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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and with reference to its Note Verbale DESA-20/00542, dated 28 February 2020, has the honor to submit the national report prepared by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 74/124, entitled “Follow-up to the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the family and beyond”.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Information submitted
by the State Committee on Family, Women and Child Affairs
of the Republic of Azerbaijan
with regard to the Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 18 December 2019 on Follow-up to the twentieth anniversary
of the International Year of the Family and beyond

State Programs and Laws (2014-2024)

One of the priorities of the state social policy is improving the welfare of the population, formation of families in a healthy environment, preservation of family values and bringing up the young generation in the spirit of respect for universal values. Various documents were adopted in this regard, and draft documents have been developed:

1. . State Program on Implementation of the Employment Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2011-2015
2. Action Plan for the implementation of the Employment Strategy 2020-2025
3. State Program of Youth of Azerbaijan for 2011-2015
4. State Program of Youth Azerbaijan for 2017-2021
5. National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2009 - 2013)
6. National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2014-2018)
7. "State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2008-2015"
8. Action Plan on Implementation of the "State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2008-2015" (2011-2015)
9. State Program of Delivery (De-Institutionalization) and Alternative Care of Children from State Child Care Institutions in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2006-2015)
10. "State Program on Combating the Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors for 2013-2018"
11. "State Program for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Their Precursors for 2019-2024"
12. National Action Plan on Fighting Corruption for 2012-2015
13. National Action Plan for 2012-2015 on Open Government Promotion
14. "National Action Plan on Open Government Promotion for 2020-2022"
15. "State Program for the Development of Official Statistics in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2013-2017"
16. The State Program of Compulsory Medical Examination of Children
17. "Program on social rehabilitation and reintegration of children victims of human trafficking"
18. "State Program for Improvement of Maternal and Child Health for 2014-2020"
19. "State Program to Combat Thalassemia for 2015-2020"
20. Development Concept "Azerbaijan 2020: A Vision of the Future"
21. "Action Program on HIV / AIDS for 2016-2020" in accordance with the Development Concept "Azerbaijan 2020: Looking into the Future"
22. Strategy for the fight against non-infectious diseases in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2015-2020

23. "Strategic Road Map for the Production and Processing of Agricultural Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan"
24. National Action Plan for Early Prevention and Treatment of Childhood Disabilities 2018–2020.
25. Action Plan on Prevention of Sexual Maternity in Children for the Period 2020-2025

Drafts of legal documents prepared by the Committee

The draft of the "Family Strategy" has been prepared. International experience towards the establishment of the "Institute for Family Psychologist" has been studied and the proposals have been developed.

Events implemented by the Family Problems Department of the Committee since the 20th Anniversary of the International Family Year (2014).

1. Since 2008 every year the Committee carries out a range of events and "Family holiday" event devoted to the 15th may "International Family Day". On Family Holiday" families selected from 76 regions of Azerbaijan (about 400 people), including national minorities and ethnic groups demonstrate their historical traditions and cultures. During the 12 years the holiday took place in different cities and regions of Azerbaijan.
2. Since 2009 film festival under the title, "Azerbaijani Family" have been held by the State Committee in cooperation with the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and United Nations Population Fund, and since 2014 photo competition "From life to photo" takes place within the festival. The purpose of the festival is by means of cinematography and photo to carry out state family policy, to preserve and transfer national-spiritual and public values to young generation, to highlight problems existing in our society, to develop creativity in young generation, to use presented films for awareness raising of population. Topics of the works presented in festival:
 - National-moral and universal values, traditions of people;
 - Bringing up the young generation in the spirit of national patriotism
 - Promotion of family culture;
 - Esteem and respect of young generation towards elder people
 - The influence of the domestic violence on psychological climate of the family;
 - Problems caused by human trafficking;
 - Healthy lifestyle, consequences of bad habits;
 - Consequences of blood relationship, early marriage;
 - Integration of people with restricted abilities into society;
 - Representatives of the national minorities, traditions and family relations;
 - Promotion of family models;
 - Influence of family members' attitude on children's education, behavior and the psychological state;

- Interaction of parent-school-student relations
 - Example of the best single parent.
3. In 2013-2015 for the purpose of implementing state family policy, preserving national and universal values of Azerbaijan family and bringing up the young generation in the spirit of respect to elderly persons and preparing young generation to family life the large scaled project **"Let us benefit from experience of the older generation"** . was carried out At events the booklet under the title "Take care and respect older persons" published by the Committee were distributed to participants.
 4. In 2014 the Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Education carried out a large-scale awareness project under the title **"Family, school and society"** focused on strengthening parent-teacher-pupil relations, learning the impact of family and school on the psychological state of the child. The psychologists from 256 schools of 12 Baku city districts participated in the events within the project.
 5. In 2014 the Committee in cooperation with the State Committee on Religious Organizations held the Conference under the title **"National and moral family values: traditions and modernity"**.
 6. In 2013-2014 the Committee in cooperation with the Trade Unions Confederation of the Republic of Azerbaijan carried out the awareness-raising project under the title **"The role of modern family in development of Society and influence of internal relations between the members of family on the process of work"**. The project was implemented in the regions of Azerbaijan with participation of the representatives of 26 member organizations of Confederation from all regions of Azerbaijan. The project was focused on following topics: to promote the increasing role of the family in the society, to protect family values, to propaganda healthy lifestyle, to provide legal awareness of population, to increase public control between the members of the Trade Unions Confederation. The booklet on promoting family-work balance "Family and work" was published and distributed at events within the project.
 7. In 2014-2015 the Committee implemented awareness raising project under the title **"Stand for the healthy life style. Say No to early marriages"** focused on combating early marriages improving the health of mother and children, raising awareness of population in reproductive health. The events within the framework of the project were carried out in Baku and regions of Azerbaijan.
 8. In 2015-2016 years the Committee implemented awareness raising project under the title **"The sun shines for everyone"** focused on drawing attention of society to needs of children with restricted abilities, defining the families with the children with restricted physical abilities, providing their adaptation and integration into society.
 9. In 2015-2016 the Committee implemented awareness raising project under the title **"Our power is in our unity!"** focused on efficient organization of leisure time for families, promotion of family values and promoting healthy life style. The events within the project were organized in Baku city and different regions of Azerbaijan.

10. In 2016-2017 the project "I'm choosing the life" was carried out for the purpose of promoting healthy life style among people, especially teenagers and young people, strengthening combat against harmful habits (drug addiction, alcoholism, smoking) and increasing public control in the cities and regions of Azerbaijan.
11. In modern times the global changes and challenges have a significant impact on the family institution. In this regard, in order to support the state family policy, the promotion of the family institution, teaching the national and moral values to the young generation, as well as for the purpose of enhancing the participation and activity of women in society, taking into account the possibility of self-government, in conjunction with the municipal authorities in 2017 the State Committee has started the awareness raising project under the title "**Family Academy**". In meetings within the project young people, girls, women, especially young families, socially passive people can receive information on different topics from experts (psychologist, sociologist, lawyers and etc.). The events have been held in cities and regions of Azerbaijan.
12. The Committee permanently carries out awareness raising events among the population, especially young people and adolescents in the cities and regions of our Republic focused on promoting healthy lifestyle, enhancing knowledge about negative consequences of harmful habits (drug addiction, alcoholism, smoking), strengthening efforts to combat AIDS, raising awareness about reproductive health and family planning, negative consequences of early marriages. The awareness raising events on mentioned above topics are intended to be continued in 2020 in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and support of the Ministry of Education in secondary special and primary vocational educational institutions, secondary schools of Baku city and regions of Azerbaijan.
13. It is intended to continue in 2020 "Let us go to the library with a family" awareness raising project implemented by the Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and support of the local executive power launched in 2018. The purpose of the project is promoting family reading tradition, strengthening the family's social and psychological functions through reading, promotion of fiction, modern, scientific literature among young people and parents, organization of meaningful, efficient and well-adjusted leisure time. For the purpose of forming family culture through family reading it is intended also to form within the project Family clubs. The competition under the title "The family with the richest home library" and an exhibition of paintings of the student with restricted abilities of the Academy of Art of Azerbaijan was organized within the project.

14. **Published material**

The booklets under the title "Reproductive health", "Check up before marriage", "Say No to AIDS. Protect yourself", "Check-up for AIDS. Reduce the risk", "Marriage between blood relatives and its consequences", "Family, violence and child", "Healthy life style. Say No to drugs, alcohol, smoking", "Don't become a victim of human trafficking", "Take care and respect older persons", "Alphabet of family", "Psychological climate of the family", "Family and the work", "Interrelation between parents and children" prepared and published by the Committee were

distributed to participants at events organized by the Committee. In order to make the promotion of healthy lifestyle and exemplary families Committee collect from all regions of Azerbaijan information about families who have lived together more than 60 years and published a book under the title “:Azerbaijan family”.

Proposals of topics addressed awareness raising events and other initiatives devoted to thirtieth anniversary of the International year of the Family

- To carry out a range of events from the first of may till the fifteenth may and final “Family holiday” event with the participation of families from different regions devoted to 15th may "**International Family Day**".
- To carry out awareness raising events among the population, especially young people and adolescents in the cities and regions of focused on promoting healthy lifestyle, enhancing knowledge about negative consequences of harmful habits (drug addiction, alcoholism, smoking), reproductive health and family planning, the importance of breastfeeding and preparation of young people to family life.