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Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan On measures to protect public health and strengthen the fight against coronavirus infection in the Republic of Azerbaijan

Protecting the public health in the Republic of Azerbaijan, providing the population with medical care in accordance with international standards are one of the priorities of the country's socio-economic policy. The expansion in recent months of the geography of the spread of a novel coronavirus infection in the world dictates the need to strengthen appropriate preventive measures in order to curb the cases of infection with this disease in our country. The provision, for this purpose, by various segments of the population, including business entities, of support to these events and their manifestation of social solidarity, being one of the critical issues having a direct impact on the effectiveness of the work carried out, clearly testifies to the main factors reflecting corporate social responsibility, and state-citizen unity.

Guided by Section 23 of Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in order to take preventive steps against the coronavirus and strengthen the counter measures, I hereby decree:

1. to establish the Coronavirus Response Fund.
2. to approve the "Regulation of the formation, management and use of the funds of the Coronavirus Response Fund" (attached).
3. to define the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus infection in the Republic of Azerbaijan and provision of financial assistance to the counter measures as the purpose of the Fund.
4. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall address the issues arising from this Decree.

Ilham Aliyev

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Baku, March 19, 2020

REGULATION of the formation, management and use of the funds of the Coronavirus Response Fund

Approved with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan of March 19, 2020

1. General provisions

1.1. This Regulation governs the formation, management and use of the funds of the Coronavirus Response Fund (hereinafter – the Fund).

1.2. The purpose of the Fund is to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (hereinafter – the coronavirus) in the Republic of Azerbaijan and provide financial assistance to the counter measures.

1.3. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall manage the funds of the Fund.

2. Formation and use of the funds of the Fund

2.1. The funds of the Fund shall be formed through the following sources:

2.1.1. Funds of the state budget of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

2.1.2. voluntary payments of natural and legal persons;

2.1.3. other sources which are not prohibited by law.

2.2. In order to accumulate the funds of the Fund and use them for their intended purpose, a dedicated treasury account shall be opened at the State Treasury Agency under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.3. The use of the Fund's resources shall be carried out on the basis of the income and expense estimates established by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in accordance with the directions of expenses as provided in paragraph 2.7 of this Regulation.

2.4. The Fund's activities shall cover the period until December 31, 2020. This period may be extended by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.5. Upon completion of the Fund's activities, unspent funds remaining in the dedicated treasury account shall be used to finance the work provided for in sub-paragraph 2.7.1 of this Regulation or returned to the state budget.

2.6. The funds of the Fund shall be formed in Azerbaijani manat and foreign currencies.

2.7. The funds of the Fund shall be used in the following directions to fight against the coronavirus:

2.7.1. the remuneration of medical workers and the provision of material assistance to them;

2.7.2. the improvement of the infrastructure and material and technical capacity of medical institutions (including the acquisition of technological installations, devices, equipment, vehicles, goods and materials, as well as other medical supplies)

2.7.3. the formation of medical institutions of special regime;

2.7.4. the organization and implementation of control and monitoring;

2.7.5. the financing of researches in the medical field;

2.7.6. the training of specialists in the medical field;

2.7.7. awareness-raising and enlightenment activities;

2.7.8. other measures taken to fight against the coronavirus.

2.8. The funds of the Fund cannot be used for the purposes not set forth in this Regulation.



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