

## WOMEN ARE EQUAL MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY

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**Annotation:** *This article talks about women who are one of nature's greatest wonders. Women in our independent country are equal members of society. The article also talks about the opportunities that are being created for women today, thoughts about gender equality in our country, and legal documents regarding women adopted by the head of our state.*

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Today, one of the main directions of the powerful policy pursued by the head of our state is the protection of women, increasing their legal awareness, legal culture, awareness of their place in society, as well as the introduction of gender equality, which is developing every day among our people, penetrating into our public life.

In addition, the importance of the role of women in society lies in the fact that they give birth and raise the next generation. As the President of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev noted in his congratulations at the festive event on the occasion of International Women's Day, "From now on, not a single woman in Uzbekistan will be left without the attention and care of the state and society. I would like to appeal to our youth: approach creating a family, building your destiny and the destiny of your future children with great responsibility. You cannot take this issue lightly and ruin your life and that of another person.»

Family is a center of love and happiness, a source of unshakable moral and spiritual values. Family happiness is the greatest happiness in the world, about which poems and songs are written all over the world.

The head of our state, Sh.M. Mirziyoyev, has adopted a number of decrees, resolutions and regulations in order to protect women, provide them with social assistance, and increase their role in various fields.

Including in order to bring state policy regarding family and women in the republic to a new level, find systemic solutions to their problems, effectively organize and coordinate the activities of authorized bodies in accordance with Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 1, 2022 No. 81 "On measures for improving the system of work with families and women, supporting mahallas and the older generation" and in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 1, 2022 No. 146 "On organizing the activities of the State Committee for Family and Women" the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Family and Women's Affairs was created, its bodies and divisions in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Tashkent and in the regions. Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 2, 2018 No. 5325 "On measures to radically improve activities in the field of supporting women and strengthening the institution of family" was adopted.

Women occupy an important place and position in the development of our country, in the life of the family and society. Women, who make up about half of the population of our country, work fruitfully in all spheres of socio-spiritual, political and economic life, especially in government bodies and representation, in production, entrepreneurship, agriculture, healthcare, education, enlightenment, culture and other social spheres. Separately, it is worth noting that currently among the women of our country there are 514 doctors of science,

6 academicians, 15 heroes of Uzbekistan, 17 senators, 15 deputies of the Legislative Chamber, 8 governors, as well as more than 23% of deputies of local councils and 72% of workers in the field of science, education, upbringing, healthcare, culture and art.

In our country, large-scale work is being carried out to increase the socio-political activity of women, ensure unconditional respect for their rights and legitimate interests, comprehensive support for motherhood and childhood, create conditions for the realization of their abilities and opportunities in various fields and industries, as well as strengthening the institution of family.

However, the state of work in this area indicates the presence of a number of systemic problems and shortcomings that impede the creation of an effective mechanism for comprehensive support for women, the organization of targeted work with them, and the strengthening and improvement of the spiritual and moral climate in families.

Presidential Decree No. 5325 of February 2, 2018 analyzed in detail the existing shortcomings and problems in this area. In order to increase the activity of women in society, radically improve activities in the field of supporting women and strengthening the institution of family, priority areas of activity of the Women's Committee of Uzbekistan were identified. The updated structures of the Women's Committee of Uzbekistan and its territorial divisions were approved.

By decree, from April 1, 2018, instead of the position of consultant to citizens' gatherings on religious education and spiritual and moral education, one position of specialist in working with women and strengthening spiritual and moral values in families, as well as in citizens' gatherings with more families, was introduced in each citizens' gathering from 2000 and more, two such positions.

In order to conduct fundamental, practical and innovative research in the direction of family values and traditions, a separate scientific and practical research center "Family" was created under the Cabinet of Ministers and its territorial divisions on the basis of the scientific and practical center "Family". Along with cooperation with international and foreign organizations, research institutes in the field of reproductive health and demographic development of the family, establishing criteria for a modern exemplary family, studying practice in the field of family and marriage relations and exchanging experience, the conceptual idea "Healthy family - healthy society" and the widespread promotion and assimilation of the constitutional principle "Family under the protection of society and the state" became one of the main tasks of the "Family" center.

At the same time, in order to further increase the responsibility of the Women's Committee and the Family Center, to clearly define the scope of their competence, the boundaries of personal responsibility of the leadership of the committee and the center, their territorial divisions in resolving women's and family issues were established.

According to the decree, from April 1, 2018, civil registry offices are subordinate to district (city) khokimiyats in the direction of main activities related to the registration of marriage acts, strengthening the institution of the family, and preventing family divorces. In order to ensure systematic cooperation between the department of the Family Center, civil registry offices and other structures on family and women's issues, the deputy district (city) khokim - chairman of the women's committee was entrusted with control and coordination of activities in this direction.

In recognition of the activities of the Women's Committee of Uzbekistan, the Youth Agency of Uzbekistan, and the Woman Entrepreneur Union on Family and Women's Issues, the decree approved the proposal to create a public fund for supporting women and families. It should be noted that the main task of this public foundation is to provide financial assistance to women and families in difficult social situations, women with disabilities, as well as the promotion of women's entrepreneurial initiatives.

Another important issue provided for by the decree is the creation of “women’s clinics” in the structures of family clinics and rural doctors’ offices, which provide the necessary consultations to teenage girls and women of fertile age directly on the spot.

In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 2326 dated June 10, 1999, the State Prize named after Zulfiya was awarded to talented girls aged 14 to 22 years, one representative of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent.

Now, in accordance with the new decree, it was established to award the State Prize named after Zulfiya to talented girls who have reached the age of fourteen and not older than thirty, two applicants from the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent, and raising the age limit has opened the door to a wide range of opportunities for our talented girls who have achieved success in education, science, literature, culture, art, sports and scientific research.

In accordance with the new regulations established by the decree, students of general education secondary, secondary specialized, vocational educational institutions, who are laureates of the State Prize named after Zulfiya, are admitted to bachelor's programs, and senior bachelors are admitted to master's programs of higher educational institutions on the basis of state grants without entrance exams in relevant specialties and areas.

Women are beautiful and wonderful. In accordance with the decree, the “Revered Woman” badge was established, which is awarded to women who have shown activity and initiative in the life of society and the state, who, through their hard work, have made a worthy contribution to strengthening the formation and well-being of the family, health care, motherhood and childhood.

In our country, large-scale work is being carried out to improve the living conditions of the population in need of social protection, people with disabilities, and to provide them with subsidized housing.

In conclusion, it is worth noting that such reforms carried out in our country signal the further development of our state in this direction. The policies pursued by our President are opening the doors of great opportunities for the future generation, especially for girls.