

LEVEL OF SOCIAL PROTECTION UNDER QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

Abstracts of the article

- 1) The current level of social protection in Ukraine
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The concept of state social assistance

In a broad sense, state social assistance is all types of social assistance (including lifelong scholarships, subsidies, compensations, other social benefits, etc.), which are appointed by the authorized bodies at the expense of the State and / or local budgets in the manner prescribed by current legislation.

Social benefits are important in the social security system of the population of Ukraine. The practical value of social assistance is that every citizen of Ukraine receives the right to material security at a level not lower than the subsistence level, if for reasons beyond his control his average monthly income does not meet the statutory level, and if such a citizen due to various circumstances is not insured in the system of compulsory social insurance, or if the length of his insurance period does not entitle him to receive social insurance benefits

Hypothesis

I assume that due to a combination of factors, the sphere of state and social assistance does not have opportunities for full-scale development and general prosperity. Such factors include the pandemic, the war in the East, the economic crisis, and the shortcomings of the public administration system.

Thus, it is necessary to gradually solve such problems to improve the overall situation. The overall improvement of the situation, according to my hypothesis, will require a large amount of resources, the involvement of a large number of qualified specialists and years of time.

Social protection in quarantine

The COVID-19 pandemic and related quarantine restrictions have exacerbated systemic problems in health, social, educational and labor policies.

Social protection and state aid are the most important components of the welfare state, the overall level of development of the country depends on the effectiveness of social policy, so the level at which the level of state aid is maintained by the state pursuing an effective social policy is very important.

The draft law on the state budget for 2020 has reduced funding for the social sphere, the main changes are as follows:

| Major changes in social protection programs, UAH million | | | | |
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| program | was | became | change | % |
| Advanced training of specialists in the social protection system | 0,7 | 0 | -0,7 | -100,0 |
| Payment of benefits and housing subsidies to citizens to pay for utilities, purchase of household fuel in cash | 47 570 | 39 329,5 | -8 240 | -17,3 |
| Implementation of the pilot project "Development of social services | 100 | 10,0 | -90 | -90,0 |
| Reimbursement of part of the costs for the implementation of measures for the implementation of state programs of social protection | 150 | 10,0 | -140 | -93,3 |
| Measures for social labor and professional rehabilitation of persons with disabilities | 1 532,6 | 1 195,6 | -337 | -22,0 |

Such changes in the financing of social protection significantly reduce its effectiveness, there is a general trend of stagnation in all spheres of life in the country, and the sphere of social security becomes another indicator of which it consists, but despite such negative statistics in 2020 the situation stabilized in 2021. The draft law on the state budget for the respective year increased the funding of social protection by UAH 5.7 billion, said one of the Deputy Ministers of Finance Roman Yermolychev.

Conclusions

In my personal opinion, the sphere of state aid is extremely important, but in Ukraine it is characterized by a low level of quality of services provided to citizens and insufficient stability of funding. Quarantine restrictions have further aggravated this situation, and partial stabilization does not give the impression of a full-fledged solution to the problem.

I think it is expedient to pay more attention on the part of public administration to the problems of social protection of the population and the improvement of working conditions for skilled workers in the field of social security.

The improvement of the situation is approaching with the solution of the epidemiological situation, the creation of collective immunity and mass vaccination will allow more different types of investment to be allocated for social protection

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