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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN UZBEKISTAN IN THE REGIONS
AND THEIR USE IN A PANDEMIC**

We know that people usually have different lifestyles and focus on a number of activities. Entrepreneurship has a special place among these activities. Therefore, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 17, 2017 "On the establishment of the State Fund for the Development of Entrepreneurship" in 2017-2021, further liberalization of the economy, further improvement of the business environment, implementation of decisive and effective measures to mitigate, create a favorable business environment, eliminate unnecessary barriers and obstacles to the development of entrepreneurship is the basis and incentive for the further development of the industry. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited Andijan region on June 17-18 this year to get acquainted with the changes in the regions, the life of the population, to determine future plans. During the visit, Andijan residents were satisfied with the head of state's interest in the standard of living of the population, sincere conversations with homeowners in microdistricts, the implementation of modern entrepreneurial projects, recognition of the work of selfless people, laying a foundation stone for large-scale creativity and setting new goals.

In particular, Kogay mahalla, located in Izbaskan district of Andijan region, is one of the most remote areas, and as a result of economic opportunities, industrial and entrepreneurial activities are entering the villages. This is one of the most important tasks in the employment of the unemployed population. Recently, the And

Gold sewing and knitting enterprise was launched in this mahalla by the Sohib Omad Barakasi cluster. During the visit, the head of state got acquainted with the activities of the factory. The new project, worth \$ 2.5 million, includes a new building and state-of-the-art equipment. The company has a production capacity of 3.5 million pieces of ready-made knitwear per year. It is planned to export 100% of the products, and agreements have been signed with Russia and China on the supply of yarn.

The above-mentioned entrepreneurial activity now employs 830 women. As a result, we can see that the share of the unemployed has decreased significantly. During the ongoing economic reforms in our country, special attention is paid to the development of entrepreneurial activity, the creation of sufficient opportunities for it, the elimination of any barriers and existing restrictions that hinder the development of this activity. Creating sufficient business opportunities is usually the basis for entrepreneurs to do well. The more entrepreneurs there are in the country, the more products, services and jobs there will be in the market. An entrepreneur provides employment to the unemployed through the services or the goods he creates, and on the other hand, he enters the market with his goods, this will increase the freedom of choice for consumers, they will pay taxes to the state through their business activities, and we know that usually a large part of the state budget revenues come from taxes. So we can understand that the definition of an entrepreneur - a supporter of the country - is not in vain. The state is taking a number of measures to organize entrepreneurship. As an example, under the motto "Every family is an entrepreneur" they are provided with soft loans for families who want to start a business, families are being helped to build greenhouses or are given loans for poultry, cattle or sheep and other domestic animals, with the aim of improving the economic and financial conditions of families in each family entrepreneur project. In order to provide jobs for unorganized and unemployed youth, the state has recently allocated 10 hundred square meters of land in each region of the country, which is provided to young people free of charge. Here, young people are growing a variety of vegetables, selling their produce on the market, and significantly increasing their budgets. Loans of up to 33 million soums at 14% are also provided for young people who want to start a business. In our country, not only we, but the

whole world is currently fighting the Coronavirus in a pandemic. Quarantine measures have been tightened in many places, and companies, manufacturing and services operating in areas where the virus is spreading have been given some time off.

Many countries have closed their borders to citizens of other countries, which has caused a number of inconveniences and problems for citizens working abroad. For example, a significant proportion of Uzbek citizens worked in Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other CIS countries to supplement their family budgets. They could not cross the closed borders during the pandemic, and those who passed could not come. The severe pandemic has led to an increase in the number of unemployed among the population for many reasons. Even now, the pandemic Coronavirus has not completely disappeared, and taking into account these circumstances, our country is working in strict compliance with the rules of quarantine. Various business activities are being organized and unemployed people are being employed there. This will reduce the number of people in the overcrowded "Youth", "Women" and "Iron" books.

At present, the development of private entrepreneurship in our country and the amount of various shares in it is significantly increasing. The state has developed and improved its regulatory framework, and is working to provide financial, credit and investment support to small businesses. Measures to further liberalize and encourage small business and private entrepreneurship are being strengthened in Uzbekistan. In particular, in recent years, the legislation on the protection of private property and private entrepreneurship has been strengthened, the formation of market infrastructure has been accelerated, business registration, voluntary closure and liquidation have been carried out on a voluntary basis. may open and terminate at any time.

In Uzbekistan, small business and private entrepreneurship are developing rapidly, becoming an independent and efficient sector of the economy. The following table can be cited as an example and proof of this.

We can see from the table above that in 2019, a number of activities were carried out by small business entities.

The share of small business in sectors of the economy

The share of small business (%)	2000	2016	2018	2019
GDP	31,0	56,7	60,4	56,9
Industrial products	11,3	45,0	37,4	34,9
In construction	37,0	70,7	73,2	75,4
In retail turnover	45,3	89,6	79,6	77,4
In export	10,2	28,5	27,2	28,7

The volume of industrial production amounted to 115,406.4 billion soums (34.9% of total industrial production).

– Investments worth 89352.0 billion soums (47.0% of total investments) were disbursed and the growth rate compared to 2018 amounted to 166.1%.

– Construction work worth 51949.8 billion soums (75.4% of the total volume of construction work) was performed and the growth rate compared to 2018 was 122.8%.

– Services worth 99139.3 billion soums (52.1% of the total volume of services in the country) were performed and the growth rate compared to 2018 was 104.4%.

– The retail trade turnover amounted to 84.3% or 138368.1 billion soums (an increase of 105.4%).

– Products (goods and services) were exported in the amount of 5135.7 million US dollars (28.7% of total exports), which is 1324.8 million US dollars or 34.8% more than in 2018.

– Increase in road freight turnover by 7.4% (77.4% of total road freight turnover).

– Passenger turnover increased by 94.9%.

This means that there are opportunities for the development of small business and private entrepreneurship in our country in the conditions of a pandemic, we need to launch them and increase the stages of their development.

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