

## WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN FAMILIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE AND SOCIETY

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**Abstract:** The article analyzes the reforms implemented during the years of independence aimed at protecting the rights and interests of families, women, and youth, strengthening their social status, ensuring employment, and reducing poverty. It also reveals the essence of new institutional mechanisms created to expand opportunities for families and to realize women's potential in various sectors of the state and society.

**Keywords:** strengthening the family institution, support for women, educational potential of the family, family values, moral and spiritual environment, welfare.

### Introduction

The family is a stronghold of love and happiness. As long as the family exists, there exist invaluable blessings such as children, human dignity, and spirituality. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasized that "family happiness is the greatest blessing" [1]. Indeed, the family, formed over centuries, is a fundamental pillar of society and a powerful institution ensuring social development. The overall well-being of society directly depends on the stability, prosperity, and harmony of families.

During the years of independence, protecting the rights and interests of families, women, and youth, providing social support, ensuring employment, reducing poverty, and increasing women's social activity have become priority directions of state policy in Uzbekistan. In this regard, nearly 100 regulatory legal acts have been adopted and systemic reforms have been implemented.

### Main Part

The Presidential Decree No. PF-60 dated January 28, 2022, which approved the **Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022–2026**, identified support for women and increasing their participation in social life as a key priority. In particular, Goal 69 outlines several priority areas:

- creating an environment of zero tolerance toward harassment and violence against women;
- consistently ensuring gender equality;
- expanding access to education, vocational training, and entrepreneurship for women;
- improving the quality of medical and social services in the regions;
- improving housing conditions and increasing incomes of women;
- providing targeted support to women in difficult social situations;
- improving the effectiveness of the "Women's Notebook" (Ayollar daftari) system.

The Presidential Decree No. PF-81 dated March 1, 2022, fundamentally improved the system of working with families and women. As a result, the State Committee for Family and



Women Affairs and its territorial divisions were established, forming a vertical management system that significantly enhanced the effectiveness of addressing women's and family issues.

The introduction of the position of women's activists at the mahalla (community) level became an important practical step. Their main responsibilities include:

- providing social and legal support to women;
- assisting in the development of women's entrepreneurial initiatives;
- working individually with socially vulnerable women;
- early identification and prevention of family problems.

In addition, new targeted support mechanisms such as the **“Iron Notebook,” “Women's Notebook,” and “Youth Notebook”** have become effective tools for identifying and supporting families in need.

The **“Wise Women” (Oqila ayollar)** movement initiated by the President also plays an important role in strengthening the intellectual and moral environment in society. Furthermore, the establishment of the **“Exemplary Family” badge** to promote positive family experiences has become an important factor in reinforcing family values.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the state policy implemented in Uzbekistan to strengthen the family institution and comprehensively support women is systemic, multifaceted, and strategically oriented. The created institutional mechanisms contribute to increasing women's socio-political activity, improving family welfare, and ensuring sustainable social development. In the future, strengthening evidence-based monitoring and region-specific analytical research in this sphere remains an important task.

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