

UZBEKISTAN'S YELLOW ROAD TO PROSPERITY: REDUCING POVERTY

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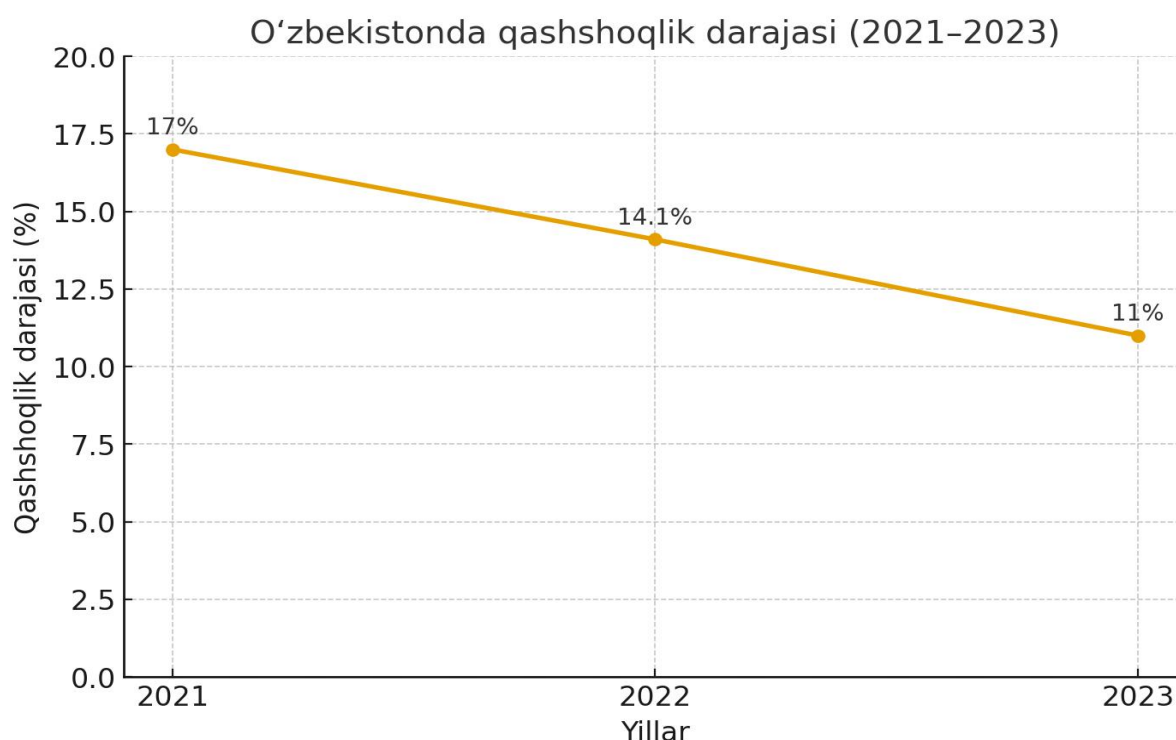
Abstract: This article analyzes the large-scale reforms being implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan to reduce poverty. The country has significantly reduced poverty levels by strengthening the social protection system, creating new jobs, supporting entrepreneurship, and focusing on education and healthcare. According to official statistics, poverty has decreased from 17 percent in 2021 to 11 percent in 2023, and it is planned to reduce this indicator to 7-8 percent by 2026. International organizations such as the World Bank, the UNDP, and the Asian Development Bank highly evaluate Uzbekistan's anti-poverty policy. The article summarizes the positive results of the policy and its role in the country's development.

Keywords: Uzbekistan, poverty, poverty reduction, economic reforms, social protection, employment, welfare, public policy.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has been making great strides in socio-economic development. The main goal is to increase the well-being of the people and reduce poverty. The government is paying special attention to increasing incomes, creating jobs, and strengthening the social assistance system.

Changes in the poverty level

According to official data, the poverty level in the country is gradually decreasing. In 2021, about 17 percent of the population lived in poverty, while in 2022 this figure decreased to 14.1 percent. By 2023, according to estimates by the World Bank and the Statistics Committee, the poverty level was around 11 percent. The strategic goal is to reduce this figure to 7-8 percent by 2026.



Economic reforms and jobs

One of the main ways to reduce poverty is through sustainable economic growth and the development of the private sector. The country is working to improve the investment climate and support small and medium-sized businesses. As a result, thousands of new jobs have been created, and the population's sources of income are expanding.

Social assistance and support for the population

The state continues to provide material assistance to the most needy. Currently, more than 2 million families are supported through various social programs. The reform of the pension system, benefits for families with children, and the opening of "Social Service Centers" in neighborhoods are strengthening the social protection of the population.

Education and human capital

Reforms in the education system also play an important role in the fight against poverty. Improving the quality of school and vocational education, preparing young people for modern professions - this will allow them to find decent jobs in the future.

Rural Development

Agriculture is being modernized, infrastructure is being improved, new roads, electricity and internet networks are being expanded, and rural residents are being provided with amenities. This is contributing to the development of the local economy.

Conclusion

Uzbekistan has achieved significant results in poverty reduction in recent years. The fact that the poverty rate has decreased from 17 percent in 2021 to 11 percent in 2023 is a direct result of the rational policy of our state and reforms aimed at the interests of the people. The new jobs being created, entrepreneurship support programs, the expansion of social assistance mechanisms, and the attention paid to education and healthcare are all contributing to improving the well-being of the population.

It is noteworthy that today the Republic of Uzbekistan is setting an example in the fight against poverty not only at the national but also at the regional level. The reforms being carried out under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, based on the principle of "For the sake of human dignity", are strengthening the confidence of our people in the future.

Undoubtedly, the large-scale policy launched to overcome poverty will serve to shape Uzbekistan as a stronger, economically stable and socially just state. These achievements, along with improving the quality of life of our people, are laying the foundation for building a bright future for a new Uzbekistan.

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