

**Information by the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
on the implementation of the resolution on "Celebration of and preparations  
for the 30th anniversary of the International Year of the Family" to be presented  
during the 78th session of the UN General Assembly**

- The family policy in the Republic of Azerbaijan is being implemented by the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs (SCFWCA). "Family Holiday" dedicated to the International Family Day has been celebrating in different regions of Azerbaijan since May 15, 2008 by the SCFWCA. The main purpose of the Family Holiday is to draw attention to family issues, to raise the prestige of the family institution. It includes events aimed at solving the problems of vulnerable families, as well as scientific and practical conferences. In the end of celebrations "Family Holiday" is held with participation of the representatives of state bodies and diplomatic corps.
- One of the main documents for the legal regulation of family relations is the Family Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, adopted in 1999. In the Family Code, the age of marriage for girls and boys is 18. The document states that young people must undergo a compulsory medical examination before marriage.
- Training courses on the topics like "Family Values in Modern Society", "Future Family through the Eyes of the Youth", "Gender and Reproductive Health", "Early Marriages", "Gender Equality in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals", "Early Marriage and Valuing Girls in a Family", "Early Marriage and Gender Equality", "Empowering Women and Girls in the Society", "Combating Violence against Women and Girls", "Stereotypes against Women" are being regularly conducted in the different regions of Azerbaijan by the SCFWCA.
- With the decree number 71 on the elimination of skewed sex ratio at birth issued by the Cabinet of Ministers on February 24, 2020, the "2020-2025 Action Plan on the Prevention of Sex-selective Abortions" was approved. The SCFWCA together with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education carried out awareness-raising activities in nine secondary and two vocational schools in both cities and rural areas. The main purpose was to enhance the level of knowledge about reproductive health, foster safe sex practices, and provide information about the consequences of abortion, particularly sex-selective abortions. It covered 1000 juvenile and youth representatives. Awareness-raising materials on the topics like "Reproductive Health. Family Planning", "Say NO to Sex-selective Abortions", "Let Us Know and Defend the Rights of Our Daughters" has been prepared and disseminated by the SCFWCA through its web-site and social media accounts.
- The Rules for "Raising awareness among young people on the importance of family and marriage, the negative consequences of early marriage and consanguine marriage in order to protect and strengthen it" were adopted by the Resolution 213 of the Cabinet of Ministers on June 23, 2020.
- The Strategic Roadmap for the National Economic Prospects focuses on the development of family economy in the regions. Simplified Support Centres for

Family Business have been created to support family-owned businesses, small and medium entrepreneurship.

- The "Family Volunteers" project with participation of 47 families from 37 districts was held during the COVID-19 related special quarantine regime. A webinar on "Basic Psycho-Social Skills and Primary Psychological Assistance" was held with the participation of the Family Volunteers and the staff of the Child and Family Support Centres under the SCFWCA to provide initial psychological support to families and direct them to the right services.
- Voluntary families provided assistance to 38 low-income families (assistance in building a house for 1 family, social support to 17 families, financial support to 20 families). The families of 159 martyrs and 115 participants of the 44-day Patriotic War of 2020 were visited.
- Online meetings were held for parents with the participation of psychologists on "Psychological problems in families during the pandemic and ways to solve them" to discuss the factors affecting the psychological climate of the family, the formation of adolescents and young people in the family. The SCFWCA conducted an analysis entitled "Risks and problems in family relations in a pandemic" in order to study interpersonal relationships in families as a result of social isolation measures and the application of a special quarantine regime in the country in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As part of the "Get to Know Your Families" project, the life stories of elderly people who have lived together for more than 65 years are shared on the official social network accounts of the SCFWCA. As a result of the project, the younger generation will get acquainted with an exemplary family model.
- Information on climate change and its consequences is regularly shared by SCFWCA during awareness-raising activities. It should be noted that as a result of the long-term occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenia, the ecosystem in those territories has been seriously damaged. Tens of thousands of hectares of land were burned and forests were cut down. Water basins are polluted, settlements and infrastructure facilities are completely destroyed.
- In order to improve the situation of women and girls affected by the Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan, as well as to identify and meet the urgent needs of vulnerable groups, the SCFWCA together with the UN Development Program implements the project on "Ensuring early recovery and resilience of vulnerable groups in Fuzuli-Horadiz, Agjabadi and Tartar regions of Azerbaijan". The main goal of the project is to meet the basic needs of the conflict-affected population through Community Resource Centres (CRCs) in Fuzuli, Agjabadi and Tartar (covering Barda and Agdam) regions.