



Modernization Of The Social Sphere In Uzbekistan

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Abstract: This article examines the nature and significance of fair social policy, which is one of the guiding principles of New Uzbekistan's growth. The main goals of this strategy are to provide social justice, improve the quality of life for every group in society, and create equal opportunities for everyone. The social state model put out by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has strengthened the legal foundation for these concepts. This article examines reforms in the fields of education, healthcare, employment, and social protection. Initiatives aimed at promoting social justice, developing human capital, and bolstering social stability are also examined within the framework of the "New Uzbekistan" development plan.

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Introduction

The new stage of Uzbekistan's development depends on an equitable social policy. The main goals of this strategy are to ensure social justice, improve everyone's quality of life, and give everyone equal chances. The reforms implemented under President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's leadership, which are based on the principles of just social policy, have accelerated important developments in the country.

Social policy aims to address the needs and interests of the general public in order to help citizens, preserve social stability, and uphold the principles of fairness in society. Social stability, group cohesion, and the avoidance of social disputes are all aided by a scientifically grounded social policy that takes into account the interests of all social groups. Uzbekistan's social policy is based on both short-term and long-term strategic directions. Strengthening the social safety net, reducing unemployment, and raising living standards are the goals of the short-term programme. The long-term plan's primary goals are to ensure long-term socioeconomic progress, improve social justice, and develop healthcare and education systems.

Therefore, the objectives of Uzbekistan's social policy are to maintain social stability, create equitable opportunities, and improve the well-being of its inhabitants. These reforms are regarded as one of the most significant factors in the development of society.

Methodology

Both scientifically and practically, fair social policy's contribution to the creation of New Uzbekistan and the methodological foundations of its implementation are significant. The study employs analytical, comparative-legal, historical, and systematic methodologies. These approaches are used to investigate the theoretical foundations of fair social policy, its development trajectories in Uzbekistan, and its relevance to ongoing developments.

A systematic technique is used to study the legal, economic, and social aspects of just social policy in a connected manner. This approach enables the assessment of how government acts affect citizens' quality of life. Reforms in the education and healthcare sectors, for example, are assessed both on their effect on the development of human capital and on their contribution to social justice.

Uzbekistan's social policy is compared to the practices of other nations using the comparative legal technique. In particular, the use of the welfare state idea in different countries and the legislative instruments used in this process are examined. For example, comparing the social security systems in Uzbekistan and Scandinavia shows both similarities and differences.

The analytical method is used to thoroughly investigate the normative legal documents and programmes that the Uzbek government has implemented, including the "Action Strategy" and the "Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan". When evaluating these programmes, the focus on promoting equitable opportunity, improving the quality of life for locals, and achieving social justice is taken into account.

The study's empirical foundation consists of an analysis of official statistics, reports from foreign organisations, and expert opinions regarding the efficacy of social policy in Uzbekistan. The actual results of reforms in the areas of healthcare, education, employment, and the pension system are specifically examined.

The study's goal is to analyse the process of implementing fair social policy in Uzbekistan, evaluate its effects on social stability and economic growth, pinpoint current issues, and formulate recommendations for the future based on the aforementioned methodological techniques.

Result and Discussion

One of the key principles of New Uzbekistan's development is a fair social policy. The goal of this policy is to create equal opportunities for all citizens, ensure social justice, and improve the standard of living of the population. The reforms implemented under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev are being carried out during a period of accelerating societal change, with a strong focus on fair social policy at their core. In particular, in his speech on December 7, 2021, dedicated to the 29th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the head of our state emphasized the following: "Today, Uzbekistan is confidently moving towards building a social state and a just society. For this reason, I believe that the time has come to enshrine the principle of "New Uzbekistan – a Social State" as a constitutional norm". Subsequently,

on April 30, 2023, Article 1 of the newly revised Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan established that Uzbekistan is a sovereign, democratic, legal, social, and secular state.

The purpose of social policy is to meet people's social needs and interests, support and protect certain citizens and social groups, guide them in the right direction, and create conditions for restoring their work capacity.

This includes:

- establishing an effective system of normative values;
- ensuring the practical impact of social norms on citizens;
- enhancing their influence as a means of social regulation;
- aligning emerging social needs and interests with the possibilities of satisfying them – ensuring clarity, objectivity, and compliance with normative guidelines.

A scientifically grounded social policy that considers the interests and needs of all social strata and groups contributes to societal stability. It ensures collective solidarity, prevents social tensions, promotes the humanization of social ethics, and fosters a favorable socio-psychological climate.

Social policy can be categorized into two types: short-term and long-term strategies. Short-term social policy aims to prevent further deterioration of living conditions, implement an effective employment policy to curb rising unemployment, and create the necessary opportunities for gradually improving the financial well-being and living standards of different social groups. Long-term social policy focuses on developing and implementing effective incentive mechanisms to foster citizen initiative and entrepreneurship, thereby creating conditions for sustainable economic and social development.

A fair social policy is primarily aimed at ensuring people's rights and freedoms. The government of Uzbekistan implements social justice by maintaining equality among all social strata, nationalities, youth, and other groups within society.

The implementation of this policy places special emphasis on key sectors such as education, healthcare, job creation, housing, and the pension and social benefits system. One of the main directions of a fair social policy in New Uzbekistan is the improvement of education and healthcare systems. Currently, significant efforts are being made to expand access to high-quality education and to facilitate entry into educational institutions, especially for residents of rural areas. The stable development of education promotes social mobility and creates equal opportunities for all citizens. Another important aspect of a fair social policy is ensuring economic stability and job creation.

The main tasks of social policy include increasing overall societal well-being, enhancing the level of humanization, and protecting human rights. It also aims to improve citizens' working and living conditions, provide support and assistance to vulnerable groups, including children, mothers, the elderly, orphans, people with disabilities, refugees, the unemployed, and others. Managing society through the consideration of people's interests is one of the key principles of social policy.

Social policy plays a crucial role in maintaining social stability. Preventing sharp social stratification within a country is essential for ensuring societal stability. Social stratification is often seen as a source of social injustice and mass conflicts. Therefore, ensuring social stability is considered a key aspect of social policy.

In the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-4947, dated February 7, 2017, "On the Strategy for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan", several key directions were outlined for the development of the social sector. These consist of providing steady work and raising the population's real incomes, strengthening the healthcare and social protection systems, encouraging women's sociopolitical engagement, building affordable housing, and developing and modernising social infrastructure, engineering, communication, and road transportation. Along with strengthening the state's youth affairs strategy, the order also highlights the implementation of specific programmes for the advancement of education, culture, science, literature, art, and sports. In order to improve living conditions, this strategy outlines several important directions, such as ensuring steady employment and a steady rise in the population's real incomes, strengthening the healthcare and social protection systems, encouraging women's sociopolitical participation, putting targeted programmes for the construction of affordable housing into action, and developing and modernising social infrastructure, engineering, communication, and road transportation. It also places a strong emphasis on the advancement of research and education as well as the strengthening of state youth policy.

Additionally, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-60, dated January 28, 2022, "On the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022–2026", also reinforces the task of implementing a fair social policy and developing human capital. It outlines objectives such as elevating the quality of education in the preschool system to a new level, improving education standards in schools, bringing the knowledge and qualifications of pedagogical personnel to an international level, ensuring mandatory social guarantees for the population, strengthening social protection for vulnerable groups, improving the pension system, bringing medical services closer to the population and increasing their accessibility by establishing medical clusters across the country, developing an effective support system for persons with disabilities to enhance their quality of life, supporting women and ensuring their active participation in society, and improving state policies related to youth.

Conclusion

One of the main pillars of New Uzbekistan's growth is a just social policy that works to protect each citizen's rights and liberties. The state's reforms contribute to sustainable development and the welfare of society, particularly in the fields of social safety, employment, healthcare, and education. In order to protect each citizen's rights and raise their standard of living, Uzbekistan now adheres to the concept of a "social state". This strategy entered a new phase with the 2023 constitutional amendments. Additionally, long-

term societal stability and equality of opportunity are being promoted by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's development efforts.

The effectiveness of social policy is closely linked to social justice and social stability. Significant efforts are being made to create fair opportunities for all facets of the community, enhance living circumstances, and assist individuals who are most in need. Healthcare services are now more easily accessible, and the educational system – from early childhood education to higher education – has improved as a direct result of this equitable social policy. Additionally, social policy is an essential part of maintaining social stability because it promotes the development of human capital as well as the strengthening of economic stability. In particular, Uzbekistan's youth policy, aid for women, and opportunities for low-income and disabled people all contribute to the country's reputation as a socially conscious state. Uzbekistan will undoubtedly continue to promote social justice in the future by striving to improve societal well-being and give all of its citizens equal opportunities. As a result, this will ensure the country's consistent development and its standing as a competitive country globally.

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