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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.



Statement

The Social Initiatives Support Fund consolidates the efforts of active civil society citizens in Uzbekistan to improve the quality of life of people in need of social support. The main activities are health care, education, social support and infrastructure, grant programmes to support socially significant projects of regional non-governmental organizations in Uzbekistan and ecology. These activities achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Healthcare

For its “healthy mother — healthy child” Project, the Social Initiatives Support Fund oversees educational work aimed at advocating and clarifying issues in reproductive health while emphasizing work with the segments of the population that have not been covered by ongoing State programmes, particularly puberty-age girls. Considering national traditions and mentality, the Fund applies methods and forms of work such as workshops, training sessions, counselling and publication of information materials.

This project was launched with the goal of educating girls on healthy eating, the prevention of anaemia and hygiene, as well as sharing with pregnant and fertile-age women information about prenatal and postnatal care.

The primary goals of the organization’s “healthy youth” project include development and the introduction of education methodology and HIV prevention programmes. The project aims to involve active youth aged 15-25 in a healthy lifestyle movement, through training, counselling and youth-oriented social events in the main cities of Uzbekistan. The project has been realized in two stages. During the first step, active youth from target regions are trained and then youth-oriented social events are held in every target city with their participation. During the second stage, young activists inform the target participants of the problems of HIV/AIDS, drug addiction, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis, using outreach methods.

Social support and infrastructure

The “alternative sources of energy to support social sector representatives” project is a new charitable initiative aimed at widening the introduction of renewable energy sources into the energy supply system of Uzbekistan through the installation of modular systems.

The goals of the project is to support and provide women farmers, craftswomen, hospitals and rural medical posts with alternative energy sources by installing alternative energy equipment.

The following individual alternative energy modules were manufactured and set up after research had been carried out into territorial and climatic conditions, as well as technical and economic requirements:

- Hybrid wind and solar electricity supply complexes
- Solar photovoltaic modules
- Solar water heaters

- More powerful systems for rural medical posts due to their special technical identity and significance
 - More powerful transmitters of pure sinusoidal current electricity and overcapacity rechargeable batteries for medical equipment, as well as innovative control and monitoring systems for rural medical posts, to remotely monitor functions and failures and preserve data statistics for later analysis
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