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Women in Entrepreneurship

In August 2015 the Mejlis of Turkmenistan adopted a new law “On state guarantees of equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men”. The “National Action Plan on gender equality in Turkmenistan for 2015-2020” has also been approved by Decree of the President of Turkmenistan and is already being successfully implemented. It is important to note that the adopted documents aimed at achieving quality results in promoting of international standards to ensure equal rights and opportunities for men and women at national level.

The road in the sphere of small and medium entrepreneurship today is open to everyone, as long as there is a wish to pursue it. Business in Turkmenistan is the one sector of national economy that literally thrives due to the support from the state. It is worthwhile saying that in many areas of small and medium businesses Turkmen women have greatly succeeded. They were able to seriously tune into running their own business and achieving great successes, producing competitive and domestically products.

Nowadays a lot is undertaken in our country for economic advancement of women. This is one of the main directions of our national leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov’s policy.

The Women's Union of Turkmenistan hosts a Center for business women, which includes more than 30 women in its structure. Similar centers have been established in Mary and Lebap provinces. To support women entrepreneurs on the basis of a tripartite agreement between the Women's Union, Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan and “Rysgal” bank, a special credit line has been opened. In order to increase competitiveness in the labor market, a lot is being done for vocational training of women who want to start their own business. After having opened a business (sewing shop, pastry and bakery products, manufacture of carpets and rugs, cultivation of agricultural products, flowers), women have an opportunity not only to realize their creative and entrepreneurial talents, but also to strengthen their social status, improve the financial situation of their families. Business, of course, helps women to fulfill themselves, but besides, it also greatly benefits society.