

The Association of Citizens Civil Rights Protection (CCRP)

Executive Summary:

1. This report reviews the efforts that have been made towards the implementation of the MDG, including access to medical services, efforts for the enjoyment and realization of economic, social and cultural rights, and also the continuation of the Islamic Republic of Iran's efforts in this regard, and confrontation with problems resulted by illegitimate and unjust economic sanctions.

2. Based on studies our Association has concluded that considering the Islamic Republic of Iran in step with other UN Member States signed the MDG in the Heads of State Conference in 2000, and has taken effective steps towards achieving the MDG; but from 2009 and following the increase of imposed sanctions, various problems have come about in the way of achieving these goals.

3. This report reflects the extensive participation of the Association's technical commissions which have worked towards better access to the MDG, and ultimately recommendations for Iran to move in this direction.

Recommendations:

4. Some of the recommendations are:

- Better communications between Iranian NGOs and NGOs in other countries for the purpose of exchange of experiences for the achievement of the MDG.
- Further cooperation of the government with NGOs for the purpose of the reduction of the effects of sanctions for better advancement of development programmes.
- Request the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to provide more space for the promotion of the activities of technical NGOs.
- Request the Human Rights Council to set up a mechanism for the determination and estimation of the negative effects of sanctions, particularly unilateral sanctions, on the people's enjoyment of their basic human rights.

About us:

5. The Association of Civil Rights Protection is a nongovernmental, nonpolitical organization which was founded in 2005, and it works towards the realization of social justice, improvement and raising the living qualities levels of the citizens. The Association holds technical sittings on the subject of achieving the MDG and collected the conclusions of each objective and the negative effects of unjust sanctions on the achievement of the MDG.

Advancements:

6. Over the last four years the Islamic Republic of Iran has made notable advances in the implementation of the MDG. Great advances have been made in eye treatments which could not have been imagined even a decade ago, the health and mortality reduction of infants and women during childbirth, the use of stem cells to grow various body tissues to

replace damaged tissues, discovery of new drugs, advancements in cancer treatment, MS, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDs among others.

7. Currently Iran is one of the top countries in the world to noticeably reduce the mortality rate of pregnant women. Currently there are 22.5 deaths in 100,000 women during delivery, the number of which will drop down to 15 by the end of the Fifth Development Plan. In fact the death rates between 1990 to 2008 have dropped by 80% in the county.

Challenges and Difficulties:

8. Sanctions on drugs and medicines have cause a lot of problems for the people of Iran. Some of these problems include, patents failing to receive the medicines that they need which in turn cause the spread of sickness among incurable patients and their failure in getting necessary medication for cancer, heart, asthma, thalassemia and lung problems.

9. The majority of the effects of the sanctions are related to the lack of preparation opportunity. In other words the transfer of money is disturbed and in most cases we cannot pay the foreign pharmaceutical companies and we don't get any deliveries of drugs and medicines.

Recommendations:

10. Full lifting of unilateral sanctions from Iran Until such time a neutral international organization based on humanitarian objectives, such as the Red Cross or the Red Crescent can help get the drugs and medicines needed by Iran and also transfer the money to the foreign pharmaceuticals and give the drugs and medicines to Iran.

11. Further communications between social, cultural, scientific and health institutions of MDG member states for finding solutions to current problems.

Pivotal Recommendations:

12. This report is prepared on the basis of the below recommendations which were made in Iran's first round of the UPR in 2010:

- a) Continuation of efforts for the implementation of the MDG particularly access to medical treatment (Qatar).
- b) Continuation of programmes regarding economic, social and cultural rights and fight against problems caused by illegitimate and unjust economic sanctions (Zimbabwe).

The situation of recommendations in the past, present and satisfactory future:

13. Although the MDG was ratified in 2000, and Iran has taken effective steps towards the realization of these Goals but since 2009 and the increasing of sanctions, various problems and difficulties have appeared in the way of reaching these goals, and some mismanagements have caused the intensification of the effects of the sanctions.

14. In our Association's view it would be good for a to have a good management at the national and international levels and also through the interaction of civil insittutions with

cultural centres and civil societies of other countries, the possibility for the strengthening of efforts for reaching MDG will be facilitated.

Data Collection Method:

15. For the presentation of a factual image of the MDG, the Association of Civil Rights Protection has applied a practical method based on personal experiences, media monitoring, views on research findings regarding the monitoring of activities and actions taken place in the subject at hand.