

As in many other countries, Republic of Azerbaijan faced with the threat of Coronavirus (COVID-19). According to the instructions given by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the Action Plan and set up the Operational Headquarters, composed of the heads of the relevant bodies. In order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease, a decision was adopted to suspend the educational process in all educational institutions and to postpone all related mass events.

At the initiative of the President of the Republic, about 15,000 of citizens of Azerbaijan were returned from various countries by Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL) by special charter flights and other means of transport. To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the citizens brought back undergo the medical examination and are placed in special quarantine regime for 14-21 days at state expenses.

Flights from Azerbaijan to many countries around the world have been suspended and the borders with other states have been temporarily closed.

It should be noted that according to the Decree of the President of 19 March 2020, the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus was set up. The purpose of Foundation is to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease in the Republic of Azerbaijan and to provide financial support for measures taken to combat it.

It should be mentioned that President of the Republic, Mr. Ilham Aliyev and First Vice President, Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva donated their annual salaries to the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus.

It is useful to highlight that individuals and legal entities, public and private organisations made their voluntary contributions to the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus.

Foundation is operating transparently and everyone can visit the website www.covid19fund.gov.az and get familiar with voluntary donations made. Judges and staff members of the Secretariat of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan as many other state institutions, companies, banks and physical persons decided to join this process as well.

On 19 March 2020 the President of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev signed the Order "On a series of measures to reduce the negative impact of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the sharp fluctuations caused by it to the global energy and equity markets, the economy of Azerbaijan, macroeconomic stability, employment issues in the country and business entities."

This act covers three directions - economic growth and support for entrepreneurship, support for employment and social welfare, macroeconomic and financial stability.

A considerable amount is allocated for direct social payments and support as well. Thus, during April-May, it is planned to take measures to create 50.000 new vacancies open for employment.

Those registered as unemployed for the same two months will receive a one-time financial allowance equal to the cost of subsistence rate.

It should also be noted that the government has implemented measures to prevent the unjustified dismissal of 1.574 million workers in the public and private sectors, as well as maintaining the wages of workers on vacation.

Taking into account that special quarantine regime was announced on March 23, 2020 to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed the Orders according to

which the Court temporarily shifted to written judicial procedures (sessions of Plenum are held in written), reception of citizens in the Court's building have been temporarily suspended (however, we receive and examine all letters and complaints both sent by post or by e-mail) and the work of Judges and staff partially changed for distance activity.

On April 2, 2020, the Operational Headquarters under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted a Resolution on additional measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Within the framework of a special quarantine regime applied to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease, the movement restrictions have been established in the Republic of Azerbaijan from April 5, 2020 to April 20, 2020. Exceptionally, persons working in the entities of state importance and life support, persons are allowed to act on the basis of service cards or certificates of employment.

In order for all other persons to leave their place of residence, they should send an SMS with number of ID and by this notify about the reason of leaving of apartment. It is worth noting that medical masks manufacturing enterprise has been established in Sumgayit Industry Park in a short period of time that allowed the opportunity to substantially provide the population with medical masks.

Additionally, according to the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated April 11, 2020 "On measures for the effective use of funds of the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus", has been established the Council for Public Control of the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus consisting of 7 members.

Meetings of the Council are valid if two thirds of its members are present. Decisions of the Council are made by a simple majority of votes of its members.

The Council receives funds from the relevant state bodies (institutions) and state-owned legal entities (hereinafter - the procuring entity) at the expense of the Foundation according to Article 2.7 of "Rules for the formation, management and use of funds of the Foundation for Support to the Fight Against Coronavirus" approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 19, 2020 No. 963 approves incoming orders in the areas of expenditure within 2 (two) working days and sends the relevant Protocol to the procuring entity.

The Procuring Entity shall proceed with procurement using the single-source procurement method in compliance with the requirements of Article 21 of the Law "On Public Procurement" of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the basis of procurement contracts, in accordance with the requirements of the Rules provided for in paragraph 3 of this Order.

According to the Order No. 1950 "On a series of measures to reduce the negative impact of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the sharp fluctuations caused by it to the global energy and equity markets, the economy of Azerbaijan, macroeconomic stability, employment issues in the country and business entities" of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 19, 2020 on the payment of tuition fees for students who are members of families belonging to socially vulnerable groups the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted a relevant decision No. 138 dated on April 13, 2020.

On the grounds of the decision, tuition fees for the academic semesters (half years) in 2020 of students who are members of families belonging to socially vulnerable groups of the population receiving full-time education in educational institutions of the Republic of Azerbaijan on a paid basis (except for repeated higher and secondary special education) is planned to pay on expense of the state budget.

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