

**THE ROLE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PROJECTS FORMED ON
THE BASIS OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE EFFICIENT USE OF
BUDGET FUNDS**

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Until recent years, there was no question of the openness of the state budget and the establishment of control over it in Uzbekistan. As a result of the reforms implemented by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, practical work was carried out to ensure the openness of the budget. A number of documents were received. Citizens are not only controlling the state budget, but also participating in the spending of funds.

Article 148 of the updated Constitution stipulates that the procedures for the formation and execution of the State budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan are carried out on the basis of the principles of openness and transparency, as well as the fact that citizens and civil society institutions exercise public control over the formation and execution of the State budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan was legally strengthened with. In addition, financing of projects formed on the basis of public opinion is of great importance in today's conditions of programmatic implementation of the budget.

The purpose of this is to increase the efficiency of the budget, and ultimately to increase the well-being of the people and serve it. Therefore, in the process of reforming the budget system in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the implementation of the financing mechanism for projects formed on the basis of public opinion serves as a special tool for finding solutions to the problems that plague the population and making the public a participant in the budget process. In our country, this process is aimed at further increasing the openness and

transparency of budget information, strengthening parliamentary and public control over the formation and spending of budget funds, and ensuring the implementation of the tasks defined in the Strategy of Actions on the five priority directions of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021. It began with the adoption of the Decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-3917 of August 22, 2018 "On measures to ensure the openness of budget information and the participation of citizens in the budget process"¹.

In recent years, a project that has been able to really convince people of the importance of their voice, awaken a sense of belonging, and unite them towards a common goal is the initiative budget project. This project has been established since 2021 based on the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-5072 dated April 13, 2021, and is becoming more popular every day. In particular, in 2021, more than 42,200 proposals were received within the framework of the project, and by 2022, this figure has tripled to 131,330. According to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, it covered 12.2 million people (participated in the voting process). Accordingly, the amount of funds allocated for projects in 2022 will increase 4.7 times to 2.5 trillion sums (1.5 trillion sums from 5% of district and city budgets and at least 30% of additional funds 555 billion sums at the expense of %). In order to support citizens' participation in the initiative budget processes held in 2021-2022, an additional 630.1 billion sums were allocated from the republican budget to district and city budgets as an exception. First of all, it was determined that the procedures for the formation and execution of the state budget will be implemented based on the principles of openness and transparency. In particular, it is intended to place the budgets of the State budget and state special funds, drafts of the main directions of tax and budget policy, reports on the implementation of the budgets of the State budget and state special funds, as well as the conclusions of the Accounts

¹ Decree No. F-5024 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of February 7, 2017 "On the Action Strategy for Five Priority Areas of Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021" // Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan collection of documents, 2017, No. 33, Article 847

Chamber of the Republic of Uzbekistan. "Open budget" information portal was launched. Open budgeting is a public policy aimed at making information available for citizens to understand about budgets at different levels. It should be noted separately that the procedure for citizens' participation in the budget process has also appeared. That is, the initiative budget is the practice of making decisions with their direct participation and monitoring the implementation of the decisions made, taking into account the initiatives of the population. Through this practice, it was possible to enter the problems that the population is suffering from, including problems in the neighborhood (roads, children's playgrounds, etc.) into the budget and solve them quickly. More than 16 million votes were cast for a total of 33,680 initiatives in this project, which was held in the first season of 2023 based on public opinion and the results of the voting process. According to the results of the voting process, 1,666 projects were declared winners. 8 trillion from the state budget to finance projects formed on the basis of public opinion in 2023. sums, of which 4 trillion sums will be allocated for the "Prosperous village" and "Prosperous neighborhood" programs. Additional 1.3 trillion for the implementation of 1,309 projects, each of which received more than 2,000 votes, but was not declared the winner, participating in the 1st season of the "Initiative Budget" process in 2023 by the order of the President. Sum funds will be allocated. 4.3 million for additional 1,182 neighborhoods. Projects voted by citizens are put into practice. In the 2nd season of the "Initiative Budget" project in 2023, a total of 1,187 projects were recognized as winners, and 1.4 trillion were allocated for their implementation. more than sums were transferred. It should be noted that 16.2 million votes were cast for 33,489 initiatives through the "Open budget" portal.

In conclusion, it can be said that ensuring the targeted use of the state budget, providing medical services to the population, expanding educational opportunities, providing necessary assistance to the population in need of social protection, providing housing, entrepreneurship and in general, it serves to ensure efficiency in all other spheres of life of the state and society. The main thing is

that the Constitutional reforms implemented in order to create a solid legal foundation for the development of New Uzbekistan will serve the well-being of the people and human dignity.

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