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Effective Governance and Justice for All

Key results and achievements



Outcome 1: Accountable, transparent, inclusive and gender responsive governance systems and rule of law institutions



Strengthening institutional capacities to support public administration reform, including that of regional and local government

- The policy for public service delivery set by the **National Strategy for the Modernization and Accelerated Development of the Public Service Delivery System (2022-2026)**;
- Accessibility of public services throughout the country and particularly in most remote areas was improved. Service delivery time was reduced by 26% and costs were **reduced by 20%**;
- **Basis for anti-corruption system** was expanded at local level – by setting full fledged AC compliance system at both central and local level.

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Jointly promoting human rights, gender equality and civic engagement

- **Policy, plan and institutions** to deal with the disability were set:
 - UN CRPD was ratified,
 - NAP on its implementation was developed,
 - Inter-agency Council on disability was set;
- **The National Strategy of Achieving Gender Equality** in Uzbekistan by 2030 was adopted;
- The first ever **Regional Central Asia Women Leaders Caucus** was successfully brought up and became effective platform for women's empowerment at regional level
- Set up a **National Commission on Children** and strengthened the **mandate of the Child Rights Ombudsperson**

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Outcome 2: Strengthened policy coherence, evidence-based and inclusive decision-making and financing for development mainstreamed in line with national SDGs



Strengthening evidence-based and inclusive decision-making and financing for development

- Comprehensive financing framework reinforced by **innovative SDG financing solutions** were the key results;
- Uzbekistan became first in the region and second **in the world to issue sovereign** SDGs Bond issued to become an and mobilize USD 235 million and attract the interest of about 50 international investors;
- An **Integrated SDG Financing Strategy** – aligned with the Yangi Uzbekistan strategy – is drafted and now consulted with major public, private and international institutions.

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Key context changes (2021-2022)



- Adoption of new policy and regulations: **the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan 2022-2026** with its key aim to serve for implementation of the idea of New Uzbekistan – people’s and humane state; the Law on Civil Service that call for merit based civil service equipped with rules for integrity, transparency and accountability.
- Changes in the institutional set-ups in several sectors, including in women empowerment machinery, public service delivery, mahalla system.
- Large- scale **constitutional reforms** (amendments to the Constitution) initiated.
- Active geopolitical transformations in the region and in the world which of course have implication to Uzbekistan.

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Key thematic priorities for 2023-2025



- Support **Inclusive Transformation of Local Governance**, as well as incorporation and full alignment of the **Anti-Corruption System and Inclusive Digitalisation** into the broader administrative reforms.
- Promotion of **human rights, gender equality and civic engagement** through **Justice and Law Enforcement Sectors Reform**, support to implementation of **National Gender Equality Strategy** and **Media Sector Reform**.
- Expanding the **Financing for Development** and evidence-based policy making through implementation of the National Financing Strategy and Developing the System for **Reliable Statistics** in support of SDGs.

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Outcome 3: Improved access to livelihoods, decent work and expanded opportunities for youth, women and vulnerable groups



Livelihoods



9,214 people, including **2,423 women** and **6,622 young people** gained vocational and entrepreneurship skills



9,200 small businesses received support to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 including more than 30% run by women



7,118 women and youth including **1,417 people with disabilities** increased employment and income opportunities and income generation

2,287 job places created, of these 50% are for females through the COVID-19 recovery program and adaptation business projects in remote rural areas



Outcome 4: Enhanced access to gender-sensitive quality health, education and social services for most vulnerable



19,199,342 people accessed and benefitted from UN-supported medical products or services;



9,197,540 COVAX vaccines were supplied; and cold chain system upgraded for successful administration of 49 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to vaccinate 12,441,333 people (52 % women);



More than 123,000 health specialists and workers improved knowledge on provision of the various health services, including health emergencies; immunization, patronage/home visits, micronutrient management;

506,916 children aged 6-23 months benefitted from micronutrient fortification



34,187 people with HIV received antiretroviral therapy, and 38,647 women were screened for cervical cancer



6,078 children, including 2,856 girls living with HIV/AIDS, accessed health and psycho-social support

314,627 adolescents, parents and teachers increased health literacy and **10,598 schools** were equipped with new or updated information about reproductive health, healthy lifestyle

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Education



1.23 million children in grades 1 and 2 benefited from enhanced school curriculum



EMIS established and enhanced; **7,000+** schools equipped for real-time monitoring of internet connectivity

900 education specialists trained on new Education Quality Assurance standards and **9,734 specialists** trained on use of online learning platform “Complex”.



Teachers' Professional Development platform set up accessible for more than **112,000 teachers**; The Uzbek Teacher Professional Development at scale (TPD@scale) model developed to cover all 500,000 schoolteachers



24,000 young people equipped with life and social skills

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Social protection



1,200,000 low-income families and **2,429,121** children benefited from social protection support through the Single Registry system



Disability empowerment grants for 11 NGOs benefitted **1,000 PwD, including 600 women**



A community-based case management approach piloted to benefit **106 families, including 192 children** (101 boys and 91 girls), benefited from this pilot initiative;



More than **350 children (48% girls)** from correctional institutions received reintegration social support

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Key context changes (2021-2022)



- **New National Development Strategy For 2022-2026**
- New **Government Resolution** on SDGs
- Continuation of structural reforms: **SOE restructuring and privatization programme** announced
- 2nd year of the COVID-19 pandemic: New variants and waves, Vaccination campaign
- Ratification of the **CRPD**
- Presidential decree “On measures to improve the system of social protection of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2021-2030”.
- Eliminated **child labour and forced labour**, The Cotton Campaign has lifted the global boycott of Uzbekistan's cotton.
- Government’s Programme on **De-I**



Livelihoods

- Ensuring support for productive engagement of youth, women and vulnerable groups into **socio-economic life and decision making**
- Supporting **crisis response programmes** and building socio-economic resilience of the country to global and regional economic instabilities and insecurities
- Supporting **green economic transition**
- **Strengthening regional development** through the integrated area-based development approach
- Economic empowerment of **disadvantaged groups**
- Skilled and safe **migration**

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Health

- Addressing inequities in health service coverage and outcomes
- Strengthening health systems with a focus on primary care/PHC
- Strengthening health emergency preparedness and response
- Promote integrated, multi-sectoral policies and programmes for health



Education

- System-wide Education Policy Support, including EMIS and Quality Assurance Systems
- Curriculum and textbook reform
- Teachers' professional development



Social protection

- Social protection Institutional reform and financing
- Access to services, guarantee and service provision
- Social Protection of children and adults with Disabilities-CRPD implementation

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Outcome 5: Sustainable and gender-sensitive efficient management of natural resources and infrastructure, robust climate action, inclusive environmental governance and protection



Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement. At COP26 the Government declared a further reduction of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP by 35% by 2030;

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21 gender-sensitive, policy-level initiatives and innovative and scalable solutions to support climate change mitigation and adaptation, green economy, biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystems

(Integrated Roadmap for the Areal Sea, green mortgage, AKIS, 2030 Forestry System Development Concept, BioFin, SMART Patrol, etc);



22,282 people (over 60% females) benefitted from gender-responsive climate adaptation and mitigations UN initiatives/interventions;



15,869 rural households (44% female) adopted climate resilient conservation agriculture practices;



5 protected areas under improved gender-sensitive management for conservation and sustainable use; 2 new created (total 51,300 ha);



31,500 population in 12 target communities were covered and engaged in the community-based DRR activities



The Government of Uzbekistan has joined the Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for 2022-2030

6,640 rural people, including 3,320 women, acquired affordable rural low-carbon housing

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Key Results of the UN Joint Programmes in the Aral Sea Region

- **58,973 people, including 34,760 women** from 6 regions of Karakalpakstan have increased climate resilience thanks to adopting agro-conservation and water saving practices introduced by the UN system;
- Over **21,559 rural people (more than 50% female)** improved access to basic services;
- WASH infrastructure was improved in **22 healthcare facilities and 15 schools** and 578 people benefitted;
- Number of pasture cooperatives established reached 13 to unite **64,723 people (50.3% female)**;
- Pasture cooperatives planted **10 million saksaul** seedlings across 10,000ha in Karakalpakstan;
- Annually, **110,000 people**, including seasonal workers, are engaged in afforestation, maintenance of desert plant nurseries, seed collection, and maintenance of micro and macro irrigation networks for pasture reclamation.

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Key context changes (2021-2022)



- New Strategy for the Development of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026: green economy and environmental targets
- National Determined Contribution (under Paris Agreement, October 2021)
 - Reducing GHG emissions by 35% by 2030
 - Increase the share of renewable energy sources to 25%, double the energy-efficiency indicator, halve the energy intensity of GDP, and decrease industrial consumption of natural resources
- UN GA Resolution (18 May 2021) on the Aral Sea region - Zone of Ecological Innovations and Technologies.
 - The Presidential Resolution on Aral Sea (29 July 2022)
- Adoption of Yashil Makon/Green Nation State Programme with its ambitious target of planting 1 billion trees and shrubs over the next 5 years.
- Uzbekistan joined the Biodiversity Finance Initiative
- Strategic Framework (supported by the UN and WB) for the Green Strategy
 - PAGE (Partnership for Green Economy) initiative

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- **Green Growth:** development and implementation of the Green Growth Strategic Framework (GGSF) up to 2030, and the Low Carbon Development Strategy until 2050.
- **Climate Finance:** Promoting establishment of the climate change financing framework to support the implementation of the GGSF
- **Promoting the zero-carbon energy systems transformation** to minimize negative social impacts from energy decarbonization policies and to ensure a just energy transition.
- **Zero-carbon and sustainable mobility.** Strengthening public transport infrastructure, promoting transport electrification, and direct integration of renewable energy
- **Afforestation/Yashil Makon** – support in implementation of the Green Nation State Programme
- **Promoting Integrated Water Resource Management** with focus on policy, strategy and capacity-building for sustainable water resources management

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- **Water-energy-food-environment (WEFE) nexus, including agriculture and food security;**
- Adoption and support implementation of a **National Adaptation Plan** in 5 focus areas (agriculture, water resources, health, housing, and emergency management), continuing its geographical expansion.
- **Biodiversity/ecosystem management and biodiversity finance**
- Implementation of the **Integrated Roadmap for the sustainable development of the Aral Sea region** to transform the Aral Sea region into a zone of ecological innovations and technologies environment innovations and technologies,
- Support on the **climate-smart waste management** in Uzbekistan, through Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through composting and recycling.
- Enhance the efficiency and coverage of **multi-hazard early warning system** and strengthening a national capacity for effective delivery of obligations under the **Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**