

State Program “Azerbaijani youth in 2011-2015”

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1. Introduction

Current stage formed by the rapid spread of globalization and the formation of information society requires the improvements of implemented works in the direction of more active participation of young people in a new level in socio – economic, scientific – cultural, educational and in other fields in the Republic of Azerbaijan. And for this reason there should be created suitable conditions for widely usage of innovative potential of youth in order to satisfy the interests of society and to increase competitiveness of the economy.

The formation of state youth policy in our republic is connected with the name of our national leader Heydar Aliyev. The order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on “The Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan” dated July 26, 1994, Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On youth policy” and other normative legal acts on the youth policy, as well as, holding Azerbaijani Youths forums have determined the mechanism for implementation and the legal framework of the scope of works with youth. State Program “Azerbaijani youth in (2005-2009)” approved by the Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic dated on August 30, 2005 was an important activity document for the implementation of state youth policy. As a result of the implementation of that State Program positive changes have been taken place in priority areas of youth policy and some success has been achieved. Works have been carried out in the field of patriotic education of youth sustainable, government support has been expanded for the creative youth. In the employment field the activities based on international practice and youth initiative have been developed, measures for stimulation of the activity of the youth have been carried out in regions. The necessary condition has been established for the active participation of youth in the country’s socio-political life. Due to the state care, the rights of the youth organizations providing their participation in state youth policy have been expanded; there have been provided regular support for their projects and programs. In the field of international cooperation the youth have shown initiative and continuous activity.

Addition to all of these, bringing up our youth in respect to historical and cultural heritage, national and moral and universal human values based on patriotism, Azerbaijanis and statehood policies, to make them to focus intellectual and creative potential on socio-political, socio-economic and cultural life of the society is the demand of the modern period.

The implementation of State Program “Azerbaijani youth in 2011-2015” (hereinafter will be referred as – State Program) is necessary in order to ensure the next stage in the youth development.

1. 2. Main purpose of state program

Main purpose of state program is further development of youth policy in the Republic of Azerbaijan, to create favorable conditions for the active participation of youth in the field of management, employment of young specialists and to ensure the solutions of other socio-economic problems.

1. 3. Main duties of state program

State program provides for the fulfillment of the following duties:

- creation of conditions for the comprehensive development of youth;
- provision of equal opportunities for education of youth in a condition that meets the requirements of future;
- increase the employment of youth, creating favorable conditions for employment of enterprises and organizations not depending on the form of property;
- preparation of competitive young staff that will meet the requirements of the labor market;

- increasing the number of professional and knowledgeable young people in the civil service and management;
- strengthening social security of young scientists and researchers and solving their housing problems;
- development of entrepreneurship among young people;
- strengthen young family institution;
- Increasing awareness of young people;
- Development of material, organizational and informative mechanisms to support the key public initiatives of youth;
- Formation of the modern style of thinking in youth, involving them to the management and research-oriented activities;
- Implementation of measures for the benefit of youth from socio-economic and cultural development;
- Development of the skills of self-government and economic point of view of youth;
- strengthening the social protection of youth, as well as, disabled people;
- Support and development of activities aimed at the dissemination of harmful skills among youth;
- Increase participation of municipalities and local executive bodies in the development of youth, strengthening care for youth;

- Provision of additional education for the specialist working with youth;
- Stimulation of initiative and participation of youth and youth organizations in public life;
- Support the participation of youth in international exchange and intercultural dialogue;
- Creation of infrastructure aimed at the development of youth.

1.4. Coordination of activities

that will be implemented on the State Program

Implementation of the activities that will be carried out on the State program is coordinated by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan. For that purpose, Coordination Council on the implementation of State program is created by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan by involving representatives of relevant state agencies and public organizations.

Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan provides the involvement of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, scientific research institutions and creative unions to the implementation of State Program.

1.5. Financial resources for the implementation of the State Program

The main financial resource for the implementation of State Program is the state budget. Extra-budgetary state funds, extra-budgetary funds, loans, grants and other sources that are not contradictory to the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan may be involved in the implementation of the State Program.

6. Action Plan for the implementation of State Program

6.1 Improvement of normative –legal base and development of infrastructure in the field of works with youth

No.	The name of the event	Aim	Executors	time
6.1.1.	The Analysis of the provisions of normative legal acts related to youth and preparation of suggestions on their improvements	Improvement of legal regulation related to with youth	2011- 2015	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Youth and Sport, competent government authorities
6.1.2.	Submission of proposals in connection with the establishment of the Presidential Award for youth	Stimulation of talented young people who are different in science, education, culture and other fields	2011- 2012	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Youth and Sport, ministry of Education, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.1.3.	The establishment of Azerbaijan Youth Center in Baku city	To ensure the efficient organization of leisure time of young people, appropriate services for young people and their organizations and holding different events	2011-2013	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Baku City Executive Power
6.1.4.	The establishment of Youth Fund	Stimulation of activities aimed at science,	2011- 2012	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Youth and

		education, culture and other social fields related to Youth policy		Sport, Ministry of Finance, State Committee on Property Issues
6.1.5.	The establishment of “Youth Houses” in Ganja, Mingachevir, Nakhchivan, Sumgait, Shaki, Shirvan, Barda, Gazakh, Guba and Shamakhi	Expansion of services provided in giving information, training, vocational choice and in other directions, organization of their leisure time and creating conditions for harmonious development	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, local executive powers
6.1.6.	Creation of database of business, information technologies for youth in higher education institutions implementing trainings on relevant specialties	Supporting innovative potential and initiatives of youth, providing their effective participation in the country’s economy	2012- 2013	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Ministry of Labor

6.1.7.	Improving the preparation of statistical data related to youth and carrying out sociological researches	Carrying out addressed, informed and multi section policy related to Youth	2011 -2015	and Social Protection, Ministry of Justice Ministry of Youth and Sport, The State Statistical Committee, The State Students Admission Commission, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Central bank
6.1.8.	Preparation of the suggestions on the expansion of the opportunities for getting mortgage loans for youth and for young families	Improvement of the housing conditions of young people and young families, Improving living standards	2011- 2012	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport, State committee on Family, Woman and Child problems
6.1.9.	Improvement of the mechanism of provision with suitable employment and living area of youth who left state children's homes and boarding schools, who have lost their parents, who are deprived of parental care	Increasing the state care for homeless youth	2012	Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport, State committee on Family, Woman and Child problems
6.1.10	Preparation of suggestions related to the giving of State -owned creative	Strengthening state support to creative youth	2011- 2012	Cabinet of Ministers, State Committee on Property

	workshops, exhibition halls with preferential terms to the use of creative youth			Issues, Ministry of culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport,
6.1.11	Supporting the creation of housing cooperatives for Youth	Improvement of the housing conditions of Youth	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, local executive powers
6.2	Civic and patriotic education of youth			
6.2.1.	Wide spread promotion of Azerbaijanis ideology of our national leader Heydar Aliyev	Strengthening the feeling of respect and loyalty towards the traditions of independent statehood in youth	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism
6.2.2.	The establishment of the Center for Information and Communication Technologies named “Virtual Garabagh”	Establishment of centralized Internet resource base on Garabagh	2012	Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.2.3.	Implementation of the projects related to the raising awareness about youth who were courageous in the battles for the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan	Promotion of examples of heroism among youth	2011- 2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, “Azerbaijan

Republic and national heroes

Television and Radio Broadcasting” Closed Joint-Stock Company
Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Emergency Situations,

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Implementation of different events in military units in order to assist sufficient organization of leisure time and improvement of the moral-psychological state of youth

enhancement of moral-psychological state of youth who serve in the ranks of the army

2011- 2015

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, State Border Service, Ministry of Health Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Emergency Situations, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, State Border Service, local executive powers

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improvement of teaching of pre-military training in general educational institutions, increasing the quality and popularity of the military –sport games, creation of the conditions for their holding

increasing the level of pre-military training of youth, strengthening the military training of school children, increase training for military service in the ranks of the army

2011- 2015

6.2.6.	Implementation of meetings, conferences, round tables, mass cultural and other events, TV projects and provide moral and psychological impact on the issue of citizenship education	Increasing the efficiency of the works implemented in the field of the patriotism and citizenship education of youth, production of the animation and animated films on the theme of patriotism of teenagers by means of animation films	2011- 2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, National Television and Radio Council, Azerbaijan Television and Radio Broadcasting” Closed Joint-Stock Company, the local executive powers Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies
6.2.7.	Conduct intellectual games, competitions, festivals and Olympiads which serve to the promotion of history, art, culture and language of Azerbaijan,	To inform youth about national –cultural heritage and history of Azerbaijan	2011- 2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies

6.2.8.	Implementation of nationwide intelligent interactive games of “Recognize the Country”	Encouraging youth to get detailed information about Azerbaijan		Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, State Land and Cartography Committee, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.2.9.	Implementation of projects in the field of feeling of respect for the state symbols	Patriotic education of youth,	Permanent	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism,
6.2.10.	Encouraging teenagers and youth for military service and implementation of mass –cultural events for the purpose of the organization of “going away ceremonies”	Encouraging young people to the military services	2011- 2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, local executive powers
6.2.11.	Preparation of computer games reflecting the history	Creation of virtual opportunities among	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry

of Azerbaijan Republic

Azerbaijani youth by means of modern technologies

of Communications and Information Technologies, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

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| 6.2.12. | Preparing campaign programs and visual aids of educational and publicity character on the theme of patriotism | Increasing the efficiency of the work of patriotic education | 2011-2015 | Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Ministry of Education, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, "Azerbaijan TV & Radio Broadcasting" Close Joint-Stock Company, local executive powers |
| 6.3. | The development of intellectual and creative potential of youth | | | |
| 6.3.1. | Establishing the data bank about the talented youth and young scientists | Forming comprehensive information about the potential of the country in the field of education, science, culture, management, ensuring the target and effectiveness of government support | 2011-2012 | Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Health, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Science Development Fund under the President of Azerbaijan Republic, The State Commission on Student Admission (SCSA), Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences |

6.3.2.	The organization competitions on giving grants to the project	Stimulation of scientific activity of young scientists		Science Development Fund under the President of Azerbaijan Republic
6.3.3.	The establishment of the intellectual youth clubs in the regions	Involvement of general public of youth to the intellectual activity, effective organization of leisure time	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, local executive powers
6.3.4.	Holding the second republic conference of the talented and creative youth	Study of the problems of creative youth and determination of the ways of their solution	2012	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Education, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.3.5.	Assessment of youth who gained special achievements in international and republic level Olympics, festivals, contests and competitions	Increasing the interest of youth to education, science, culture and art, new technologies, stimulating the talented youth	Every year	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.3.6.	Organization and provision of the activities of “Laboratory of preparing talents”	Establishment of healthy competitive and scientific communication environment among youth, increasing their chance of gaining achievements	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Science Development Fund under the President of Azerbaijan Republic

6.3.7.	Modern professions, demands for them, and interactive information resource concerning profession choice, creation of on-site and distant information-consulting services of youth on profession direction	Ensuring a higher level of compliance among the preparation of youth and the labor market, supporting youth in profession choice by using the possibilities of information technologies, continuous development of the education system	2012-2013	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, The State Commission on Student Admission (SCSA), relevant government agencies
6.3.8.	Establishment of “idea bank online” of Azerbaijan	Encouraging innovative thinking among the youth through information technology	2012-2013	Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.3.9.	The exchange of creative achievements of youth in the field of culture and art, the organization of summer schools, master classes, art viewing and other events,	To increase the ability of experience, knowledge and skills of creative youth	2011-2015	Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.3.10	Distribution of more detailed information about the youth, preparation of modern television and radio drafts, development of internet resources	Preparation of information addressed to the youth on modern themes and forms	2011-2013	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, National Television and Radio Council, ” Azerbaijan

6.3.11	Organization of internet journalism training	Increasing the skills and knowledge of youth in field which takes an important role in the information society, delivery of necessary information related to the country	2011-2015	Television and Radio Broadcasting” Closed Joint-Stock Company Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport
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6.4. Supporting business activity of youth and ensuring the employment

6.4.1	Organization of youth labor fairs	Assistance to the solution of youth employment problem	2012-2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.4.2.	Implementation of measures related to the study and application of experience of the developed countries in the field of youth employment and entrepreneurial activity	Provision of youth employment by applying international experience	2011-2015	The Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.4.3.	Development of entrepreneurship	Increasing the economic activity of youth,	2012-2013	The Cabinet of Ministers, Ministry of Economic Development,

among the youth, preparation of proposals related to the support for the youth who wants to be involved in business activity, agricultural activity, migrating the border, mountain area for permanent residence

supporting the development in non-oil sector and development of the entrepreneurship

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Taxes, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

6.4.4. Conducting business activities and computer games on the intellectual competitions, organization of the Olympiads and competitions related to the theoretical and practical principles of entrepreneurial activity among teenagers and youth

Stimulation of youth for dealing with entrepreneurial activity, encouraging them to the business activities

2011-2015

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Youth and Sport

6.4.5. Conducting the exhibitions of products produced by young entrepreneurs

Delivery of products and services produced by young entrepreneurs to general public attention

2012-2015

Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Youth and Sport

6.4.6.	Assisting the employment of the youth living in boarding and orphanages	Teaching profession crafts to the youth living in boarding schools and orphanages, giving knowledge concerning beginning of business and organizing auctions to sell handicrafts	2012-2015	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Youth and Sport, State Committee On Family, Woman And Child Problems
6.5.	Increasing the youth participation in management and development of civil society			
6.5.1.	Collecting information about youth who studied abroad returned to the Azerbaijan Republic and establishment of a relevant section in the Ministry of Economic Development of Azerbaijan Republic in order to ensure their employment	Effective use of the potential of Azerbaijani youth who studied abroad	2011-2012	Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education
6.5.2.	Preparation of proposals related to the establishment of databank on staff potential of youth	Formation of full information about the staff potential in the field of country's education, science, culture and management, provision of effectiveness and	2011	The Cabinet of Ministers

6.5.3.	The VII Forum of Azerbaijani Youth	target of state support Carrying the reports on work to public done inter-forum, determination of new positions in the field of state youth policy and provision of participation of youth in the implementation of state policy aimed at them	2014	Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.5.4.	Preparation of proposals related to the creation of a database about the youth studying and working in foreign countries	Determination of the real potential of the Azerbaijani youth in foreign countries	2011	Ministry of Education, State Committee on Work with Diaspora, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.5.5.	Each year, decelerating a district or a city of the country as “Youth Capital”	Reviving the works with youth in places	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, local executive powers
6.5.6.	Improvement of professional skills of youth working in state bodies	The formation of young managers who meet the requirements of the modern era	2011-2015	Civil Service Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, other relevant government agencies
6.5.7.	The organization of awareness campaigns	Ensuring active participation of youth in	2013-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, The Central Election Commission

	among young voters who have voted for the first time	elections		
6.5.8.	Organization of exhibitions, which reflect the activities of youth organizations	Informing the public about the activities of youth organizations, about the projects and activities carried out by them	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, other relevant bodies
6.5.9.	Encouragement of youth to voluntary activities	Promulgating volunteerism movement among youth and using the opportunities of international youth programs in this regard	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport

6.6. Protecting the health of youth and support of youth from vulnerable group

6.6.1.	Conducting seminars, conferences, trainings, exhibitions, festivals, competitions, cultural and mass action and agitation campaigns in connection with the	Promulgating healthy lifestyle among youth.	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, National Television and Radio Council, Close Joint Stock Company "Azerbaijan TV & Radio
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	prevention of harmful habits in cities and regions, preparation of social commercials and their coverage in television channels, preparation of theater performances and organization of their demonstration in cities and regions			Broadcasting”, Local executive power bodies
6.6.2	Wide promotion of Healthy lifestyle among youth via mass physical training and sport.	Protection of youth health	Regularly	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education
6.6.3	Expansion of awareness campaigns in the area of reproductive health and healthy lifestyle.	Holding educational and initiative activities serving to protect the health of youth.	Regularly	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education, the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs
6.6.4	Creation of general “Hot Line” for youth and organization of psychological rehabilitation of youth from high-risk groups.	Improving psychological services for youth, Ensuring improvement of psychological status of adolescents	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies

6.6.5.	Carrying out awareness campaigns in order to prevent early marriages	Protection of the rights of youth and strengthen the family institution	2011 -2015	The State Committee For Family, Women and Children Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.6.6.	The implementation of measures for the purpose of the rehabilitation of youth released from penitentiary institutions	Providing integration of previously convicted youth into society	Regularly	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Youth and Sport
6.7.	Supporting students in scientific, cultural activities and their social protection			
6.7.1.	Application of “Azerbaijan student card” and creation of conditions for youth joining to the system of a single international discount cards	Increasing social support for youth who are studying	2011-2012	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education
6.7.2.	Improving the system of student hostels	Solving the social condition problems of students	2012-2015	Ministry of Education, relevant government agencies
6.7.3.	Supporting the	Strengthening the self-	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport,

	projects and programs of student and youth organizations in institutions of higher and secondary specialized education	governance of students		Ministry of Education
6.7.4.	Improving the system of giving scholarship to youth and students specially differing in education and social life	Stimulation of the activity of youth who are studying, encouraging them to education and public work	2011-2012	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Finance
6.7.5.	Creation of research groups on specialties by the higher educational institutions during the summer holidays	Application of theoretical knowledge of students in practice, their closely acquaintance with the areas related to their specialty	2012-2015	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
6.8.	Cooperation of youth in the international field			
6.8.1.	Expansion of cooperation with youth programs of international and	Representation of Azerbaijani youth in youth programs of international	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

	regional organizations	organizations, using the opportunities of these programs		
6.8.2.	Implementation of exchange program “Young friends of Azerbaijan”	Delivering the realities of Azerbaijan to the foreign countries	2011-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6.8.3.	Holding II World Congress of Azerbaijani Youth	Coordination of the activities of Azerbaijani youth living in foreign countries	2013	Ministry of Youth and Sport, State Committee on Work with Diaspora, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6.8.4.	Conducting promotion work for the purpose of announcing Baku “European Youth Capital” in 2015	Strengthening Azerbaijan’s image in international arena	2012-2014	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Baku City Executive Power
6.8.5.	Holding competitions on the theme of “what I know about Azerbaijan?” between the youth of foreign countries	Promulgating the national-cultural and historical heritage of Azerbaijan between the youth of foreign countries	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6.8.6.	Conducting the international forum of Azerbaijani youth studied and graduated from the foreign countries	Increasing the participation of youth in the Diaspora and the lobbying organization	2012-2015	Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, State Committee on Work with Diaspora,

6.8.7.	Development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of youth policy within the framework of international agreements wherein the Azerbaijan Republic is a party	Expansion of the international relations in the field of Youth Affairs, conducting mutual exchange of experience and information	2011-2015	State Oil Fund Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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