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**THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE PUBLIC FUND “EZGU
MAQSAD” (GOOD INTENT) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED**

The Republic of Uzbekistan since gaining independence in 1991 pays a special attention to the social protection of population, conducting of consecutive and targeted state policy to support most vulnerable groups of people, orphans and disabled persons in the country.

The expenditures of State Budget aimed at social sphere are growing steadily with 60% allocated for the 2017.

The complex work is being carried out to create a new system of healthcare and social protection of citizens, raising the level of medical services and rehabilitation of disabled people, targeted state support to the most vulnerable groups of society, rendering them specialized high quality medical care and securing further improvement of social services.

Due to implemented measures over the past period the health of population improved significantly, maternal deaths dropped by 3,2 times, infant mortality – by 3.4 times. The average life expectancy increased from 66 years to 74 years among men and from 68 to 76 years among women.

In order to further improve the system of social protection of vulnerable groups of population and to create the necessary conditions for their full engagement in the public and political life in accordance with the principles of humanity and tasks put forward by the State program for the realization of Strategy of actions on five priority directions of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021, the new **International Charitable Public Fund “Ezgu maqsad”** (Good intent) has been established according to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev on 14th July 2017.

The Fund will carry out activities aimed at providing support to medical centers and hospitals, especially to child and infants care clinics, disabled people and orphan houses by raising the quality level of services, prevention and treatment of diseases, rehabilitation activities and developing the culture of healthy life style among the population in Uzbekistan.

One of the Fund’s tasks is to establish and develop international cooperation with foreign partners in order to realize joint projects and activities in the humanitarian sphere and to implement charity programs.