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Elimination of poverty, the approach of the Seventh Five-Year Development Plan Bill (2024-2028 under approval) of the country is based on "Economic development with justice" which will be followed up through making economic stability, expanding people's purchasing power, elimination poverty, popularizing the economy, and creating employments. Social support is a part of the structure of the comprehensive welfare and social security framework within the Islamic Republic of Iran and incorporates programs that give the essential needs of life and are considered for individuals who are not on the coverage of social insurance. The common objective of social support is to support individuals with no income or low income and enable them by increasing their social and income capacities. As a result of increasing the opportunities available to these individuals, their livelihood security is ensured.
Concurring to the Law on the Comprehensive Welfare and Social Security Framework, "Support and rehabilitation coverage: includes providing support and rehabilitation services and granting subsidies to poor people and families who are incapable to work for different reasons, or their income isn't sufficient to supply basic needs of their life ". Groups in need of help include: the elderly, the disabled, women headed family and children. The role of the government in supporting and strengthening needy people in alleviation of the undesirable results of cruel sanctions, inflation and financial and social conditions is of high importance.
The foremost priorities of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran within the last decade, has been as follow:
1- Targeting pubic resources and subsidies to guarantee the job of vulnerable groups;
2- Paying attention to changing direct support approaches to indirect support through job creation, providing house and insurance approaches and allocating the financial resources for its implementation;
3- Considering the livelihood of the families;
4- Organization comprehensive support and social services for the people;
5- Considering the dignity of the individuals in order to empower them;
6- Paying attention to supporting the disabled people.
In relation to goal 1

- In line with realization this Goal, also, the government planned to compile the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Document in order to provide the uniform and accurate statistics in the field of welfare and combating poverty.
- In order to support the poor people, one chapter of the 7th Five-Year Development Plan Bill deals with the issue of social security, support policies and fair distribution of incomes, focusing on the establishment of a single window for welfare services and zero tax rate for households who are below the poverty line. Also, in the 7th Plan Bill, it is predicted that the Gini coefficient should be reduced to 35% and absolute poverty should be reduced to zero.
Regarding the goal 2

Eliminating hunger:

Considering the commitment of the government in facing food insecurity and eradicating poverty and eliminating hunger, as well as the existence of vast capacities in the country, Iran has taken valuable steps in the direction of eradicating hunger, and in this regard, the country's success in Implementing a coordinated and integrated method with the participation of all parts of the country has led to food security and solving the problem of hunger. Based on the food security vision, Iran will be a country with food security based on people-centered capacities and capabilities, with maximum reliance on domestic production through increasing the penetration rate of knowledge, improving productivity and enhancing agricultural culture.
In line with providing **food security** the government compiled the 10-year comprehensive document naming "**Food Security and Nutrition**" which is a road map for the convergence, coordination and close cooperation of the institutions in order to facilitate benefit of all people to have a healthy, desirable and sufficient food basket, a clean environment, and safe products with health standards.

One of the main concerns of the government has been to focus on the food basket of the people in order to reduce pressure on them, especially the lower decile of the society. Therefore, the government tried to **provide the food basket** required by the people to an acceptable level through paying subsidies.
During the last two centuries, the consequences of human activities on the planet have faced all human societies, both developed and developing, with a wide range of environmental hazards and basic challenges. For example, global warming caused by the release of various types of greenhouse gases and the occurrence of a wide range of climatic hazards and disasters, including the increase in the intensity and frequency of destructive floods and storms and severe and erosive droughts, especially in poor and less developed countries. Agricultural lands continuously lose their fertility as a result of agricultural mismanagement. Most of the world's forests and pastures are used beyond its capacity and the lands sustainability are gradually degraded. Marine and aquatic resources have been exposed to destruction as a result of excessive exploitation and increased pollution. In general, climate patterns have been drastically changed, and the vulnerability and resilience of societies have been greatly affected by its consequences.
In relation to goal 13

The Islamic Republic of Iran is not an exception to this global problem, and as a result of climate change and its consequences, the occurrence of these phenomena has imposed a lot of losses on the country in recent years; hence, the vulnerability and resilience of the country has been severely affected in this regard. However, despite the cruel sanctions imposed on the country, the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that confronting the climate change and reducing the effects and consequences of this phenomenon requires joint efforts and close cooperation with international organizations and regional institutions, especially with the ESCAP.
In relation to goal 13

Some of the most important measures that the Islamic Republic of Iran has taken in regard to reduce vulnerability coping with climate change, can be mentioned as follows:

- Preparing and compiling the national disaster risk reduction plan;
- Approving and reinforcing the country's Crisis Management Law;
- Preparing and editing of the atlas of natural hazards in Iran;
- Preparing and approving the low carbon economy document;
- Preparing and implementing of watershed plans in order to reduce erosion and flooding;
- Allocating of a percentage of the government's annual general budget to cope with natural hazards and other disasters;
- Improving and retrofitting of rural buildings as well as old building and structures in urban areas;
- Strengthening and developing of research institutes related to natural disasters,
- And definitely, establishment of the Asia-Pacific Center for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the generous support of my country for funding and supporting the activities of this center.
Under the Goal of 16 the following measures are taken:

- Approving and Implementing the Law of Publishing and Free Access to Information in line of more transparency.
- Establishment of Service Desks in all governmental organizations under supervision of Presidency Office to monitor people’s satisfaction.

Furthermore in the Ministry of Interior there are two departments which follow up two main issues concerning NGOs and Protection of Civil Rights.

Also it is necessary to be mentioned that within the 7th Development Plan Bill some important items are predicted about Improving the Financial and Performance Transparency of Directors, Development of Electronic Government and Growth in Digital Economy.
Considering the 17th goal, the Islamic Republic of Iran has taken various actions which some of them can be mentioned as follows:
- Development of international economic interactions with the emphasis on regional relations as well as neighboring countries;
- Membership of in Shanghai Organization and BRICS, etc.
- Expanding the effective presence of the private sector in international markets;
- Facilitating and accelerating the process of accession to the World Trade Organization,
- Development of effective and active relations in bilateral, regional and international organizations, assemblies and business arrangements,
- Increase in Tax Revenues in recent years with the aim of increasing the share of tax revenue in public budget as well as T/GDP.
- The number of internet users in the beginning of the current (2023) year exceeded 116 mil. users.
Moreover, one of the most important items considered in the 7th Development Plan Bill is to compile the National Document for Development of Digital Economy in the Country as well as Using the Capacity of Knowledge-Based Companies. Finally, I hope that fruitful exchange of ideas and successful experiences of the countries of the region can facilitate the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.
Thank you all