
KAZAKHSTAN TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECTOR SUPPORT IN 2020

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The government has attended more than 500 meetings with citizens nationwide, including in remote areas, at the instruction of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, said Saparbayev. Citizens made 70 suggestions and the ministers responded to 2,500 questions.

He noted the countrys growing social sector expenditures.

In general, it is increasing every year. For example, in 2018, it was 43 percent [of the budget]; in 2019 □ 45 percent and in 2020 □ 50 percent. This shows that the course of policies is towards social sectors that are improving the welfare of our people, he said.

Saparbayev also reaffirmed the nations plans for a 25-percent pay raise for 500,000 teachers, 30-percent pay raise for 215,000 doctors and 20-percent pay raise for 215,000 nurses. The 34,000 citizens working in culture, arts and archives and 25,000 social workers will see 30-percent salary increases.

Kazakhstan also plans to index 2.2 million pensions by 7 percent and state allowances by 5 percent and increase allowances by at least 30 percent for the 132,000 citizens receiving three types of allowances from the National Insurance Fund.

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