



## THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN MODERNIZING UZBEKISTAN

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<b>Received:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	This article discusses the role of non-governmental non-profit organizations in New Uzbekistan and their participation in the development of civil society. The article also emphasizes the fact that civil institutions, that is, non-governmental non-profit organizations, are now becoming an important factor in protecting democratic values, human rights and freedoms, and legitimate interests. It is explained that, as an institution of civil control, it has become one of the important means of ensuring effective interaction between society and the state, determining the moods of people and their reaction to the changes taking place in the country.
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Today, the question of building a democratic civil society is becoming a generally recognized rule and principle, a moral heritage and value of every person. Of course, building a civil society is not a quick process. Civil society, which has no place in people's minds, cannot be an integral part of people's way of life. Therefore, there are certain theories and laws and principles of democracy, the scientific and theoretical study and implementation of which is of great importance today in the framework of a separate dissertation on civil society, which is its integral part.

The building of a democratic civil society after the Republic of Uzbekistan gained independence testifies to the prospects of the path of development we have chosen, free from the administrative-command system of the former Soviet regime, i.e. ways to build a just society. New Uzbekistan is a country of citizens with democratic laws and high legal culture.

Today, the process of supporting civil society institutions, non-governmental non-profit organizations and the media in the implementation of the development strategy of our country and the formation of New Uzbekistan is accelerating.

In this regard, comprehensive support for the activities of non-governmental non-profit organizations and civil society institutions is one of the priorities in the implementation of effective management.

The all-round prosperity of the country can be achieved only in the conditions of a strong and just civil society. This implies the need to take into account the opinions of citizens and their associations when making all decisions.

Uzbekistan has a national system of state support for civil society institutions - the Public Fund for Support of Non-Governmental Non-Profit Organizations and other Civil Society Institutions under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the activities of the Parliamentary Commission for managing the Fund's funds are becoming increasingly important.

In 2018-2021, important socially significant programs and projects of non-governmental non-profit organizations, civil society institutions of our country will be financed from the state budget in the amount of \$30 billion. was supported in the amount of about sum. This support was provided in the form of state subsidies, state social orders, state grants.

In particular, from June 10 to July 15, 2018, projects submitted by non-governmental non-profit organizations and other civil society institutions were considered to receive state grants for 2 competitions held by the Public Fund under the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Promoting a healthy lifestyle and culture among the population, strengthening social partnership with the local state administration and executive authorities in this area, encouraging

the active participation of non-governmental non-profit organizations in the decision-making process of public control are among the priority tasks. activities of the Parliamentary Commission and the Public Fund.

Especially in this area, the activities of large non-governmental non-profit organizations, such as the ecological movement of Uzbekistan, which unites about 250 non-governmental non-profit organizations in the field of ecology and health care, and other civil society institutions that are regularly supported by the state, have become more important. The scale of work in the field is clearly evidenced by the fact that 40 projects of civil society institutions supported by the Public Fund in 2021 are being implemented in the regions of our country in cooperation with local government bodies.

This indicator is also common in the experience of foreign countries. The governments of other developed countries of the world also rely on public structures, primarily non-governmental non-profit organizations, in solving important economic, social, environmental and other problems. 4.9 percent of the employed population in 22 developed countries work directly in the private sector. This figure is 12.4% in the Netherlands, 11.5% in Ireland, 10.5% in Belgium, 9.2% in Israel, 7.2% in Australia and 6.2% in the UK[1, 22-23].

In fact, building a civil society is a multifaceted, lengthy process, and in any society free from the old system, a number of problems will undoubtedly arise in resolving issues of state and public importance. In this, two aspects are important.

First of all, this country feels the need to rely on the achievements and generally recognized principles of the countries of the world in building a civil society.

Secondly, it is important to take into account the specific national characteristics and conditions of each country or people. From this point of view, it is of great importance to study and implement large-scale reforms carried out in all spheres of civil society in Uzbekistan, which are characteristic of the world experience of universal and national aspects of democratic development.

At the same time, civil society forms certain knowledge and skills among citizens about building a democratic society that is being built in our country. As mentioned above, based on the historical experience of world development, based on the unique features of our country, it examines not only the theoretical issues of building a just democratic state and civil society, but also its practical aspects.

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the important idea of "a society where human value is a priority and a human-friendly state" was set as a priority criterion. The strategy aims to please every citizen who looks to the future with firm confidence and hope. It is important to note that the new development strategy of Uzbekistan includes seven priority areas based on today's globalization processes, as well as one hundred goals aimed at fulfilling the tasks set for each area. Each priority area is also important because it is focused on the glorification of human value.

2022 was announced in accordance with the State Program "Year of Human Dignity and Active Neighborhood" "Increasing the activity of residents and non-governmental non-profit organizations in the improvement of cities, microdistricts and streets and environmental protection, strengthening public health and widespread promotion of a healthy lifestyle" decision on support The state grant on the topic is a clear confirmation of this.

In addition, from 2022 to the present, more than 30 socially significant projects of non-governmental non-profit organizations and civil society institutions have been implemented on the basis of state grants. As mentioned above, according to the Law "On Non-Governmental Non-Commercial Organizations" adopted by the Oliy Majlis on April 14, 1999, «We are convinced that a non-governmental non-profit organization is a self-governing organization created on a voluntary basis by individuals and (or) legal entities that does not generate income (profit) the main purpose of its activities and does not distribute the income (profit) received among its participants (participants). A non-state non-profit organization is created to protect the rights and legitimate interests of individuals and legal entities, other democratic values, to achieve social, cultural and educational goals, meet spiritual and other non-material needs, carry out charitable activities and for other socially useful purposes»[2, 14].

Also, according to the current legislation of Uzbekistan, non-governmental non-profit organizations are granted the following rights:

- protect the rights and legitimate interests of its members and participants;
- putting forward initiatives on various issues of public life, making proposals to public authorities and administration;
- participation in the development of decisions of state authorities and administration in the manner prescribed by law;
- dissemination of information about their activities;
- establishment of mass media and implementation of publishing activities in the prescribed manner;
- organization of economic structures to fulfill the tasks specified in the charter;
- establishment of own symbols;
- holding meetings and conferences on issues related to their activities;
- open representative offices and create branches in accordance with the law[2, 14].

In Uzbekistan, by the beginning of the 21st century, the implementation of the conceptual political program "From a strong state to a strong society", i.e., the liberalization of society building, based on the gradual transfer of part of the powers of the central state bodies to local governments, self-government bodies and non-governmental non-profit organizations[3]. Further expansion of the scope of activities of non-governmental non-profit organizations and civil society institutions in this direction, the establishment of mutual social partnership with educational

institutions in the field of youth, assistance in creating broad conditions for young people to grow up healthy and grow up, educate them in the spirit of loyalty to the Motherland, national and universal values, focusing on strengthening efforts to prevent the coming "mass culture" from falling into the flow of various alien ideas - the basis of the democratic society we are building.

In particular, in our country, the encouragement of the participation of non-governmental non-profit organizations and other civil society institutions is becoming increasingly important in the activities of the Parliamentary Commission. Non-governmental non-profit organizations and other civil society institutions, with the support of the Parliamentary Commission, provide employment for the population in need of social assistance, increase their sources of income, further improve the quality of education, provide social support to women, and further strengthen their position in society, expand opportunities for additional professional education promoting a healthy lifestyle among young people, the fact of implementation of 359 projects in the form of a single state grant in cooperation with the local state administration and executive authorities to ensure environmental stability, encourage the use of alternative energy sources, improve the environmental culture of the population and other areas indicates that the role of non-governmental non-profit organizations in the life of the state and society is great.

We are convinced that civil society as a whole is a set of relations free from state influence and interference in public life, administrative pressure and based on the free organization of people's lifestyles. At work, this is a unique system that influences the activities of the state, ensures the interests of citizens and helps citizens to participate in political processes, a society that expresses the development of our country, ongoing development processes, democracy, respect for human rights, freedom of enterprise, free market relations, freedom of speech, etc. It became clear that it is impossible to imagine it without universal human values.

As a general conclusion, it should be noted that cardinal changes are taking place in all areas in connection with large-scale reforms that are being carried out in order to raise the development of New Uzbekistan to a new level, and the worldview and thinking of our people are improving. At the initiative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and as a result of discussions held with the participation of the general public, the Resolution "On the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" and the State Program for the implementation of 2022 - the "Year of Human Dignity and Active Good Neighborliness" were adopted, its signing will lay the foundation for new approaches in the development of the state and society. We have witnessed that non-governmental non-profit organizations directly or indirectly contribute to social, economic and political development and participate in these processes. Also, as a result of the activities of non-governmental and non-profit organizations, development occurs as a result of interrelations and conflicts between the interests of various social strata belonging to the economic, social, political and spiritual life of society. In our opinion, there is no doubt that these processes create broad opportunities for mutual consent and cooperation of various social strata and groups.

Every country striving to create a state of law and civil society needs the activity of social and political institutions, especially political parties. In civil society, political parties play the role of a means of communication between society and the state. Currently, according to the current legislation, political parties participate in the formation of state power by nominating candidates for the posts of the President, the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis and local councils during the electoral process. At present, citizens of our country participate not only in the formation of state power through political parties, but also in control over the activities of state bodies.

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