poverty.

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