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The Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Article 42, defines that “every citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan has the right to education” and “Government provide the right to free obligatory secondary education”. According to the Law on Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan all members of society - both healthy and people with limited health have equal rights to education.

The Ministry of Education prepared a "State Program on development of inclusive education for persons with limited health in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2013-2020" and submitted it to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval.

State of Inclusion

There are laws, presidential decrees and decisions of the Ministers Cabinet in line with the efficient organization of the education of children with limited health. The law "About the education of persons with limited health (special education)" adopted in 2001 identified the government obligations, reflected rights and obligations of children with limited health, their parents or substituting their parents in the field of special education and the organization and management of special education has been identified.

Currently, there are more than 57 thousands children with limited health in the country. Only 11814 persons are studying. 1105 of them have been involved in private schools, 2664 persons - in specially trained special boarding schools, 7750 persons - in education at home, and 295 persons - in inclusive education. At the same time, there are 4 rehabilitation and development centers for the development of children with limited health from which 493 children are benefiting.

According to the Master Plan on the transformation of state child institutions prepared within the framework of “Giving children from the state orphan asylums to families (De-institusionalizasiya) and alternative care State Program (in 2006-2015)”, and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, the transformation of 7 boarding schools into inclusive-components general education schools were planned.

In order to expand inclusive education opportunities and to make relevant amendments in education legislation, UNICEF and the Ministry of Education elaborated "Inclusive Education Law" project, which was submitted to the National Assembly. In the direction of complex solution of problems related to the education of children with limited health, the "State Program for the Development of Inclusive Education in 2012-2019" was prepared under the technical support of UNICEF and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers.