

Slide show: Raising the education bar

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The current educational system

- The literacy rate in Uzbekistan is one of the highest in the world – 99.34%
- The National Program for Educational Development is being implemented in Uzbekistan
- The curricula (content) of the educational system is improved through stage-by-stage application of State standards to education, curricula, and textbooks
- The Government offers targeted support to children from vulnerable families

Problems in the system

- Lack of variations and alternatives in curricula and methodology
- High costs to support the infrastructure and new teaching equipment
- Insufficient level of ICT development, low availability of modern computers and software
- Low work motivation of teachers, lack of professionalism
- Outdated methods of teaching

Target: Provide good quality education

- Improve pre-school education through a higher rate of enrolment
- Improve state educational standards, curriculum and textbooks
- Develop ICT in the sphere of education, including improvement of school libraries

Other tasks

- Increase the social status, professional levels of teachers
- Improve the material-technical base in educational facilities
- Improve system of financing educational facilities
- Boost interest and involve civil society in the design, implementation, and monitoring of strategies for educational development

PRIORITIES

Pre-school education

- Develop non-traditional, home-based pre-school institutes with limited pupils
- Train young parents in bringing up children and preparing them for school
- Develop integrated “kindergarten-school” complexes
- Develop private pre-school institutes

Secondary education

- Improve state education standards and curriculum
- Develop new generation textbooks on tender basis
- Stage-by-stage implementation of textbook renting/borrowing system
- Develop and implement progressive pedagogical and information technologies (interactive methods, distance learning, etc.)

Higher and professional education

- Provide the linkage between all levels of education in terms of curriculum correspondence
- Develop a market for education services through the creation of corresponding infrastructure
- Guarantee access to higher professional education, particularly for vulnerable layers of the population
- Increase the effectiveness of vocational education

Improving financing & resources

- Provision of resources, funds, and teaching equipment for the educational system
- Improve ways and means of financing and ensure the efficient use of funds
- Develop an effective payment system and additional educational services, consider the financing capabilities of the vulnerable sections
- Rational use of financial and material resources between the various levels of education