

**DECREE**  
**of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic**

**Regarding the Approval of the “State Program for the  
Improvement of living standards and generation  
of employment for refugees and IDPs”**

The destiny of people displaced from their homelands as a result of the Armenian aggression, the improvement of their living conditions and the provision of their social protection are at the center of special state attention. This has been funded by the Oil Fund of the Azerbaijan Republic, the State budget, Donor states and International Humanitarian Organizations. Over the last few years, new settlements have been constructed, modern houses and apartments have been built in different cities and districts and turned into settlements for refugees and IDPs. A wide range of humanitarian projects and other measures for the social protection of refugees and IDPs have also been carried out.

Despite the wide range of measures taken to improve the living standards of and generate employment for refugees and IDPs, the majority of them are still living in very difficult conditions in tent camps, railway carriages, run down public buildings not suitable for normal living and other temporary settlements. In addition to this, they face a variety of social problems.

In order to improve living standards and work towards a solution to other social problems of our compatriots living in tent camps, railway carriages and settlements not suitable for living until the liberation of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and their return to homelands I decree:

1. To approve the State Program for the Improvement of living standards and the generation of employment for refugees and IDPs (is attached hereto).
2. To empower the officials of the relevant state structures of the Azerbaijan Republic not to tolerate attempts to evict IDPs from public buildings, apartments, lands and other places, temporarily occupied by them between 1992-1998, regardless of ownership until they return to their homelands or move to new settlements and houses for temporary living.

3. To recommend the management of private enterprises to assist refugees and IDPs to find work. To recommend the management of higher and secondary educational institutions to assist refugees and IDPs to with tuition fees.
4. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic should:
  - take appropriate measures for the implementation of the State Program approved by this Decree together with the relevant executive powers.
  - give a quarterly report on the measures taken for the implementation of the State Program to the President of the Azerbaijan Republic.
5. This Decree comes into effect from a date of signing.

President of the Azerbaijan Republic  
Ilham Aliyev

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Baku

## STATE PROGRAM

### on improving of living conditions of refugees and IDPs and increasing employment generation

Order №	Actions	Purpose of the actions	Implementation period	Responsible Bodies
<b>1. Issues on improving the living standards and temporary settlements</b>				
1.1.	<p>In accordance with Decree #80 of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic dated February 4, 2004 on “Actions for improvement of the living and social conditions and providing employment for refugees and IDPs deported from their homelands as a result of occupation of the Azerbaijani territories by the Armenian armed forces and settled in the tent camps of Barda and Agjabedi territories and temporarily located in railway carriages of Barda district” constructing of the new settlements with education, health and other necessary socio-technical infrastructure, energy, water supply in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barda, Agjabedi districts for 3674 IDP families from Agdam district temporarily settled in tent camps and railway carriages in Barda district;</li> <li>- Barda district for 149 IDP families from Kalbajar district;</li> <li>- Agjabedi territory for 37 IDP families settled in wintergrounds of Lachin district and demolishing of</li> </ul>	Improving of the living conditions of 3860 IDP families settled for many years in tent camps and railway carriages.	2004-2006	The State Committee established in February 4, 2004 by the Presidential Decree #80, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, SOFAR, the State Committee for Soil and Mapping, the Ministry of Finance, the relevant executive powers of cities and districts.

	the tent camps in Barda, Agjabedi districts			
1.2.	<p>Construction of new settlements with education, health and other necessary socio–technical infrastructure, energy, water supply :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for 2104 IDP families from Fizuli district temporarily settled in tent camps in Saatli, Sabirabad districts and railway carriages located at Imishli district;</li> <li>-for 2019 IDP families from Jabrayil and other districts within Bilasuvar territory; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for 35 IDP families from Agdam district in the same area;</li> <li>- for 21 IDP families from Lachin district in Agjabedi;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>as well as demolishing of tent camps in Saatli, Sabirabad district :</p>	Solving the housing and social problems of 4179 IDP families living in very poor conditions	2004-2007	State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, SOFAR, Ministry of Finance, State Committee for Soil and Mapping, the relevant executive powers of regions
1.3.	Construction of new settlements for IDP families temporarily settled in Finnish settlements with expired service lives in Mingachevir, Yevlakh, Goranboy, Shaki, Saatli, Sabirabad, Lachin (Takhtakorpu), Barda, Fizuli, Agjabedi, Agdam, Imishli, Davachi districts	Improving of housing and social conditions of 6315 IDP families living in a very poor state	2006-2007	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, MED, MOF, relevant executive powers of cities and districts
1.4.	Construction of new houses for IDPs settled in school buildings in various cities and districts	Improving of living conditions of IDP families	2005-2007	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, MED, MOF, the relevant executive powers of cities and districts
1.5.	Construction of new settlement in Beylagan district	Improving of living	2005-2006	The State Committee for

	for IDP families with very poor living conditions and temporarily settled in Khojavend wintergrounds	conditions of 500 IDP families from Khojavend district		Refugees and IDPs, MED, MOF, the relevant executive powers of cities and districts
1.6.	Construction of new settlement in Yukhari Agjakend area of Goranboy district for IDP families from Khojali district	Improving of living conditions of 500 IDP families from Khojali district	2005-2006	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, MED, MOF, the relevant executive powers of cities and districts
1.7.	Jointly studying by the local executive powers of existing situation at 268 objects of Baku, Sumgayit, other districts and cities with densely inhabited residences of IDPs temporary settled in (dormitory, social structure, recreation centers, sanatoriums, suspended buildings, etc.), taking appropriate actions for improving their infrastructure (water, gas, energy, sewerage and roofing, etc.)	Improving the infrastructure in densely residences of IDPs in Baki and Sumgayit and other cities	2004-2005	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, MED, MOF, executive powers of Baki and Sumgayit, other cities and districts
1.8.	Providing rehabilitation and reconstruction works for socio-technical infrastructure, historical and cultural monuments in settlements of Nakhichevan AR, Fizuli, Agjabedi, Agdam Tar-tar, Geranboy, Tovuz, Kazakh and Gedebay districts which were damaged by the military actions and liberated from occupation	Improving of the social living conditions of population residing in the vicinity of border and affected by the war, rehabilitation of historical-cultural monuments in liberated from occupation territories	2004 and further years	The State Committee on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Occupied Areas Affected by Military Actions, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, ARRA, SFDI, MOF, the Ministry of Culture, the relevant executive powers of districts
1.9.	Developing the Repatriation Program (“Great Return”) with participation and financial support of the international financial institutions, UN agencies, international and local humanitarian and development	Assisting in preparatory works for returning the IDPs to their home	2004-2005	The Republican Commission on Humanitarian Assistance, relevant executive powers of cities and districts, relevant

	organizations			government and international institutions
1.10.	Continuing the mine clearing and clearing works on liberated from occupied territories, roads, utilities, electricity cables, water and irrigation pipelines, settlements rendered to IDPs for temporary living.	Providing security for IDPs re-settled to new settlements or returning to rehabilitated home	2004 and further years	ANAMA, the executive powers of districts
1.11.	Reconstruction of irrigation systems in liberated from occupation Agdam and Fizuli districts	Providing necessary conditions for IDPs to be engaged in husbandry	2004-2005	The State Amelioration and Irrigation Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture, the executive powers of relevant districts

## **2. Issues regarding enhancement of employment generation for IDPs and poverty reduction**

2.1.	Construction of small dairy processing plants in Agdam, Agjabedi (Lachin wintergrounds), Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy districts	Improving social living conditions and employment provision to IDPs,	2004-2007	MED, MOF, SCRIDP, executive powers of districts Agdam, Agjabedi, Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy
2.2.	Establishing of agro-service centers in Agdam, Agjabedi (Lachin wintergrounds), Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy districts	Effective usage of land plots temporarily allotted to IDPs, increase in production	2004 and further years	The Ministry of Agriculture, MoF, MED, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, the executive powers of districts Agdam, Agjabedi, Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy, international organizations
2.3.	Construction of fruit processing and juice production plants in Agdam, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy	Improving employment provision to IDPs,	2005-2006	MED, MoF, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs,

	districts	increase in production, reduction of poverty		executive powers of districts Agdam, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy, international organizations
2.4.	Establishment of small production facilities for leather and wool storage and purchase in Agdam, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Agjabedi (Lachin wintergrounds) districts	Improving employment provision to IDPs, increase in production, reduction of poverty	2005-2007	MED, MoF, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, executive powers of districts Agdam, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Agjabedi, international organizations
2.5.	Construction of bread-baking plants in Agdam, Agjabedi (Lachin wintergrounds), Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy districts	Improving employment provision to IDPs	2004-2006	MED, MoF, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, executive powers of districts Agdam, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy, international organizations
2.6.	Construction of brick workshop in Agdam district	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2005	MED, MoF, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, the executive power of Agdam district
2.7.	Establishment of small carpet weaving facilities in Agdam, Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy districts	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2004-2007	MED, MoF, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, executive powers of districts Agdam, Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy, international organizations
2.8.	Establishment of seed-growing farm (50 ha) and cultivation of vineyards (50 ha) in Agdam district	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2005	The Ministry of Agriculture, MED, MoF, the State Committee for Refugees and

				IDPs, the executive power of Agdam district
2.9.	Construction of trade centers in Agdam, Agjabedi (Lachin wintergrounds), Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy districts	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2005-2006	MED, MoF, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, the executive powers of districts Agdam, Agjabedi. Barda, Bilasuvar, Fizuli and Goranboy
2.10.	Promoting credit provision for small entrepreneurs and farmers	Creation of necessary conditions for IDPs engaged in farming and small enterprising	2005-2007	MED, international institutions and credit organizations
2.11.	Involvement of IDPs from relevant districts in works regarding new settlements to be constructed	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2004 and coming years	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, SFDI, the executive powers of relevant districts
2.12.	Organizing training courses for IDPs on various professions and specializations.	Assistance to IDPs in acquiring the new required skills	2004 and coming years	The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population
2.13.	Organizing of payment-based improvement works in newly constructed settlements	Improvement in providing the IDPs with job	2004 and coming years	The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, the executive powers of relevant districts
2.14.	Providing land plots and financial grant assistance to IDP families re-settled to residences in new settlements	Involving of IDPs in husbandry and poverty reduction	2004	The State Oil Fund, MoF, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, the State Committee for Soil and Mapping, Ministry of Agriculture, the executive



				powers of relevant districts
2.15.	Involvement of donors, international, local humanitarian and development organizations founded by them in establishment of production fields and generation of employment for refugees and IDPs in newly constructed settlements	Enhancement in employment generation for refugees and IDPs and poverty reduction	2004 and coming years	The Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, MED, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, the executive powers of relevant districts
2.16	Improvement in provision of diesel fuel, fertilizers, agricultural equipment and other necessary facilities for population in newly constructed settlements	Creating appropriate conditions for refugees and IDPs for involving in farm works	2005 and coming years	The Ministry of Agriculture, SOCAR, MoF, executive powers of cities and districts
2.17.	Providing necessary works for active participation in programs established by international, local humanitarian and development organizations	Creation new job places for refugees and IDPs living in temporary settlements	2004 and coming years	The Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, international, local humanitarian and established by them development organizations
2.18.	With the aim of employment purposes for refugees and IDPs settled in newly constructed settlements preparing various micro-projects and submitting them to donor countries, international, local humanitarian and development organizations	Improving the social state of refugees and IDPs	regularly	The Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MED, the State Committee on Refugee

				and IDP Affairs
2.19	Taking necessary steps for providing the entities and other objects with specialists in the infrastructure established on existing demands in newly constructed settlements.	Improvement of the quality of relevant social services provided to refugees and IDPs	regularly	MOF, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, State Committee for Amelioration and Irrigation «Bayva»Ltd, executive powers of relevant districts
2.20.	Involving able-bodied refugees and IDPs in employment through labor fairs	Improvement in providing the refugees and IDPs with employment	regularly	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, executive powers of cities and districts,
2.21.	Providing necessary assistance to IDPs for free examination, treatment and medications in health institutions	Enhancing of the quality of medical service to IDP	regularly	The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, the State Committee for Refugee and IDP Affairs, the executive powers of relevant districts
2.22.	Taking steps for increasing monthly norm of kerosene fuel for autumn/winter seasons for IDPs temporarily settled in places without natural gas supply and delivering it to their address	Improving of the living conditions of IDPs	2004 and coming years	AR Cabinet of Ministers, MOF, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs
2.23.	Various assistance made to IDPs by ministries, committees, companies, executive powers of cities and districts responsible for them settled temporarily in those cities and districts	Solution for the social problems of IDPs and providing them with various aids	regularly	The State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, ministries, concerns, companies, the executive powers of cities and districts, other bodies.

**3. Issues on improvement of activity of government institutions, international and local humanitarian organizations dealing with**

**problems of refugees and IDPs**

3.1.	Operation of activities of international, local humanitarian and development organizations in Azerbaijan Republic through the coordination by the Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance	Improvement of international, local humanitarian and development organizations' activity in Azerbaijan and enhancement of effectiveness of projects implementing in the country	regularly	The Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3.2.	Taking relevant measures regarding the solution of social and other relevant problems of people from other countries for getting "refugee" status	Solution of the social and other problems of people willing to get "refugee" status	regularly	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of National Security, MED, MoF, the Ministry of Education, Health Ministry, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, State Boundary Service, SOFAR
3.3.	Making relevant changes to the legislation regarding exemption from social insurance tax payment for the salary fund formed by means of allocated money for humanitarian development programs and carried out by international, local and humanitarian organizations and private companies from donor countries, organizations.	More effective implementation of humanitarian development programs carried out by international, local and humanitarian organizations and private companies	2004	AR Cabinet of Ministers, Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Economic Development, Tax Ministry, the State Fund for Social Protection

3.4.	Strengthening the logistical and material support of the Social Fund for Development of IDPs and improving its structure.	Improving of the social state of IDPs	regularly	AR Cabinet of Ministers, MED, MOF, SFDI
3.5.	Inclusion of the State Department on Refugee Status Identification funded by UNHCR in to the Azerbaijan Republic State Committee on Refugee and IDP Affairs	Maintaining an appropriate conditions for continuing activity of the State Department on Refugee Status Identification	2005	AR Cabinet of Ministers, MOF, the Ministry of Justice, State Committee for Refugees and IDPs
3.6.	Taking relevant actions on subsequent proposals and implementation of tasks risen at international conference held in February 17, 2004 on the subject "10 years of Humanitarian Activity: Impact, Lessons Learned, Future Directions".	Speeding the issues up for solution of the problems of IDPs	regularly	AR Cabinet of Ministers, Republican Commission on International Humanitarian Assistance, relevant executive power agencies, international, local humanitarian and development organizations
3.7.	Preparation and dissemination of propagandistic materials on Armenia- Azerbaijan and Upper(Daglig) Garabakh conflict in different languages	Bringing to international community the information on solution of Armenia- Azerbaijan and Upper(Daglig) Garabakh conflict, on actions taken regarding the refugees and IDPs	regularly	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Culture, State Committee on Azerbaijani Emigrants' Affairs, the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs, State Tele- and Radiocasting Company, other central bodies