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1. With regard to the measures aimed at strengthening the financial and structural reform programs and their impact on labour rights, reforms have been made in light of the recent directions of halting appointments in the public sector and encouraging and strengthening the work of the private sector by triggering a number of labour-intensive economic sectors.
2. The Cabinet approved the second Poverty Reduction Strategy for the years 2018-2022, which will finance small projects, as well as the establishment of the Social Fund for the Poor, which will assist young people, women and vulnerable groups of the unemployed, with an aim of reducing unemployment and enhance the economic situation of the poor.
3. The preparation of a five-year plan by the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the years 2018-2022 included a number of projects that contribute to the rehabilitation of youth, male and female, job creation and youth lending to open small income-generating projects. The National Development Plan adopted a youth centered approach aimed at empowering them economically, socially and culturally.
4. The Organization for the Care of People with Special Needs is implementing a number of projects that targets these groups in order to

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integrate them into society and enable them to gain employment opportunities to improve their income, as well as the inclusion of the disabled into the Social Protection Law.

5. With regard to minorities and migrants, a survey is being carried out for Iraqis living abroad, with the aim of identifying their economic and social traits and to utilize this data in contributing to development efforts.

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