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The Role of Social Protection in Supporting the Human Capital

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"Our collaboration will stand as a call to action, urging for increased and improved investment in people. They are not only the backbone of our nation but also the driving force behind economic growth, both within our country and across the entire region"



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POLICY FRAMEWORK



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National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan up to the period of 2030



The primary driver of growth lies in human capital, comprising its key pillars:



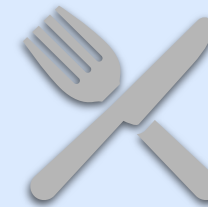
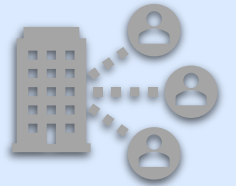
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STRATEGIC GOALS



Securing energy stability and optimizing electricity utilization

Resolving the communication impasse and transitioning the nation into a pivotal transit hub



Guaranteeing food security and ensuring the population's access to nutritious, high-quality sustenance

Accelerating the industrialization of the nation and fostering the expansion of productive employment opportunities





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Medium-Term Development Program of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2025



Developing human capital and improving the quality of social sector services



Embracing the principle of responsiveness to the needs and inclusion of all demographic groups in the developmental processes

Challenges in four major domains:

1) Health sector

2) Poverty reduction

3) Agricultural sector

4) Social protection



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Strategy for Development for Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period of up to 2040



The social protection system is crafted to foster an environment conducive to the development of human capital, addressing the following pivotal issues

- Minimizing the social burden on the budget to safeguard long-term fiscal sustainability

- The absence of a comprehensive set of minimum social standards for the delivery of social services

- The inadequate institutional framework in support of the pension insurance system



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The primary priorities in advancing the social protection system include:

1) Modernizing the institutional framework of the social protection system

2) Securing the long-term sustainability of the pension system

3) Implementing a blend of protective and empowering measures in the social protection of vulnerable groups



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The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population is currently enhancing the social assistance and social services/care system in the following areas:

- **Under the World Bank's Modernization of Social Protection and Economic Inclusion Project (P178878), efforts are underway to bolster public support measures aimed at shielding impoverished and vulnerable households from shocks, fostering economic inclusion, and enhancing the Targeted Social Assistance System. This includes augmenting payment amounts tied to the number of children under 16 within families, and refining the formula for proxy means testing.**
- **The development of the social protection registry involves enhancing information systems for Targeted Social Assistance (TSA), certifying individuals with disabilities, and implementing a new module "One-Stop-Shop" for social services.**
- **The implementation of a pilot project on integrated delivery of social services is underway, utilizing a case management approach.**

In response to the directives outlined by the Head of State in his recent address to the Supreme Assembly (December 28, 2023), the Ministry is actively undertaking measures to enhance the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities and advance assistive technologies. Additionally, efforts are being made to reinforce inter-ministerial and intersectoral collaboration to tackle social protection challenges effectively. Moreover, considering the imperative of bolstering the fundamental capacity and human resources of local social protection entities, a review of the sector's structure will be conducted.



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