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Activities in Azerbaijan on improving legislation to ensure the rights of women:

2020-2023 National Action Plan (NAP) on the Prevention of Domestic Violence;

2020-2030 Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Children;

2020-2025 Action Plan on the implementation of the Child Strategy;

2020-2025 Action Plan on the elimination of skewed sex ratio at birth;

“Rules for raising awareness among young people about the importance of family and marriage, the negative consequences of early marriage and consanguineous marriage in order to protect and strengthen it”;

2020-2024 National Action Plan (NAP) to combat human trafficking in the Republic of Azerbaijan;

2019-2030 Employment Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

2020-2025 Action Plan on the implementation of the Employment Strategy;

Draft NAPs on:

1. Ensuring Gender Equality in the Republic of Azerbaijan

2. Ensuring Women Employment in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3. Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on “Women, Peace and Security” in the Republic of Azerbaijan

Strengthening the institutional mechanisms

11 CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS

Benefited from the services of Centers:
2016-2018 - **42,250 women**;
2019-2021 - **54,441 women**.

Early marriage cases prevented:
2016-2018 – **26 cases**;
2019-2021 – **22 cases**.



New Child and Family Support Centers



The Agency for Development of Small and Medium Businesses

- *Promoting the development of women's entrepreneurship*
- *Increasing number of small and medium entrepreneurs women*
- *Creating appropriate support mechanisms*

The Social Services Agency under the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

- *Providing rehabilitation-oriented social services to vulnerable groups*
- *Organizing efficient and effective organization of these services*
- *Increasing access to social services.*
- *Department of Social Rehabilitation for Victims of Domestic Violence at the Shelter and Social Rehabilitation Institution for Vulnerable People*

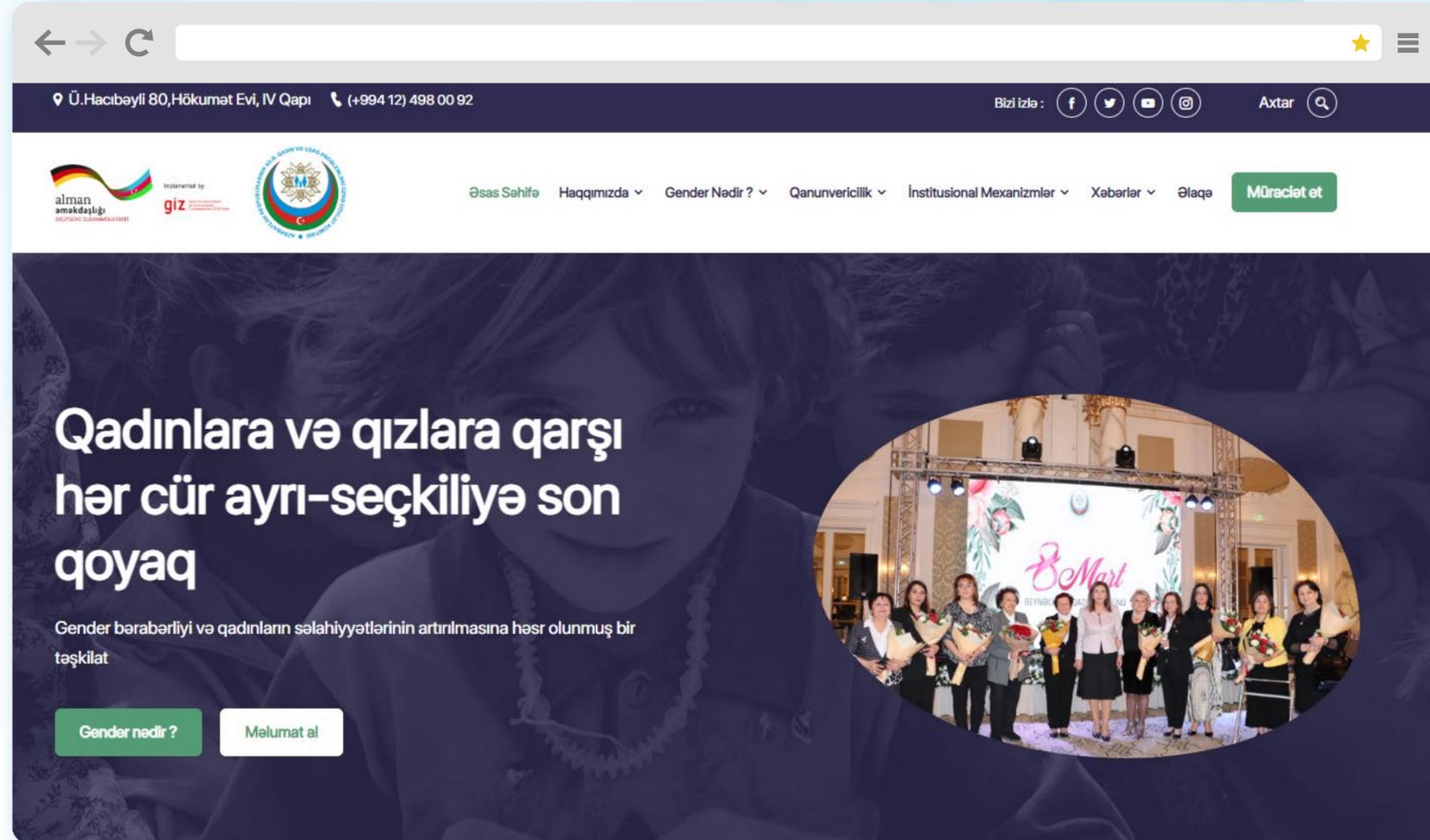
3 Community Resource and 15 Women Resource Centers



2,799 members
8,000+ benefited women



Gender Commissions in municipalities



Trainings for the representatives of gender commissions

- Rights and responsibilities of municipalities
- Gender equality and leadership

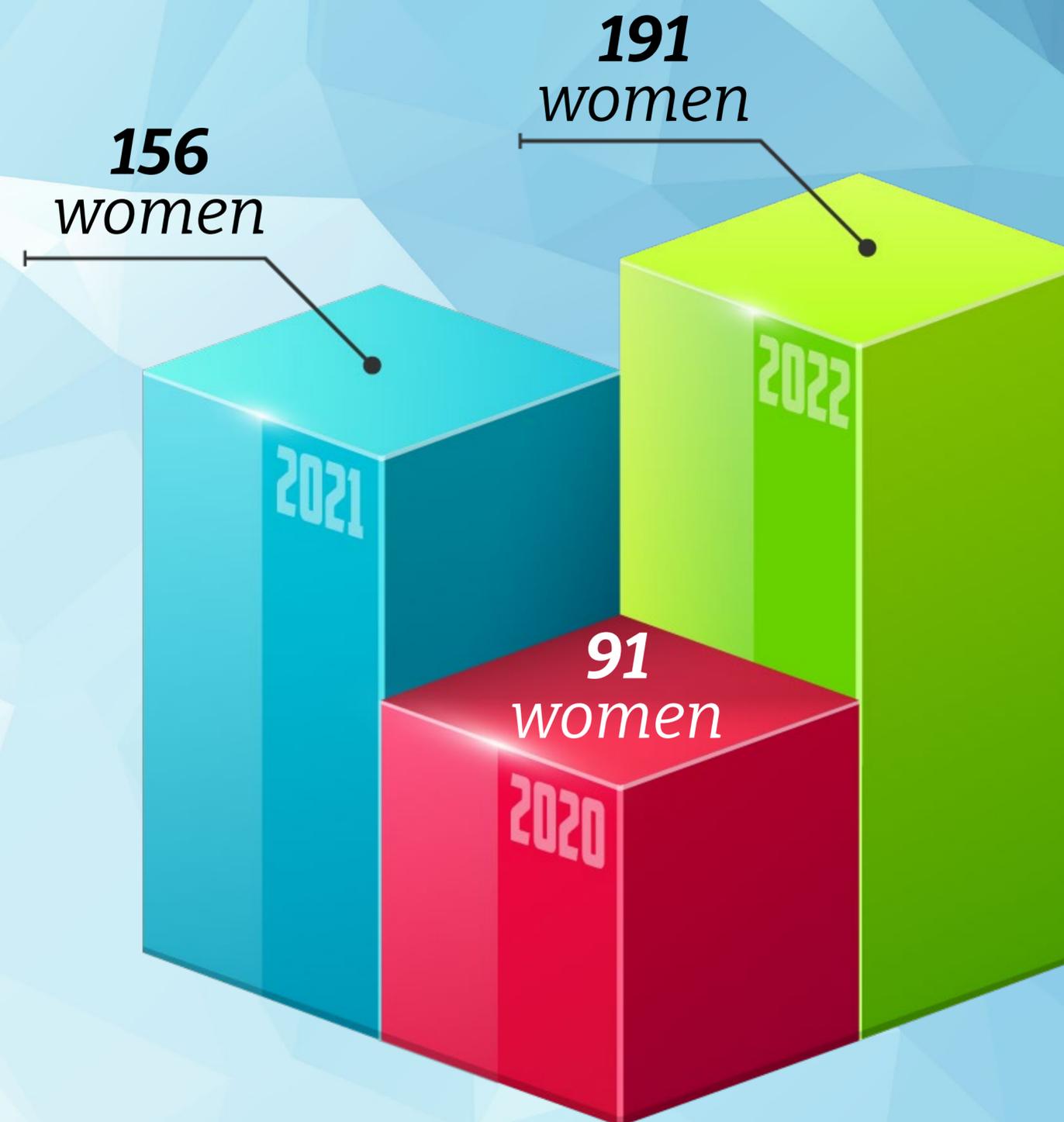
“Gender Azerbaijan” e-portal

Women's access to justice

December, 2019 - tripartite **Memorandum of Understanding** to provide legal assistance to the victims of domestic violence between the State Committee, Azerbaijan Bar Association, UN Country Office in Azerbaijan.

Under the memorandum:

- 91 women in 2020;
- 156 women in 2021;
- 191 women in 2022 from low-income families received legal assistance.



*Provisions of the “Law on domestic violence prevention”
in court decisions:*

2019 - 23 cases;

2021 - 6 cases;

*referring to the “Law on gender
equality”*

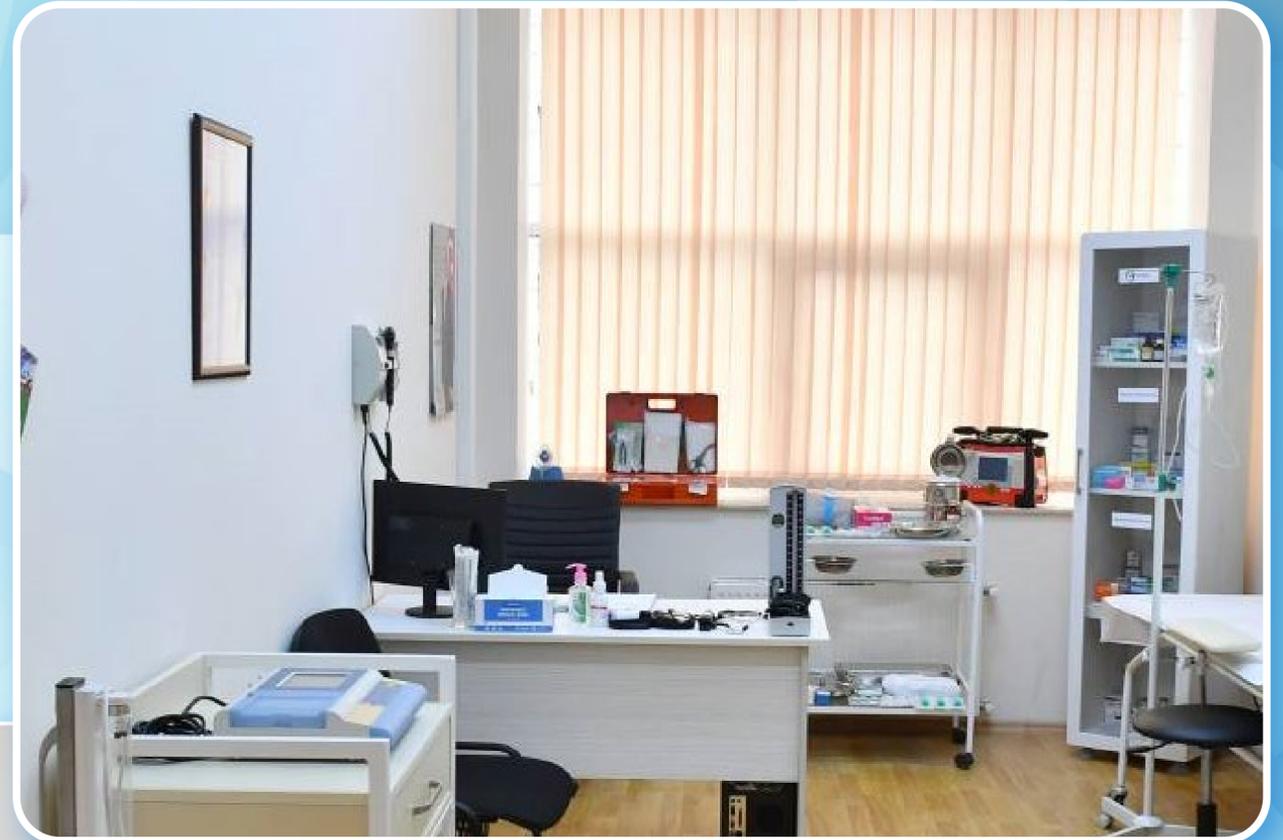
2019 – 16 cases;

2021 – 11 cases.



- *Law on domestic violence*
- *Law on gender equality*

New penitentiary facilities for women and juveniles - 2022



“860” hotline - domestic violence calls



**Gender-əsaslı zorakılıqla bağlı
Qaynar Xətt**

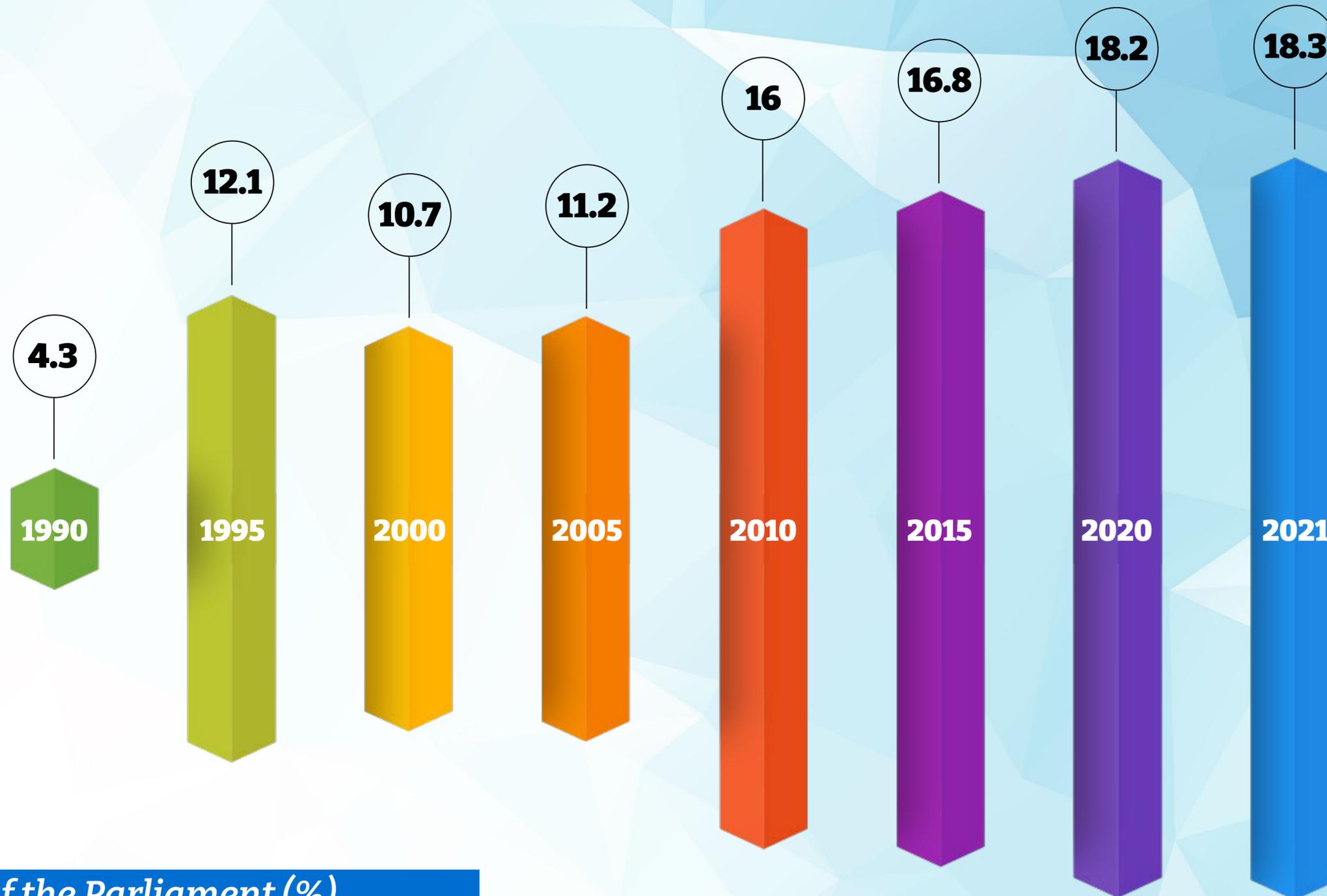
- ♀ Gender-əsaslı zorakılıq / məişət zorakılığı ilə bağlı maarifləndirici xarakterli məlumatın təqdim edilməsi
- ♀ Gender-əsaslı zorakılıq / məişət zorakılığı halı ilə üzləşmiş qadın və qızlara mövcud olan müvafiq dəstək xidmətləri barədə məlumatın verilməsi
- ♀ Zorakılıq halı ilə üzləşmiş qadın və qızlara psixoloji konsultasiyaların göstərilməsi

January – December 2021 - 436 calls.

339 of 436 callers were *women*.

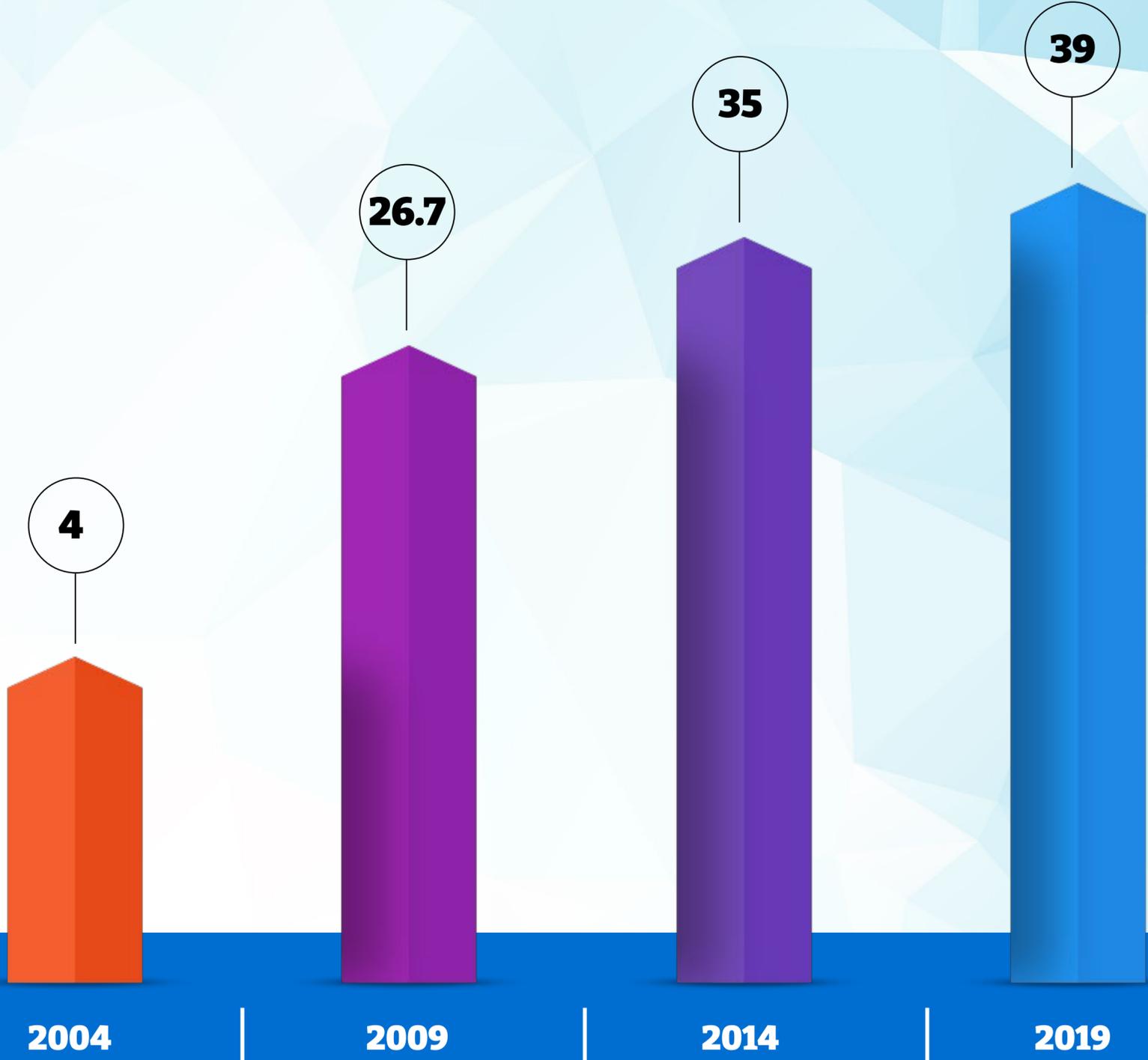
January – March 2022 – 54 calls.

Women in social and public life/ Parliament elections factsheet



Composition of the Parliament (%)

Woman in municipalities elections/employment

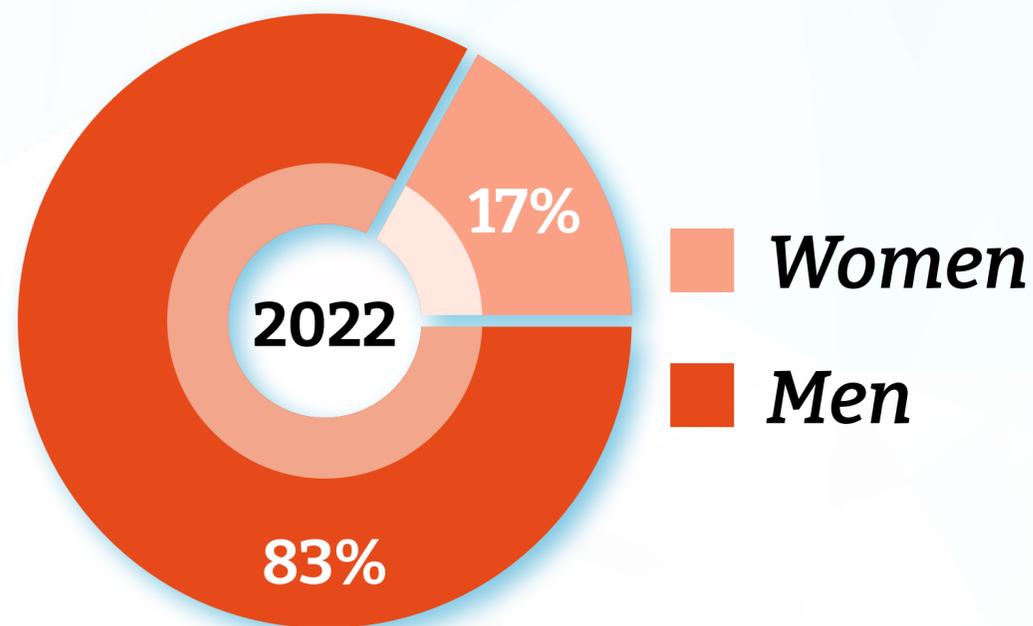
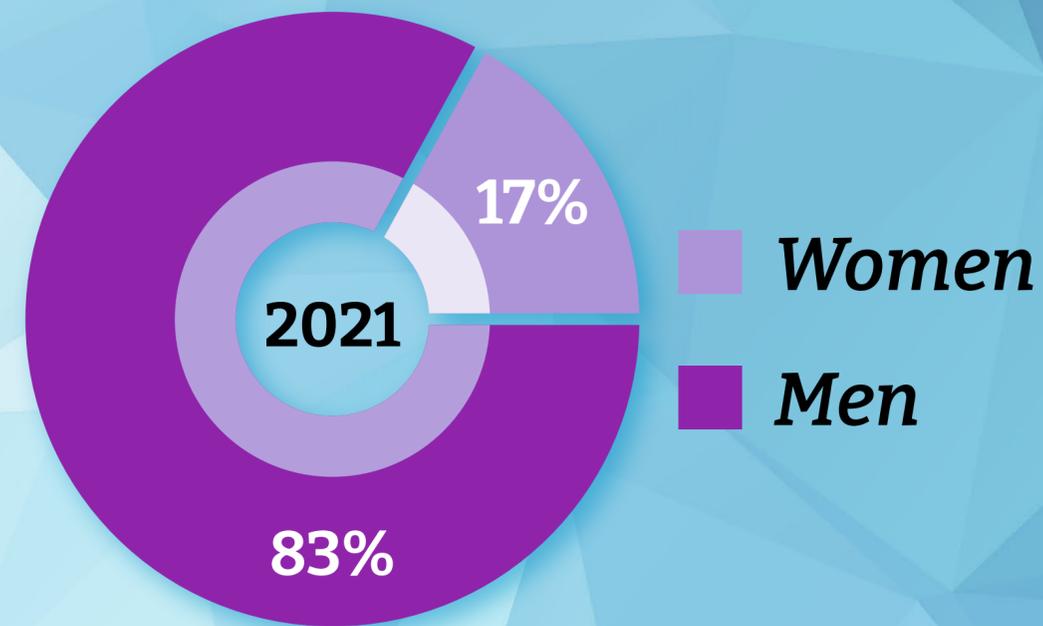
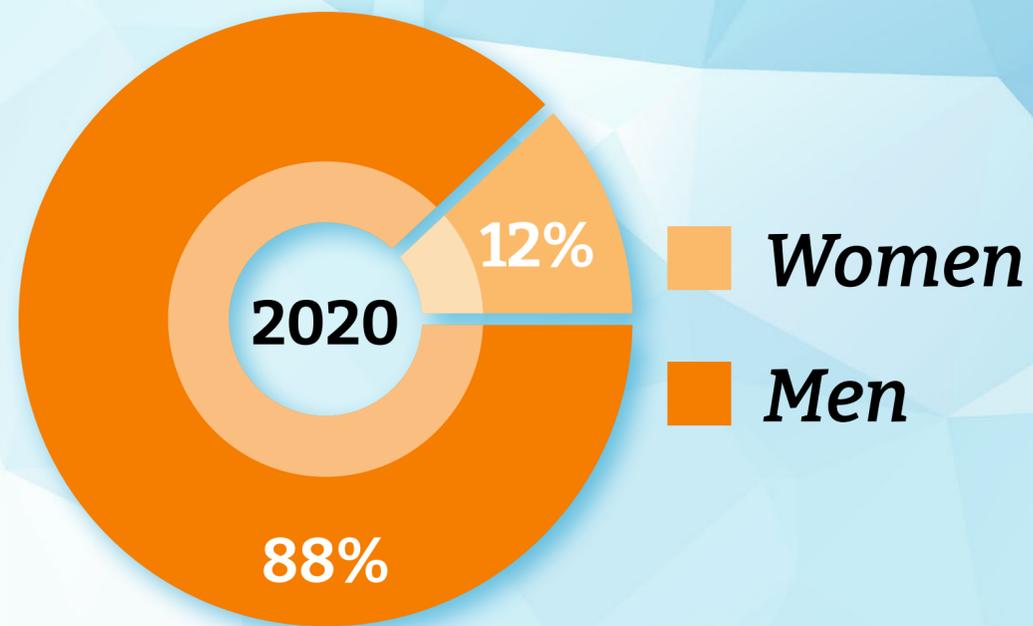
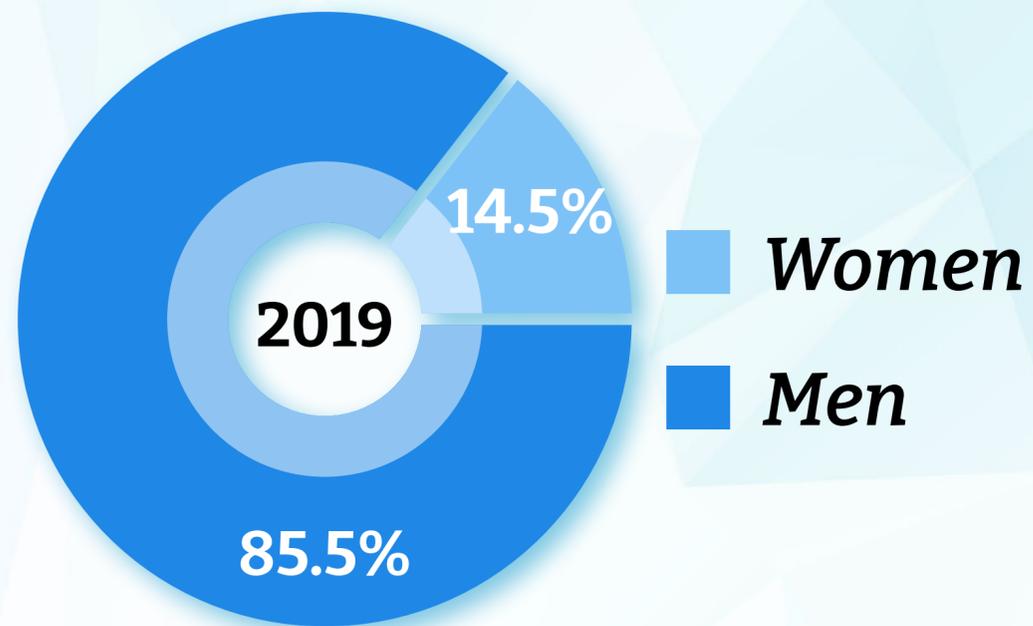


2014 elections – 35%
2019 elections – 39%

Total municipalities employees – 6000
Number of women employees of municipalities as of January 2021 is 1700 (28%)

Representation of women in the municipality (%)

Women judges in figures

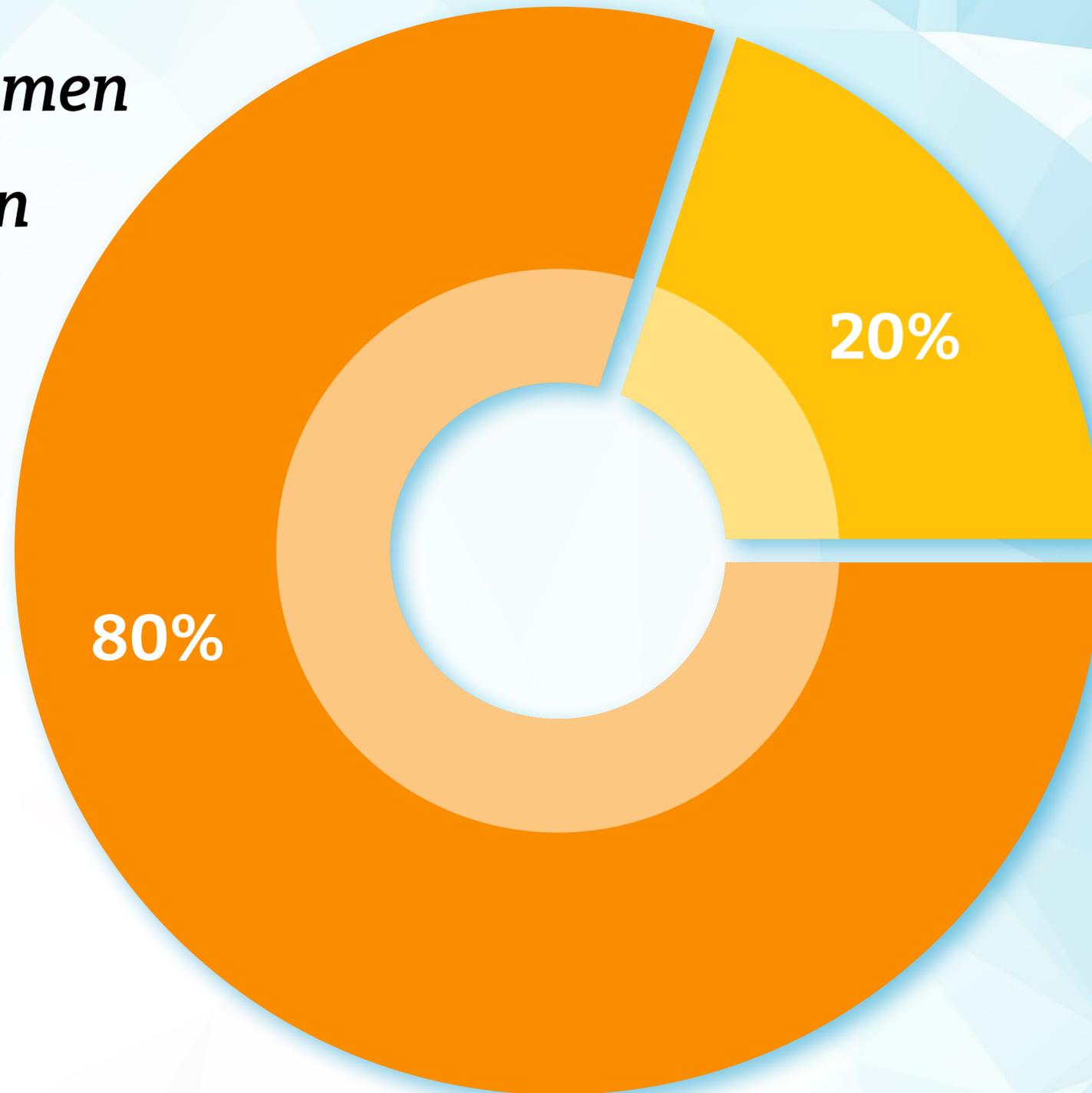


- 2019:** 79 (14.5%) of 543 judges
- 2020:** 64 (12%) of 533 judges
- 2021:** 92 (17%) of 553 judges
- 2022:** 91 (17%) of 534 judges

Women judges

 **Women**

 **Men**



***20%** of the **6527** members of the judiciary*

***87** women in leadership positions*

***21%** of the women hold leadership positions in the judiciary along with a private notary constitute*

Women prosecutors and lawyers



*In **2020**, for the first time, **2 women** prosecutors were appointed in Zangilan and Gobustan districts.*

***18%** is the number of women lawyers, which tripled in the last four years.*



Agency for State Support to NGOs of Azerbaijan **2018-2021** factsheet

- **Projects budget - 1.4 million AZN**
- **46 combating violence;**
- **Number of projects - 200;**
- **12 early marriages issues;**
- **16 equality;**
- **126 other gender-related issues.**



*“Curriculum on Gender Equality in
Civil Service”*

and

*“Guidelines governing the activity of
people in charge of gender equality”*

Education



In February 2022 the “State Program for the Education of Youth at Prestigious Higher Universities of Foreign Countries for 2022-2026” was adopted.



30% of the previous scholarship winners of 2007-2015 State Program are women

Government women's entrepreneurship support

4,574 women entrepreneurs

135.2 million AZN preferential loans

To date

361 women entrepreneurs

31 million AZN preferential loans

2019-2021

26 women entrepreneurs

459,000 AZN preferential loans

January – March 2022

Women employment factsheet



21.4% of individual entrepreneurs;

State Employment Agency employed 31.272 women in 2021-2022:

3.193 in self-employment program;

451 women in vocational training;

29 women in social workplaces.

Azerbaijan Rural Women's Association



Established 2019

44 Women Development and Enterprise Groups;

16 regions of Azerbaijan;

540+ women.

Pandemic



As for January 2022:

\$2.7 billion of economic stimulus package;

46% of population received both doses of the vaccine;

51% of population is vaccinated in the first phase;

13 modular and regular hospitals constructed.

44-Day Patriotic War/2020



27 women

**93 civilians
were killed**



12 children



101 women

**454 civilians
were wounded**



50 children

44-Day Patriotic War/2020 (damages)



**12,292 residential and
non-residential areas**



1,018 farms



288 vehicles

44-Day Patriotic War/2020 (damages)

- **3 decades of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan (1990-2020);**
- **267 civilians;**
- **29 children, 98 women, 112 elderly people were taken as hostages;**
- **4000 missing Azerbaijanis;**
- **The uncovered mass graves in liberated territories of Azerbaijan.**

The Government's support for the family members of martyrs and war veterans



10,000 from **3,000** families social-psychological support;

7,900 were entitled to Presidential monthly pension;

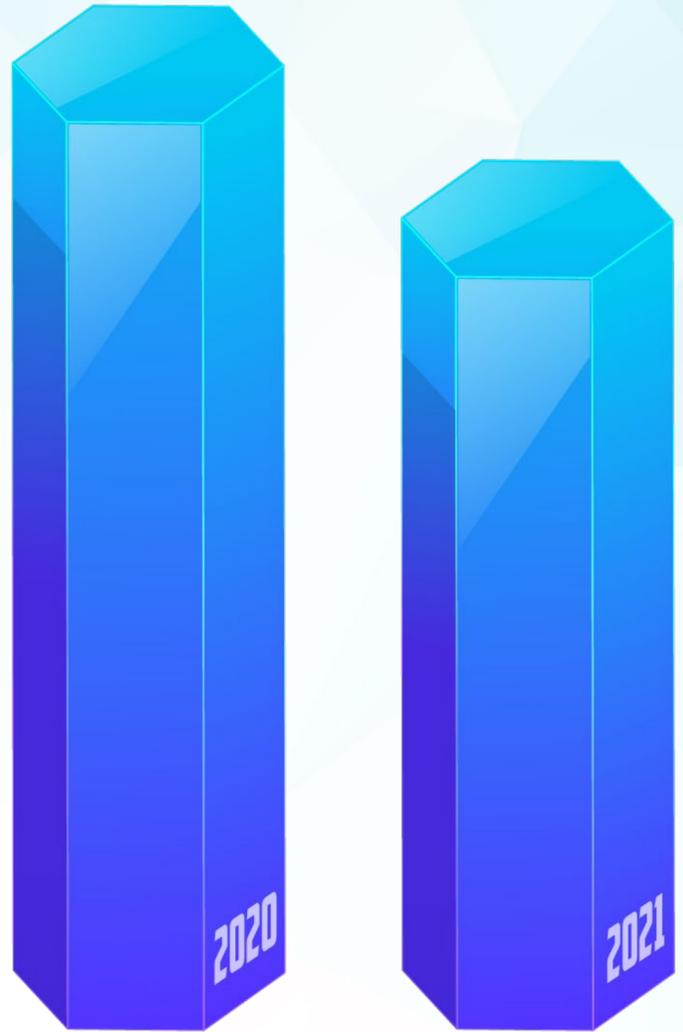
500 AZN - Presidential monthly pension for the family members of martyrs;

20,304 apartments to families of martyrs and war-disabled in 2021;

120 apartments to martyr's families in 2022;

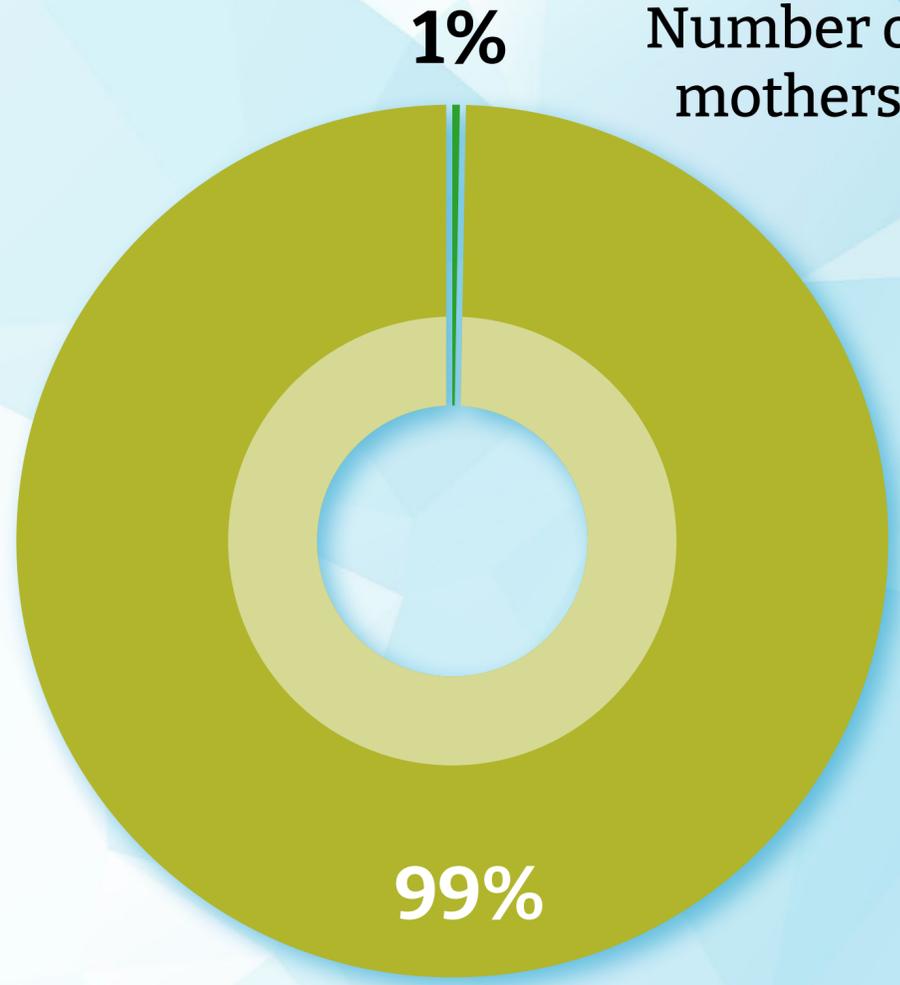
Children of martyr families are exempted from tuition fees.

Gender stereotypes, early marriage, sex-selective abortions



**The number of girls married U-18:
2020 – 165;
2021 – 137.**

The number of children born in 2021

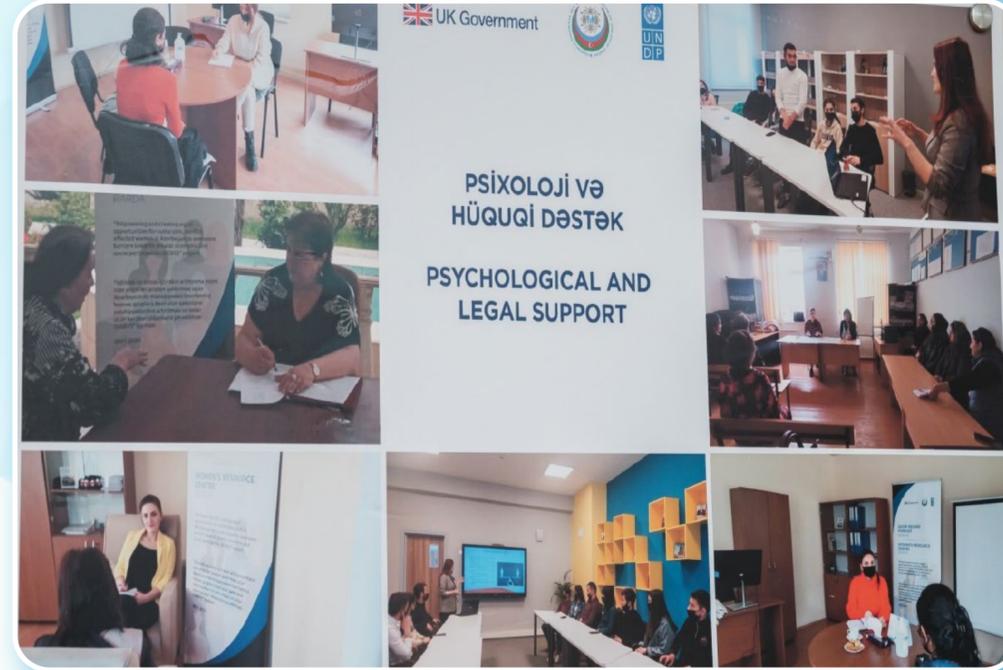


Number of children born to mothers under 18 in 2021
1650

The total number of children born in 2021
112284

*Decreasing figures of births by U-18 mothers. Number of children born by U-18 mothers:
**2021 – 1650;
2020 – 1917.***

Project Based activities



“Economic Support for Entrepreneurship and Employment” project/jointly with the UNDP;

“Strengthening the capacity of state bodies and local level referral mechanisms to provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence in Azerbaijan” EU funded twinning project/2022/completed.

Quality medical services



- ***Maternity hospitals in all regions;***
- ***17 specialized maternity wards;***
- ***137 women consultation centers.***

Climate change/sustainable development and using of environmentally friendly technologies



“Green energy zone;

”Green agriculture”;

”Green transport”;

”Smart city”;

”Smart village”;

*“Reduction of Food Loss and Waste
in Region Countries” project/FAO.*

Multiculturalism in Azerbaijan



2016 - Year of Multiculturalism

50 NGOs, national cultural centres, public unions and societies working on the issues of indigenous people;

15 + newspapers and magazines about the topic;

5 local television and radio channels;

40+ music and folk ensembles in the regions of Azerbaijan;

34,000 students in **357** schools across the country.

***Thank you for
your attention!***