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Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for Drafting the National Strategy for Social Protection (NSSP) in Uzbekistan

Background:

1. Social protection is at the forefront of the development agenda, given its positive social and economic impacts. It is a key element of national strategies to promote human development, political stability and inclusive growth; it ensures that people enjoy income security and have effective access to health and other social services and are empowered to take advantage of economic opportunities. By raising household incomes, such policies play a key role in boosting domestic demand, supporting structural transformation of national economies, promoting decent work, and fostering inclusive and sustainable growth. They also create a conducive environment for the development of sustainable enterprises. Social protection, therefore, is regarded as fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to promoting social justice and to realizing the human right to social security for all. It contributes specifically to the achievement of SDG target 1.3 which calls on States to “implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including [social protection] floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable”.

2. The UN SDG MAPS¹ mission to Uzbekistan identified social protection as one of the potential accelerators for the achievement of SDGs and suggested to strengthen its national system, including by adopting nationally defined social protection floor. It has also stressed the need to promote gender equality and address current structural barriers women are faced with in the society, as well as when accessing social protection programmes and services.

3. In September 2015, the Government of Uzbekistan (GoU) endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)² and in 2018 adopted its 16 national goals and 127 targets until 2030³. The GoU also established a coordination council and roadmap to achieve them. In 2019, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev convened a meeting with Ministries, Agencies and Departments (MADs) to discuss priorities in social protection covering pensions and social insurance, social assistance, employment and social care services.⁴ The President acknowledged that achieving the SDGs will, in part, depend on effective implementation of priorities in social protection to complement the GOUs comprehensive process of market-oriented reforms launched in 2017.

4. Preparation of the NSSP and its contribution to Agenda 2030 is an integral component of the Joint UN Programme *Accelerating Agenda 2030 in Uzbekistan through inclusive transformation of the social protection system* being implemented the ILO under the UN Joint programme. The design of the NSSP will be accompanied by costings and financing options, and fiscal space assessments⁵. Strategic priorities and recommendations for the NSSP will be based on a consultation process leading to national consensus on the priorities for social protection.

¹ World Bank and UN (United Nations). (2018). *Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Uzbekistan*. Washington, DC, and New York: World Bank and UN. www.un.uz/files/UN%20in%20Uzbekistan/MAPS%20Report%202018/UZB-MAPS%20Report%20-%20Final_Eng.pdf.

² United Nations (2015) *Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, A/RES/70/1, United Nations, New York

³ Government Resolution No. 841 *On Measures to Implement the National SDG Goals and Targets until 2030*. October 2018.

⁴ See: <https://president.uz/en/lists/view/3091>

⁵ See Technical Briefing Note 2

Objectives and Purpose:

5. Overall objective is to support the Ministry of Finance of Uzbekistan to design a National Strategy for Social Protection (NSSP) – with a clear and progressive vision to 2030. The strategy will bring about accelerated change in the way that social protection supports workers and families across Uzbekistan. The process necessitates systematic efforts via the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) to consult with Ministries, Agencies and Departments (MADs) with responsibilities for various policies and programmes in social protection. The objective of the SEP is to facilitate an appropriate approach for consultations and disclosure. This will, in turn, create an atmosphere of understanding that actively involves interested parties and reaches out to them in a manner that helps build mutual trust, and ensures that each MAD is provided with opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns. Overall the SEP will serve the following purposes:

- a) Stakeholder identification and analysis of policy priorities;
- b) Engagement modalities for effective communication and tools for consultation and disclosure – including the mandate and modus operandi of **Thematic Working Groups** (TWGs);
- c) Enabling and identifying platforms for influencing decisions;
- d) Defining the roles and responsibilities of different MADs in the design and preparation of the NSSP.
- e) Providing opportunities for Trade Unions and Civil Society to contribute to the NSSP, and
- f) Allows international development partners to contribute to the NSSP

SEP Regulatory and Policy Framework for the NSSP:

7. The list of Ministries, Agencies, Departments (MADs) included in the SEP - at central and subnational levels - is based on two criteria:

- Budget and programme delivery responsibilities⁶
- The legal/regulatory framework of Uzbekistan's social protection system⁷

8. The SEP also provides a framework for conducting policy dialogue with Trade Unions, civil society organisations, and international development partners.

List of Stakeholders to be Consulted:

Institutions	Level	Description and Focus	Roles/ Individuals	Priority level
Government Ministries, Agencies and Departments			ILO to Advise and Coordinate Meeting	

⁶ Annex 1: Overview of Budget Responsibility and Delivery of Key Social Protection Programmes in Uzbekistan

⁷ Annex 2: Relevant National Laws and Regulations in Social Protection salient to NSSP Updated to July 2020

Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan	National	Public Financial Management (PFM), Medium Term Budget Planning (MTBF), Social Protection Policy	<p>Minister responsible for Social Policies – including Social Protection</p> <p>Mr Jamshid Abruev Dep. Minister</p> <p>Mr Nodir Muslitdinov (head of department on budgeting education, science and culture)</p> <p>Mr Rafael Klivleyev (head of sector on financing social protection of population)</p> <p>Mr Kakhramon Usmanov (deputy head of department on budget income)</p> <p>Mr Sherzod Mukhamedov (first deputy head of department on state budget)</p>	High
Republican Pension Fund	National	Pension fund under the Ministry of Finance with oversight of pension provision, financing, accounting and monitoring of payment of pensions, and also social allowances, compensatory and other payments are carried out by corresponding territorial divisions of the Pension Fund.	<p>Mr Abdulaziz Khaydarov Exec. Director</p> <p>Mr Shukhrat Davronov Deputy Exec. Director</p>	High
Cabinet of Ministers	National	Deputy Prime Ministers with responsibilities for Social Protection	Mr Bekhzod Musayev Deputy Prime Minister	High
Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations	National	Ministry of Labour of the Republic of Uzbekistan is the main state institution responsible for labour, employment, and social protection policy making; the development and regulation of labour market and ensuring employment of population, regulation of labour relations	<p>Mr. Erkin Mukhitdinov – First Deputy Minister</p> <p>Mr. Timur Makhmudov– Head of Department of the Organisation of Work on Employment of the Unemployed</p> <p>Ms. Adiba Nuruddinova – Head of Social Policy Department</p> <p>Ms. Ekaterina Gorbunova – head of Department on International cooperation</p>	High

Ministry of Healthcare Agency for Socio-Medical Services/National Rehabilitation Centre	National	Responsibilities for Elderly care (community and residential) People with Disabilities Social Care for Children	Deputy Ministers with responsibilities for: Disability, Elderly Care, Residential Care Options: Dep Min. Mr Ulugbek Sabirov Dep Min Ms Elmira Basithanova Dep Min Mr Shahruxh Saharkhmetov Dep Min Abdulla Azizov Mr Alisher Inakov – head of Agency on socio-medical support	High
Ministry for Mahalla and Family Support	National and Sub-National	Mahalla Social Assistance Social Care Employment Services Social Registry	Mrs Gulnora Marufova First Dep Min	High
Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of Uzbekistan	National	Economic Policy and PRSP	Mr. Ilkhom Norkulov – First Deputy Minister Mr. Ilkhom Mamatkulov – Head of Department on Poverty Reduction Mr. Azamat Davletyarov – Head of Department on Developing Human Capital	Medium
Ministry of Public Education	National	Children at Risk Children in Care	Mr Dilshod Kenjayev Dep Min	High
National Statistics Offices	National	Statistics Strategy Labour Force Data Household Budget Data Poverty Data Updated Census data	Mr Ziyadullaev Dep Chairman Ms Olga Vladimirovna head of division on SDGs	High
Public Prosecutors Office/interagency Commission on Minors/Ministry of Internal Affairs	National	Children in Conflict with the Law; Street Children	?	High
Sub national Level				

Employment Support Centres (ESCs)	Local	Employment Labour Activation	Need to engage with a small group of ESCs – ILO to advise	Medium
Mahalla Councils	Local	Sub-National Perspective on employment, social assistance, social care services, partnerships with civil society	Need to engage with a small group of Mahalla Councils – ILO to advise	Medium
International Development Partners				
UNICEF	National	Social Assistance Social Care Services	Mr. Umid Aliev – Social Policy Officer, UNICEF Uzbekistan Mr Furkatjon Lutfulloev Child Protection Chief	High
ILO Employment Team		Public Employment Services Employment Policy Data	Ramiro Pizzaro Mikhail Pouchkin Lejo Sibbil Eamon Davern	High
ILO Pension Team		Pension policy Actuarial analysis		Medium
UNDP		Disability Poverty Reduction	Mr. Zarif Jumaev, Development Coordination Officer, Economist, UN RC Office Ms. Diyora Kabulova – Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Governance Unit, UNDP Uzbekistan Kamila Mukhamedkhanova, Head of Good Governance, Policy and Communication Cluster Azizkhon Bakhadirov Programme Analyst; Good Governance, Policy and Communication Cluster	High
World Bank		Labour and Social Protection PFM	Ms Maddalena Honorati Ms Alicia C. Marguerie Ms Marina Novikova	High
Asian Development Bank	National	PFM MTBF Employment and Skills Gender	Ms Cigdem Akin, Senior Public Management Economist, Ms Priyanka, Senior Financial Sector Specialist (Optional) Ms Mekhri Khudayberdiyeva, Senior Social Development Officer (Gender) Ms Farida Djumabaeva, Associate Project Analyst	Medium

			Mr Begzod Djalilov, Senior Economics Officer Mr Bobir Gafurov, Senior Private Sector Development Officer	
EU Delegation	National	PFM Employment Rural Economy Sector Support Social Protection	Mr François Begeot – Head of Cooperation Section	High
Civil Society Organisations				
Federation of Trade Unions of Uzbekistan	National	Trade Unions Employment Social Protection Policy Dialogue	Mr. Bakhtiyor Makhmadaliev – Deputy Chairman Mr. Mahmud Isaev – Head of socio-economic department Mr. Hamidullo Primkulov – Head of Legal Department Ms. Nodira Karimova – Head of OSH department Mr. Ruslan Rahmanov – Specialist of socio-economic department	Medium
Confederation Employers	National	Employment and skills Investment Policy Dialogue	Ms Eka Margishvili – Executive director of CEU/Deputy Head of the department of foreign investment in the CCIU	
The Association Persons with Disabilities	National		Mr Oybek Isakov – Chairman	Medium
Organisations working with Children	National		Ms Vasila Alimova Director of Center of Social Adaptation for Children	Medium
Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan	National		Mr Adkham Ikramov – Chairman	Medium
Union of Youth of Uzbekistan	National		Mr Sagdullaev – Chairman Mr Sharofiddin Khonimov head of department Mr Islom Okhunov head of international department	Medium
Republican Centre for Social Adaptation of Persons with Disabilities	National		?	Medium

Annex 1: Overview of Budget Responsibilities and Delivery of Key Social Protection Programmes in Uzbekistan

Social Protection Programme	Programme Description	Delivery Agent	Budget Responsibility
Social insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old age pension Disability pension Breadwinner-loss pension 	Pension Fund	Pension Fund with revenue from personal income tax, supplemented by the State Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefit 	District* employment centre (Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations (MELR))	Employment Support Fund, (ESF) with revenue from social insurance contributions, supplemented by State budget (MELR)
Employer liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childbirth benefit Maternity benefit Young (under 2 years old) child benefit for working mothers employed by government agencies Sickness leave and benefit 	Pension Fund/employer	State budget (Ministry of Finance)/employer
Social Assistance;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old age allowance (social pension) Disability allowance (social pension) Breadwinner-loss allowance (social pension) 	Pension Fund	Pension Fund, using funds from state budget
Social Care Services for Children, People with Disabilities and Older People;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child disability allowance Disability social allowance to disabled from childhood Low-income family allowance Childcare allowance (under 2 years old) Allowance for families with children (2–14 years old) Funeral grant Monetary compensation for communal expenses to vulnerable groups In-kind support: free-of-charge winter clothes to school children, use of public transport, food provision, medicines Social care services 	Pension Fund/Mahalla/ Ministry of Education/ Ministry of Health	State budget (Ministry of Finance)
In kind support for people in-Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential health care services and medicines for specific groups 	Ministry of Health	State Budget
Labour market programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Professional skills training Wage subsidies for vulnerable Apprenticeship Job intermediation and matching service Hiring and training subsidies to employers Subsidised programmes supporting entrepreneurship, including Youth is Our Future 	District employment centre (MELR), Women's Committee, Youth Committee,	Employment Support Fund (MELR) (with funding from social insurance contributions, state budget, and international donors)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Works (employer wage subsidy) 	District employment centre (MELR)	Public Works Fund (MELR)

Annex 2: Relevant National Laws and Regulations in Social Protection Salient to NSSP Updated to July 2020

Name of the Social Protection Scheme/ Programme	Legislative and Regulatory Framework
Social Insurance Schemes/Pensions⁸ (Contributory)	
Old age pension	Law No. 938 on the Provision of the State Pension to Citizens, adopted on September 3, 1993; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 30 on the Off-Budget Pension Fund under the Ministry of Finance (MoF), adopted on February 19, 2010; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 252 on Regulations on the Allocation and Payment of State Pensions, adopted on September 8, 2012; Decree of the MoF No.18 (466) on Regulations on the Payment of Pensions to Working Pensioners, adopted on April 30, 2011.
Disability pension (excluding the disable persons from childhood)	Law No. 938 on the Provision of the State Pension to Citizens, adopted on September 3, 1993; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 30 on the Off-Budget Pension Fund under the MoF, adopted on February 19, 2010; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 252 on Regulations Relating to the Allocation and Payment of State Pensions, adopted on September 9, 2012; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 195 on Regulations Relating to the Examination of Citizens by Medical and Labour Expert Committees, adopted on July 1, 2011; Decree of the MoF No. 18 (466) on the Regulations Relating to the Payment of Pensions to Working Pensioners, adopted on April 30, 2011
Breadwinner-loss/Survivor pension	Law No. 938 on the Provision of the State Pension to Citizens, adopted on September 3, 1993; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 30 on the Off-Budget Pension Fund under the MoF, adopted on February 19, 2010; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 252 on Regulations Relating to the Allocation and Payment of State Pensions, adopted on September 8, 2012
Unemployment benefits ⁹	Labour Code¹⁰ ; Ministry of Labour Order of August 30, 1999, on the Procedures for Employment Centres Relating to the Registration of Citizens, and the Allocation and Payment of Unemployment Benefits.
Employer Liabilities	
Sickness benefit and Maternity Benefits	Labour Code ; Order of the Minister of Social Protection No. 21 on the Procedures for the Allocation and Payment of State Social Insurance Benefits.

⁸ Presidential Decree No 5614 issued on 08.01.2019 initiated reforms to the Pension System and the design of a new Concept for Pensions.

⁹ Unemployment benefits include a mix of social insurance programmes and labour market programmes since they are contributory; in practice, however, the line between contributory and tax-funded sources is somewhat blurred. Few eligible unemployed contribute due to the widespread informality in the labour market. Furthermore, benefits are paid mostly to those without a work record or history of contribution. Legislative changes proposed in **January 2020** will in future enable spouses engaged in the labour market to make voluntary contributions on behalf of spouses who have incomplete work histories

¹⁰ On **12 April 2019**, The Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations announced the GoU would prepare a new Labour Code. The new labour code will amend key rights and guarantees to ensure conformity with ILO, labour contracts and labour flexibility health and safety at work and labour inspection, maternity benefits, sickness benefits, disability benefits, data storage, minimum wages and living wages, harmonisation of employment records with tax records and social contributions, law on employment contracts, gender equality, self-employment etc

Child Birth Benefit Specific Child Benefit for Children aged <u>under 2 years</u> for working mothers	Labour Code.
Labour¹¹ and Employment Policy and Employment Support¹²	
Employment Promotion Programme (EPP) and Employment Promotion Fund (EPF) ¹³	<p>Law on Employment No 510-X11 dated 13 January 1992 ensures “social employment guarantees and the protection of the population against unemployment” as well as the right to implement special measures that promote the employment of people who have difficulties finding lasting employment”</p> <p>Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No 310¹⁴ which became invalid in accordance with Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No 1066 of December 31 2018 “On measures to improve the activities of the Ministry of Employment Labour Relations”</p>
Job placement for people in need of social protection	Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No 965 of October 5 2017 , on Measures of Further Perfection of the Procedure of Establishment and Reservation of Minimum Number of Job Places for the Job Placement of Persons in need of Social Protection and Face Difficulties in Searching Employment and Incapable of Competing in Labour Market with Equal Conditions; Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Measures for Further Strengthening of the Material and Technical Base of District (Municipal) Employment Promotion Centres ” No. 27 of January 15, 2018.
Child Labour and Forced Labour	Article 37 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan prohibits forced labour. Forced labour is also prohibited by Article 7 of the Labour Code. The national legislation of Uzbekistan has established penalties for the use of forced labour (articles 51 and 491 of the <i>Administrative Code</i> ; and articles 135, 138, 148 of the <i>Criminal Code</i>).
Labour Market Activation	Decree of the President No. PP-4227 dated 05 March 2019 on state order for employment of the population and creation of new job places in 2019 providing for organisation of new job places and seasonal and temporary employment of citizens of Uzbekistan in 2019, as well as allocation of subsidies and grants in 2019 for professional development of employees hired through Employment support centres, employment of vulnerable people, for payment of installation of light greenhouses and corresponding expenses, etc.
Vocational Training	The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On State Youth Policy” (September 14, 2016, No. ZRU-406), Decree of the

¹¹ See footnote 3 above

¹² In addition to the legislative framework on employment support, there are four major programmes which offer support – especially to women in urban and rural areas. These are: “*Obod Mahalla*”, “*Obod Kishlak*”, “*Every family – entrepreneur*”, “*Youth is our future*”.

¹³ EPF funds at the central and sub-national levels are accumulated in treasury accounts held in the Treasury of the MoF and treasury departments for the Republic of Karalpakstan, regions and City of Tashkent

¹⁴ The MELR introduced a number of changes related to the authority and responsibilities of the ministry including tools to stimulate employment,

	President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Additional Measures for Further Perfection of the System of Vocational Education” No. 394 of 6 September 2019. Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers “On Measures to Improve the System of Vocational Training of Qualified Personnel in Demand at the Labour Market” No. 394 of 13 May 2019
Ratification of ILO Conventions	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.525 dated 4 March 2019 On ratification of Convention of International Labour Organisation No.144 on tripartite consultations for assistance in application of international labour standards.
Every family is an entrepreneur	Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PP-3777 dated 07 June 2018 On implementation of the Programme “Every family is an entrepreneur” providing for support and creation of opportunities for the population to be engaged in domestic business (handicraft, sewing, etc.) and agriculture, creation of mini-clusters by successful entrepreneurs and other.
Public Works	Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No.799 dated 5 October 2017 approved the Regulation “On the order of organisation of paid public works”. Starting from 1 October 2017, pilot public works ¹⁵ were introduced in one district of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and in Tashkent city. Since 1 January 2018, the unemployed population are eligible to public works in all district and cities of the Republic. Individuals undertaking public works are exempted from taxes on incomes received from specific types of public works ¹⁶
Labour Migration	Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 97 dated 15 May 2007 On Improvement of registration of the citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan living abroad for labour activity - for improvement of registration of the persons living abroad for implementation of labour and business activity, ensuring protection of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan during their stay outside the country. Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On measures to further strengthen guarantees for the protection of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan engaged in labour activities abroad and their family members” No. 5785 (dated 20 August, 2019); and Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On additional measures to protect the rights and legitimate interests of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan engaged in temporary labour activities abroad” (dated 23 August, 2019).
Gender and Equal Opportunities	The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Guarantees of Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men” (2 September 2019, No. ZRU-562) establishes a number of guarantees aimed at ensuring gender equality in various

¹⁵ Citizens considered the unemployed, as well as registered as persons seeking for job, are eligible to paid public works. Assignment to public works is issued by the Employment Support Centre. Labour contracts are signed between the initiator of public works, organisation, and the assigned unemployed person. The period of participation in public works (from 15 days to 3 months within the fiscal year) is entered to employment book and included in years of work experience. Citizens performed public works, are reserved the right for pensions and low-income allowances.

¹⁶ Improvement of the territories (planting, cleaning, whitewashing, cleaning of street channels, cemeteries, pilgrimage sites, cultural objects, and other) of cities, districts, settlements, mahallas; Repair of housing, adjacent territory of housing and communal and other infrastructure; Repair of streets, roads and sidewalks; Seasonal agricultural works, stocking, storage and processing of agricultural production, repair of irrigation and ameliorative networks; Social care of disabled, elderly, sick people and other groups; Works at industrial organisations and in the sphere of services; Construction, reconstruction and repair of facilities

	areas of life, including labour relations; The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Measures to Further Strengthen the Guarantees of Labour Rights and Support for Entrepreneurial Activities of Women 1 May 2019
Social Assistance Programmes (Non-contributory)	
Childcare allowance (up to 2 years old) Allowance to families with children (2–14 years old) Low-income family allowance	<p>Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 44 "On approval of the regulations on the procedure for the assignment and payment of social benefits and financial assistance for low-income families" as of February 15, 2013 determines the procedure for the assignment and payment of benefits by citizens' self-government bodies to families with children under the age of 14 years, child care allowance.¹⁷</p> <p>Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 350 as of December 12, 2012 "On measures for further improvements of procedures on assignment and payment of social benefits" is directed on strengthening of targeted social protection of low-income families and families with minor children as well as increasing of role and responsibility of self-governmental bodies of citizens in implementation of measure on social protection of population. According to the Decree since January 1, 2013 monthly benefits for families with minor children are paid depending on number of minor children at the following amounts from minimal wage¹⁸ stated at the beginning of the year.¹⁹</p>
Funeral grant	Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 174 (June 14, 2011) on the Procedures for the Allocation and Payment of Funeral Grants.

¹⁷According to the Decree, the benefits / allowances for families with children and financial assistance are assigned for a period of 6 months, and child care allowance -for 12 months, but not more than a month after the child comes the age of 2. If child care is provided for two or more children, adopted or foster children, the childcare allowance is paid in a single rate benefit until the child comes the age of 2. The decision on the assignment and payment of benefits to families with children, childcare allowance and financial assistance is made by the rural citizen's council of community, village as well as the mahalla of towns, settlements, communities and auls, or by a commission authorised by rural citizen's council to make such decisions. The allowance for families with children, childcare allowance and financial assistance are assigned to families with an average monthly total income for each family member in the amount not exceeding 1.5 times of the average amount of minimum monthly wage established in the period for which the aggregate income is calculated. The preferential right for benefits to families with children, child care allowances and financial assistance are: (a) Families who lost both parents, and the bringing up of their children is done by relatives; (b) Families where one or both parents of children are disabled; (c) Widows (widowers) raising two or more children under the age of 14, living separately from other relatives; (d) Families with a disabled child (children); (e) Mothers (fathers) raising a child (children) in an one-parent family. At the same time, the fact of raising a child by a mother (father) in a one-parent family is established by the self-governing body of citizens; (f) Families, in which one or both parents are unemployed and registered at employment support centres as job seekers; (g) Single pensioners.

¹⁸ Family with one minor child — 50 per cent; Family with two minor children — 80 per cent; Family with three and more children — 100 per cent.

¹⁹ Based on this decree, since January 1, 2013 the united criteria for all types of benefits and financial assistances is established to identify the needs of family and simplification the procedures of calculation of total income of the family at the appointment of social benefits and financial assistance for low-income families.

Allowance for the loss of Breadwinner ^{20 21}	Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 107 (July 4, 2011) on Approval of Legislative Acts for Implementation of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan Relating to the Amendment and Completion of the Law and Labour Code on the Provision of State Pensions.
Old age allowance (social pension)	Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 107 (July 4, 2011) on Approval of Legislative Acts for Implementation of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan Relating to the Amendment and Completion of the Law and Labour Code on the Provision of State Pensions.
Disability allowance (social pension) Disability social allowance for disabled from childhood Child disability allowance	Law "On social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Uzbekistan" (No. 422-XII as of November 18, 1991, taking account of amendments and additions as of 11 July 2008 No.162) is aimed at regulation of the relations in the field of social protection of disabled people ²² . The law defines the principle of recognising a person as a disabled person, including children between the ages of sixteen and eighteen ²³ . The law defines the rights and benefits for people with disabilities of various categories ²⁴ . Social assistance to disabled people is provided in various forms. ²⁵
Monetary compensations on communal expenses to vulnerable groups	Regulation No. 102 "On the mechanism of compensatory cash payments for payment of housing and communal services" as of November 30, 2010 defines the mechanism of compensatory cash payments for payment of housing and communal services. The target includes: a) Persons equated to disabled persons and participants in the war of 1941-1945. b) single pensioners in need of nursing care; c)

²⁰ **Allowance for the loss of a breadwinner** is received by incapacitated family members who were supported by person **who has no right on pension** in compliance with Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On state pension system". The amount of the allowance for loss of breadwinner is established as a percentage of the allowance that the deceased citizen received or was entitled to receive, in the following amounts: for three or more disabled members of the family - 100 percent of the benefit; or two disabled family members - 75 percent of the benefit; or one disabled family member - 50 percent of the benefit.

²¹ **Paragraph 6 of article 290 of the Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan.** Big families who have lost the breadwinner are exempted from land tax. Taxation big families who have lost the breadwinner, are considered families where one of the parents or both parents have died and where there are five and more children under 16. This benefit is provided on the basis of the Certificate of regional (city) department of the Pension fund at the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

²² Social assistance to disabled people is provided by local government bodies, labour and social protection agencies, public health services, public education, and other state bodies on the basis of the conclusions of medical and labour expert commissions and medical advisory commissions in accordance with the law. Social assistance to disabled people is provided at the expense of the republican and local budgets, the extra-budgetary Pension Fund under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, social protection funds for the disabled, as well as voluntary contributions from organisations and citizens in accordance with the procedure established by law.

²³ **Order of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 4782 "On measures for further improving and the system of social support and medical and social assistance to vulnerable people"** as of February 22, 2016 is directed on further improving the system of providing medical and social assistance, increasing of the level and quality of disable persons, war and labour veterans, lonely elderly people and other vulnerable people as well as increasing of efficiency of organisation of social protection and support.

²⁴ Linked to Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan №204 dd. 22.07.2013 "On measures to further improve the procedure for providing medicinal products to **13 categories** of persons on a preferential basis" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/2211624>); Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan №265-I dd. 29.08.1996 "On health protection of citizens" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/41329>); Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan №3PY-399 dd. 04.01.2016 "On medicines and pharmaceutical activities" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/2856466>); Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan №204 dd. 22.07.2013 "On measures to further improve the procedure for providing medicinal products to certain categories of persons on a preferential basis" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/2211624>); Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance №2522 dd. 13.11.2013 "On approval of the list of drugs intended for the preferential provision of outpatient treatment" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/2270349>); Provision of orthopaedic products free of charge for three categories of disabled; and Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan №278-I dd. 30.08.1996 "On the regulation of free use of urban passenger transport" (<http://www.lex.uz/ru/docs/39857>) for **7 vulnerable categories**

²⁵ Cash payments (pensions, benefits, lump sum payments); provision of technical or other means, including cars, wheelchairs, prosthetic and orthopaedic products for three categories of disability, printed materials with special typefaces, sound amplifying equipment and signing devices; services for medical, professional, social rehabilitation and consumer services; transport services; provision of medicines

	Heroes of the Soviet Union, Heroes of Socialist Labour and persons awarded with Orders of Glory of three degrees; d) ex- underage prisoners of fascist concentration camps; e) citizens who worked during the siege of Leningrad; Category 1 invalids on vision; g) citizens affected by the Chernobyl catastrophe; h) persons of retirement age who have served in radioactive firing ranges and other radioactive facilities.
Social Care Services for Children²⁶, People with Disabilities and Older Persons and other In-Kind Services and Exemptions for people in need	
Residential Care for Elderly People	Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers №455 of July 3, 2017 , "On Measures for Further strengthening of Social Support of the Disabled and Elderly Living in Residential Facilities, <i>Muruvvats</i> and <i>Sakhovat</i> ." ²⁷
Child Custody and Guardianship	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Custody and Guardianship (2013) Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Prevention of Child Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency (2010) Resolution #263 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Improving the System of Social Support for Children without Parental Care (2016).
Children with Disabilities	Children with Disabilities: Resolution #171 of the Cabinet of Ministers on Baby Homes ; Resolution #256 of the Cabinet of Ministers on state sanatorium-types specialised educational institutions (boarding schools) Resolution #240 of the Cabinet of Ministers on specialised boarding schools for children with disabilities.
Residential Care for Children without Parental Care	Law of The Republic of Uzbekistan on Custody and Guardianship 2013 . Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Prevention of Child Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency (2010). Resolution No. 263 of the Cabinet of Ministers on Improving the System of Social Support for Children without Parental Care (2016). Resolution No. 269 of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Approval of Regulatory Legal Acts on the Implementation of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan Relating to Custody and Guardianship (2014). Resolution No. 110 of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Approval of Regulations on the Procedure for Submission to the Guardianship Authority of Information of Children Left without Parental Care; Resolution No. 230 of the Cabinet of Ministers on <i>Mehribonlik</i> Homes; Resolution

²⁶ **Presidential Resolution No. 4185 of February 2019**²⁶—sets out the framework for a **new Child Care Strategy** to reduce reliance of the child care system on institutional care and expand the coverage of social services.

²⁷ Linked to: Law of Uzbekistan №3PY-415 dd. 26.12.2016 "On social services for the elderly, disabled and other socially vulnerable categories of the population" (<http://www.lex.uz/docs/3083194>); Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers №455 dd. 03.07.2017 "On measures for further strengthening of social support of the disabled and elderly living in boarding houses "Muruvvat" and " Sakhovat»" (<http://www.lex.uz/ru/docs/3258047>); Order of the Ministry of Health №2785 dd. 12.05.2016 "On approval of the rules for the registration of lonely elderly and disabled people in the Republican boarding house for veterans of war and labour, boarding houses "Sakhovat" and "Muruvvat" of the system of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan" (<http://www.lex.uz/ru/docs/2953857> ; Order of the Ministry of Health №2785 dd.12.05.2016:"On approval of the rules for the registration of lonely elderly and disabled people in the Republican boarding house for veterans of war and labour, boarding houses "Sakhovat" and "Muruvvat" of the system of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan" (<http://www.lex.uz/ru/docs/2953857>)

	No. 158 on the Type of Family Houses for Adopted Children.
Children in contact with the Law, street children and children who drop-out of school	Law on the Prevention of Child Neglect and Juvenile Delinquency (2010); Resolution No. 13 of the Cabinet of Ministers on Additional Measures to Improve the Activity of the Commission of Minors (2011); Presidential Decision on Measures to Further Improve the System Relating to the Prevention of Offenses and the Struggle against Crime (2017).
Free Pre-school Places for children from low income families	Joint Resolution No. 2821 of the MoF and the Ministry of Public Education of August 23, 2016, on the Adoption of the Order Relating to Payments for Children in Preschool Education Institutions and Boarding Schools.
Provision of subsidised places in private pre-school nurseries for children from families in need of social support.	Presidential Decree No. 3651 on Measures to Further Stimulate Development of the Pre-school Education System
Provision of Long-Term Care at home for the elderly living alone.	The procedure for providing social assistance to lonely elderly, pensioners and disabled people №900 dd. 23.02.2000 (http://lex.uz/ru/docs/515427).
Provision of free food supplies for pensioners living alone	The procedure for providing social assistance to lonely elderly, pensioners and disabled people №900 dd. 23.02.2000 (http://lex.uz/ru/docs/515427).
Free provision of winter clothes to schoolchildren from low-income families	Resolution No. 409 of the Cabinet of Ministers on Additional Measures to Improve the Material Living Conditions of Teachers and Schoolchildren.
Provision of textbooks free of charge to disabled students in boarding school; and those who are in schools for children with special needs	Joint Resolution No. 2577 of the Ministry of Public Education, MoF, Ministry of Culture and Sports, Agency on Mass Media and Communications of April 28, 2014, on Regulations for the Provision of Textbooks and Learning Materials to General Education Schools.