

## **THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF REINTEGRATION OF THE ECONOMY OF THE TERRITORIES LIBERATED FROM THE OCCUPATION INTO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY (PART 1)**

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Determining the priorities that ensure the effective reintegration of the economy of these regions into the country's economy, the basis for the formation of a competitive and sustainable economy, inclusive and social justice-based society, competitive human capital and modern innovations in the economic regions of Karabakh and Eastern Zangezur, freed from occupation, and providing a great opportunity to these areas, and these priorities are implemented in stages corresponding to the implementation period. The main directions of these priorities are reflected in the "National Priorities - 2030" approved by the relevant decree of the President of the country Ilham Aliyev [1].

In order to restore and develop the infrastructure of the economic areas of Karabakh economic region and Eastern Zangezur economic region, attracting investments and investments from other sources to these areas, and forming a mechanism of public-private economic cooperation, the measures implemented within the framework of state programs and development strategies in the areas freed from occupation accelerates the reintegration of its economy into the country's economy, and as a result, the development of the economy of these regions within the overall economy of the country is ensured.

The study of the international experience of the restoration process of the territories freed from occupation shows that at the first stage, the assessment of the losses of the economy by areas, and at the next stage, the creation of the minimum standard of living in these areas and related infrastructures are the first priority issues. In addition to the aforementioned "National Priorities-2030" and other necessary priorities, the corresponding implementation of programs, projects and strategies approved by the country's president has an important and significant role in the development of these regions. In these priorities, initial measures such as cleaning the territories from mines and other harmful explosives, drinking water and electricity supply infrastructure, restoration and

reconstruction of the irrigation systems of the areas, restoration of the road infrastructure, construction of new airports that ensure the transportation of goods necessary for humanitarian and life, and the subsequent social development of the territories - it is of particular importance in ensuring the economic development and the development of these regions within the country's economy and, as a result, their effective reintegration.

The study of the world experiences of post-conflict restoration of territories and reconstruction of infrastructures shows that the active participation of international organizations, private sectors, non-governmental organizations, and individual entrepreneurs in the researches and evaluations conducted in these directions, as well as the relevant structures of the state, and when necessary, in these directions it is appropriate to use them.

Based on the analysis of the works currently being carried out in these regions, it can be noted that the above-mentioned organizations participate in the processes of preparation and implementation of these projects in the required cases. It should be noted that according to the decree of President Ilham Aliyev "On the new distribution of economic regions in the Republic of Azerbaijan", the cities of Khankendi, Aghjabedi, Aghdam, Barda, Fuzuli, Khojaly, Khojavand, Shusha, which are included in the new distribution of economic regions, are included in the Karabakh economic region. and in the process of determining and evaluating the priority of measures implemented in Tarter regions, researching and evaluating the level of development of economic sectors in these areas in the post-conflict period, and preparing relevant proposals, the measures implemented in the direction of ensuring the development of the region are necessary and urgent tasks as priority issues.

In our country, within the framework of State Programs, Development Concepts, and Strategic Plans, reform in the fields of economy, implementation of reform-development measures and, ultimately, ensuring the sustainable development of the economy in the perspective of the liberated territories, raising the level of development of the main economic indicators are of particular importance in the development of the region. At the same time, in the post-conflict period, the preparation of Strategic Development Plans of enterprises and companies that ensure the implementation of measures within the framework of programs, projects and development concepts aimed at the development of strategic areas in this region and the development of its implementation mechanism are among the most necessary issues. The development of strategic plans that

take into account the measures proposed above and the implementation of the measures envisaged in them in stages can be important in the restoration of the infrastructure of the areas of the economy of the region, the organization and development of the economy based on innovation, which, in turn, will have an important role in ensuring the reintegration of the economy of the region into the general economy of the country.

These priority directions and the purposeful complex measures implemented along with them were of particular importance in preventing the rapid decline of the country's economy due to the pandemic. In this period, GDP decreased by 4.3 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. The analysis of economic indicators shows that the GDP in the non-oil sector decreased by 2.6 percent in real terms in 2020 compared to 2019. However, during that period, non-oil industry increased by 12.2 percent, information and communication sector by 0.6 percent, agriculture by 1.9 percent, and transport and storage by 4.6 percent. Although the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue in 2021, as a result of the measures implemented this year, economic activity has been observed since the beginning of the year. So, in 2021, economic growth occurred in the oil and gas sector as well as in the non-oil and gas sector. That is, compared to 2020, the GDP in 2021 increased by 5.6% in real terms, this indicator at current prices is 92,9 billion was manat. 16,127.0 million to the main capital in 2021. 73.1% of these investments were provided by domestic and 26.9% by foreign investments.

The conducted analysis shows that 35% of these investments were invested in the oil sector and 64.2% in the non-oil sector. As a result of this increase, new infrastructures were created as a result of the works carried out in the direction of the restoration of the areas of the economy in the territories freed from occupation. At the conference dedicated to the results of the 2020 implementation of the State Program for Social and Economic Development in 2019-2023, the President of the country Ilham Aliyev specifically noted that Azerbaijan finished with less losses in all areas of the economy in the event of a pandemic than other countries. Thus, the country's economy increased by approximately 4 percent, but due to the diversification of the economy, the non-oil sector increased by more than 11 percent. The measures to be implemented by the state in accordance with the concept of restoration and development of lands freed from occupation will create favorable conditions for attracting local and foreign investments to the economic potential of this region, mainly to the development of the non-oil sector. In the post-conflict period, the

restoration of territories, the reconstruction and development of infrastructures are planned to be carried out in four stages, that is, in the first stage, management and security, infrastructure works, and in the next stage, the activities of social services, economic reconstruction and development issues are considered as priority directions. In the planning of the macro-economic indicators of 2021, the fact that the reconstruction works in the liberated territories play the role of one of the active growth drivers of the non-oil sector and the country's economy in general shows the special importance of the work carried out here.

The examination of the state of implementation of the measures planned for 2020 in the State Program for the socio-economic development of the country's regions in 2019-2023 shows that, as in the previous three state programs, the measures planned for this year in the fourth program were consistently and successfully implemented in all areas. and the improvement of the socio-economic development potential of the economic regions of the country, the reconstruction of the infrastructures of the economic sectors in the regions, and the raising of the requirements of modern standards, and the implementation of these measures will improve the material, moral, educational and social well-being of the population and the most important and solution of the modern era created favorable conditions for strengthening the required environmental safety during these periods. It should be taken into account that the implementation of measures in these directions ensured the implementation of new social projects in the country during the mentioned period, as well as the creation of new enterprises and workplaces were necessary priorities.

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