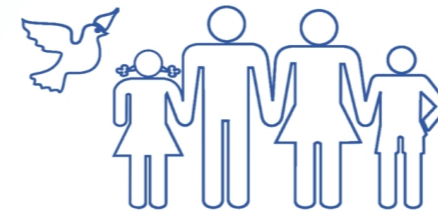




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The National Center for Socio-Economic Development "SABR" together with the Commission on Gender Equality of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Association of Business Women of Andijan, Khokimiyats of Izbaskan, Buston, Akdarya and Urgut regions started the project activity **"Strengthening institutional and organizational capacity of NGOs to respond to the impact of COVID-19 on most vulnerable women and youth in rural areas of Uzbekistan and improve their socio-economic situation"** The total project budget is 299.900 Euro which is fully budgeted by the European Union



The Commission on Gender Equality of the Republic of Uzbekistan developed a **"Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality in the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2020-2030"** and the main goal of the project is to increase the social and political activity of women and ensure their employment.

Main objectives of the project:

- Creating and promoting the sustainable practice of advanced local systems of cooperation and communication between NGOs and local governments to support low-income families in rural areas, especially women and youth, to maintain and protect their interests, including their safe, healthy lives and to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Creating opportunities for the most disadvantaged women and youth affected by COVID-19 of Buston and Izboskan districts of Andijan province, Akdarya, and Urgut districts of Samarkand province to exit the crisis situation and improve their well-being by developing professional skills, employment, starting their own businesses, access to financial and information resources and counseling services.

THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT IS TO MAKE AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF LOW-INCOME RURAL RESIDENTS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND YOUTH, WHO HAVE BEEN MOST AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Activities to accomplish assigned tasks:

- social counseling services (doctors, psychologists, lawyers) for 1,300 women and youth and residents of mahallas;
- conducting a baseline study to assess the needs and requirements of the target group by Participatory and Socioeconomic Gender Analysis (SEAGA);
- opening of equipped rural information and resource centers in Akdarya and Urgut districts of Samarkand region, Buston and Izboskan districts of Andijan region to train 720 vulnerable women and young people in 6 popular areas (tailoring, confectionery, hairdressing, folk crafts, computer literacy, manicure and pedicure);
- creation of an information and resource Internet library, children's corners and a mini laundry to support women and youth receiving professional skills;
- training and preparing 27 mentors and coaches from the target districts to work at the Choyhona Rural Information and Resource Centers;
- providing grants from 1 million to 5 million soums (with a total of 74,000 euros) on a competitive basis to women and young people from poor families to start their own businesses;
- holding 12 information meetings and 12 trainings for 600 people. - mahalla leaders, local authorities and civil society institutions to intensify community mobilization activities to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

On April 19, 2021 there was a grand opening of the rural information and resource center "Choyhona" in Akdarya district of Samarkand region, on April 20, 2021 in Urgut district of Samarkand region, on April 26, 2021 in Buston district of Andijan region and on April 27, 2021 in Izboskan district of Andijan region.