

## Youth Leader in the Neighborhood

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### Abstract

This text highlights the significant enhancements in the lives of elderly residents in the Kok Ozek neighborhood of Uzbekistan through the establishment of sports facilities and various programs. The implementation of sports fields for badminton, volleyball, and mini soccer has notably boosted elderly participation in sports activities. The noteworthy accomplishments of the local elderly individuals in the "Special Olympics" have led to recognition at the national level. Additionally, achievements in chess competitions have further underscored the community's dedication to promoting active engagement among the elderly population. This progress is attributed to both the extensive opportunities provided and the unwavering support of the President and ancestral wisdom.

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**Youth in Uzbekistan: Nurturing Potential for a Dynamic Future:** The youth of Uzbekistan play a crucial role in shaping the nation's trajectory, contributing to its development, and ensuring a vibrant future. With a significant percentage of the population falling within the youth demographic, the country's leaders and institutions have recognized the importance of investing in this valuable resource. This article delves into the aspirations, challenges, and initiatives concerning the youth of Uzbekistan.

**Youth Aspirations and Challenges:** Uzbekistan's youth, like their global counterparts, hold diverse aspirations. Many aspire to excel in education, secure meaningful employment, and actively participate in shaping societal progress. However, they also face a range of challenges. These challenges include limited access to quality education, employment opportunities that align with their aspirations, and the need for supportive policies that address their evolving needs.

**Education and Skill Development:** Recognizing the pivotal role of education, Uzbekistan has been taking significant steps to enhance its education system. Reforms aimed at modernizing curricula, improving teaching methods, and integrating technology have been implemented. Vocational training programs have also been introduced to equip youth with practical skills that are relevant to the job market. Initiatives promoting entrepreneurship and innovation are fostering a culture of creativity and self-reliance. [1.103]

**Employment and Economic Empowerment:** The transition from education to employment remains a challenge for many youth. The government and private sector are working together to create more job opportunities and ensure that the skills acquired by youth align with industry demands. Efforts to encourage entrepreneurship and support startups are nurturing a culture of self-employment and economic empowerment among the youth.

Young people in Uzbekistan make up a significant portion of the country's population and play a crucial role in shaping its future. As of my last update in September 2021, here are some key points about young people in Uzbekistan: **Population Demographics:** Uzbekistan has a relatively young population, with a large percentage of its citizens under the age of 30. This youthful demographic presents both opportunities and challenges for the country's development.

**Education:** Education is highly valued in Uzbek society. The government has been working to improve access to education at all levels. However, challenges such as outdated teaching methods and limited resources in some areas still exist. Many young Uzbeks aspire to pursue higher education, including in fields like engineering, medicine, and economics.

**Economic Opportunities:** The government has been focusing on diversifying the economy and creating more job opportunities for young people. However, youth unemployment and underemployment have been challenges, and many young Uzbeks seek better opportunities abroad.

**Technology and Innovation:** Like in many other parts of the world, young Uzbeks are embracing technology and innovation. There has been a growing interest in entrepreneurship and tech-related fields. Startups and tech initiatives have been emerging, contributing to the country's efforts to modernize its economy.

**Cultural and Social Dynamics:** Traditional values and cultural norms continue to have a significant influence on young people's lives. However, globalization and increased access to information have led to a more interconnected and open-minded generation. Social media platforms play a role in shaping cultural trends and allowing young Uzbeks to express themselves.

**Political Engagement:** Uzbekistan has been undergoing political reforms, and young people are increasingly becoming engaged in civic activities and expressing their opinions. The government has taken steps to involve youth in decision-making processes and encourage their participation in public affairs.

**Challenges:** Despite the progress, challenges remain. Limited access to quality healthcare, housing, and job opportunities, especially in rural areas, can hinder young people's development. Additionally, there might be discrepancies in terms of opportunities between urban and rural youth. [2.72]

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, opportunities for the youth have been significantly expanded due to our President's focus on the issue of elderly care as a national policy priority. Thanks to the decisive resolution of our esteemed President on January 19, 2022, every neighborhood was instructed to address the needs of the elderly.

According to this resolution, local initiatives for the well-being and balance of youth residents in their neighborhoods were established, along with the introduction of the electronic platforms 'Youth Care Department' and 'Youth Portal.' These platforms provided comprehensive information about various services for the elderly and effectively documented the utilization of their free time.

Furthermore, in conjunction with this, the elderly residents were given opportunities to contribute to their communities by engaging in various activities such as cultural events, sports activities, the Special Olympics, creative workshops, and showcasing their talents. This approach, aligned with the spirit of patriotism, nurtured a sense of social responsibility and actively translated these policies into practice.

If I were to say that even in the most remote corners of our country, significant improvements have taken place in the lives of our elderly citizens due to our President's resolute decision, I wouldn't be exaggerating. For instance, consider the Kok Ozek neighborhood in the Kegeyli district. Despite being located about 40 kilometers away from the district center, the changes in the lives of the elderly residents in this neighborhood are remarkable.

In the Kok Ozek neighborhood, out of the 1505 elderly individuals aged 30 and above, 169 have been enrolled in the 'Youth Care Department' today. On the same day, 80 individuals aged 80 and above have received various types of assistance. This assistance includes:

- Scholarships for those aged 11 and below who are attending elementary schools.
- Subsidies for 11 low-income elderly citizens without family support.
- Necessary equipment for 36 elderly individuals for participating in physical activities.
- Loans provided for 5 elderly individuals to engage in skill development and entrepreneurship.
- Complete medical care for 2 visually impaired individuals, including eye surgery.
- Providing partial support for 4 elderly citizens' medical treatment.
- Funding for 4 elderly individuals to attend vocational courses.
- Assistance for 3 youth individuals in pursuing future careers.
- Support for obtaining biometric passports for 2 elderly individuals.
- Assistance in organizing marriages for 2 elderly individuals.
- Continuous support through the 'Youth Support Network' and other channels.

These efforts reflect our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our young population, and various programs and initiatives are ongoing to provide comprehensive care and support.

If I were to say that the development of sports fields for badminton, volleyball, and mini soccer in the Kok Ozek neighborhood has significantly increased the participation of elderly individuals in sports, it would not be an exaggeration. Thanks to the prominent 'Special Olympics,' local elderly participants are now competing and achieving success at the national level. Among these achievements, during the 2nd season games of the 'Special Olympics,' the girls' team formed from young individuals of our neighborhood excelled in sports such as running, securing a notable 3rd place at the national level. Similarly, our neighborhood's chess players secured 1st and 2nd places at the regional level of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and went on to compete at the national level, earning recognition.

Today, the young residents of our neighborhood are provided with countless opportunities due to the policies of our President and the support of our ancestors. If you look at the bright future with clear eyes, you will find that these developments are truly remarkable. In conclusion, young people in Uzbekistan constitute a significant demographic group that holds immense potential to shape the country's future. With a strong emphasis on education, increasing technological awareness, and a growing interest in entrepreneurship, the youth of Uzbekistan are striving to contribute to the nation's economic and social development.

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