



ACTIVITIES OF SMALL BUSINESS ENTITIES IN THE ECONOMY OF UZBEKISTAN AND ISSUES OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT

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Annotation

This article describes the role of small business and private entrepreneurship in the national economy, its share in national production, the main directions and development trends of small business and private entrepreneurship under the influence of the state.

Keywords

Small business, private entrepreneurship, national economy, competitiveness, digital economy, production network.

One of the most important areas of solving social and economic problems at the state and regional levels is the development of small and private entrepreneurship. Small enterprises contribute to accelerating economic growth, reducing unemployment and raising the level of income of the population, and developing innovations. But it is small and private enterprises that are more vulnerable financially, they need support from the state. Small business contributes to the creation of new jobs, technological progress, diversification, mitigation of crisis phenomena, fuller use of local resources, development of competition and structural restructuring of the economy.

Small businesses appear and disappear faster, their collapse does not create unsolvable problems for regional and state authorities. It is its flexibility and high adaptability to market changes that is its main advantage. The implementation of reforms and the development of market relations have determined the need for the development of small businesses. Which is economically beneficial, since the emergence of a large number of firms leads to the creation of new jobs, it is easier for a small enterprise to manage in an unstable exchange rate of the national currency, and it also brings real money to the state budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

It is difficult to imagine the basis of economic and social reforms carried out in our country without entrepreneurship, factoring and business qualities. The widespread development of free market relations is reflected in people's lives, their lifestyle, and spiritual and everyday skills. Support for small businesses and private entrepreneurship provides not only economic goals related to the continuous development of the economy, improvement of economic relations, development of competition and filling of the consumer market. In order to increase the sustainability of small business and private entrepreneurship in our country, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Additional measures to radically improve the system of organizing work to protect private property and strengthen guarantees of owners' rights, support entrepreneurial initiatives, as well as Decree No. PF-5780 of August 13, 2019 on expanding the opportunities of business entities in the use of financial resources and production infrastructure and the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Small business under the Ministry of Economy and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan and on the organization of the activities of the Agency for Business Development" adopted Resolution No. PQ-4417 dated August 13, 2019.

One of the main goals of the formation of a socially oriented market economy in Uzbekistan is the rapid

development of small business and private entrepreneurship in the country. To achieve this goal, economic reforms have been carried out, and major institutional foundations have been created to enhance its role. These include business organizations and regulatory documents guaranteeing it, public organizations and enterprises that provide assistance to entrepreneurs.

The formation of a complex of private entrepreneurship and small businesses in Uzbekistan is successfully underway. Enterprises engaged in small business activities independently of the state, that is, without large capital expenditures, can themselves introduce jobs, reduce the shortage of temporarily available goods and even eliminate this deficit completely. In our current society, it is necessary to direct the activities of small businesses to meet the needs of some people. This is clearly visible in the fields of household services and the production of consumer goods. Small businesses are also very important for technological innovation.

Improving the competitiveness of the economy has become one of the objectively necessary issues in the context of modern globalization and increasing economic integration. The development of small businesses and private entrepreneurship is of great importance in the implementation of these issues. In recent years, in Uzbekistan is undergoing economic reforms to organize small businesses and private entrepreneurship and develop their activities. In his address to the Oliy Majlis, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: "By an active entrepreneur, we mean business people who are able to produce competitive products, and most importantly, create new jobs, provide not only for themselves and their families, but also benefit the whole society.

Our first task is to expand the ranks of such entrepreneurs, including bringing and introducing high technologies, technologies and equipment based on the latest scientific achievements to our country. If necessary, we must provide them with all the opportunities to gain experience and mutually beneficial cooperation in leading foreign companies and organizations," they said. The 29th goal of the "New Development Strategy Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" aims to create conditions for the organization of entrepreneurial activity and the formation of permanent sources of income, increasing the share of the private sector in gross domestic product to 80 % and the share of exports is up to 60%.

Small business and private entrepreneurship are an important factor in the development of the economy, increasing employment and income of the population. An increase in employment and income of the population affects the reduction of poverty. Every person in society dreams and has the right to a prosperous life, a decent standard of living, and a happy life. In this case, the well-being of the family's standard of living is directly related to the income received and the level of coverage of needs. As a result of the large-scale reforms carried out in our country, the share of small businesses in the gross domestic product is increasing every year. This, in turn, serves to ensure the strength and well-being of the family. Special attention is paid to ensuring the material well-being of each family through the development of small businesses in our country the country, and today it is bearing fruit. It is especially important that in a number of decrees and decisions aimed at supporting family entrepreneurship, along with creating favorable conditions for citizens to demonstrate their business potential, the tax system provides many benefits. It was decided that the financial and economic activities of newly created small business entities are not subject to scheduled tax audits for 3 years.

The non-survey of business entities in the tax sphere, which ensures stable growth and profitability of production volumes, also created the basis for their more free activity. As of October 1, 2023, the number of operating enterprises and organizations in the republic amounted to 486.2 thousand units (excluding farms and dehqan farms), of which small enterprises and microfirms 418.7 thousand units. The largest The number was noted in Tashkent (97,057), Tashkent (45,181), Samarkand (43,720), Ferghana (42,663), Kashkadarya (34,349), Bukhara (31,067) and Andijan (29,895) regions. As of February 01.2023, the number of small businesses operating in our republic with the participation of foreign capital is 14,968 units.

The share of small business and private entrepreneurship in the economy of our country will increase, along with the employment of the population and an increase in its income, the creation of a favorable business environment, freedom and scope of entrepreneurial activity, increasing the export potential of our country and the supply of products for export serves to create favorable conditions for the active participation of small businesses in the increase. Small business and private entrepreneurship are one of the most important factors in reducing unemployment, which is the cause of poverty, and increasing incomes of the population. Since the first years of independence, great attention has been paid to the development of small businesses in our country. Small business fulfills its tasks in ensuring stable growth of the national economy

and employment of an increasingly able-bodied population. Flexible forms of employment in small businesses and private enterprises - part-time employment, part-time work, flexible working hours, flexible and virtual workplace - are an effective way to provide decent work to an economically active population, which helps employers change the direction of production, the number and composition of employees in a short period of time, based on the economic situation, market conditions. We consider it advisable to develop the following areas in order to create small businesses and reduce poverty in our country:

- organization of the number of small businesses and private entrepreneurship in proportion to the population, approaching to the indicators of developed countries;
- providing employment by creating new jobs through the creation of small businesses and private entrepreneurship;
- formation of skills and abilities of the population that are not able to meet a certain range of minimum needs necessary for life, education, retraining, vocational training;
- to carry out reforms on the organization and development of entrepreneurship;
- promotion and involvement of self-employment projects; - provision of benefits for social services.

At the same time, the establishment of the Commissioner (Business Ombudsman) under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of business entities in our country has become important in the development of their activities. Government support for small business and private entrepreneurship is reflected in a sharp increase in the share of small business and private entrepreneurship in the gross domestic product of the country. In conclusion, we can say that due to the introduction of an effective mechanism of state support for small businesses and private entrepreneurship in our country, the following results will be achieved:

- employment of a significant part of the population has been provided;
- serves to increase the share of small businesses and private entrepreneurship in the country's exports;
- new techniques and technologies are being introduced into the activities of small businesses and private entrepreneurship;
- as a result, the standard of living of the population will be even higher.

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