

# Report on the status of women in Uzbekistan

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### Female Activism: Women in Uzbekistan

The Committee also expresses its concern about the status of the Convention, and whether its provisions can be directly invoked before the courts. In 2001 it was estimated that approximately 500 women a year kill themselves because of abusive situations. Gender-data Central to improving gender equality is the collection and appraisal of gender-data.

### Enhancing women's rights in Uzbekistan

Of the 150 victims, 138 were women and 12 were men compared with 90 and five, respectively, in 2019. Despite a 2018 government prohibition on the practice, some local officials continue to force teachers, students including children, private businesses employees, and others to work in construction and other forms of non-cotton agriculture, and to clean parks, streets, and buildings.

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Some adults who refuse to pick cotton, are unable or unwilling to pay for a replacement worker, or do not fulfill their daily quota, at times face the loss of social benefits, termination of employment, or other forms of harassment. Four convicted traffickers received unreported sentences, and seven were granted amnesty three amnesties in 2019. Yet, there is strong political will to change the status quo.

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The 2020 harvest marked the seventh consecutive year the government conducted a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness of its prohibition of child labor in the cotton harvest. Farmers who were unable to fulfill illegal quotas risked losing the rights to farm their government-leased land. Uzbekistani women and children traveling with these men are also vulnerable to sex trafficking and forced labor on arrival; many are

reportedly placed alongside other Uzbekistani family members in makeshift camp communities, where their travel and identity documentation is confiscated and their freedom of movement is restricted.

### **Women in Uzbekistan**

The shelters are widespread throughout the country, but the number of supported victims and the quality of delivered aid is unknown. Sex traffickers exploited 89 of the victims, and labor traffickers exploited 12 victims compared with 89 and six, respectively, in 2019 ; authorities did not report on the circumstances of the remaining 49 victims.

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