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Government Initiatives for Rural and Nomadic Women

Each year, independent financial resources are allocated to improve the conditions of rural and nomadic women and girls. Some of the key national initiatives include:

The National Women's Empowerment and Employment Development Plan, which aims to enhance professional skills in the agriculture sector, enabling rural and nomadic women and girls to play a more active role in rural and agricultural development through capacity-building, institutionalization, entrepreneurship promotion, and sustainable business development.

The National Program for Reintegrating Girls Left Out of Education, which provides free education to ensure rural and nomadic girls return to school.

Special programs to improve access to healthcare, medical services, insurance, and social support for nomadic communities.

The National Program for Women's Social Resilience, implemented



through trained local NGOs, which provides education and resilience training for women in marginalized, vulnerable, and disaster-prone communities in collaboration with the Offices of Women and Family Affairs in provincial governments.

Additionally, the Iranian government has established 4,200 microcredit funds to facilitate access to financial resources for rural and nomadic women, ensuring the sustainability of their businesses under the LNSIE model. Recognizing the need for greater empowerment, the government has prioritized the promotion of STEM education, with 300,000 women receiving training annually.

Iran has also engaged in international collaborations to further support rural women:

Joint initiatives with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to provide rapid response programs during the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure food security and nutrition for rural women and their families.

Implementation of the Human Security Project for Rural Women, in cooperation with bilateral and international partners.



4,200 microcredit funds established for rural and nomadic women to support the structured development of rural micro-businesses based on the NSIE model.

Implementation of the National Program for Social Resilience in response to climate change.





The Sustainable Agriculture Development and Food Security Project, co-financed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

These comprehensive efforts highlight Iran's commitment to empowering rural and nomadic women, ensuring their economic independence, resilience to climate change, and access to vital resources for a sustainable future.



Over 60,000 rural and nomadic women are members of 2,000 rural and nomadic cooperatives. Social security coverage for self-employed rural and nomadic women.

Social security coverage for stay-at-home rural women with three children.



Advancing Women's Leadership in Environmental and Crisis Management

Recognizing the significance of this issue, the Islamic Republic of Iran has undertaken numerous initiatives to increase women's participation and leadership in key environmental and crisis management sectors. These efforts include developing educational programs, signing cooperation agreements, and creating job and leadership opportunities for women in both governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Empowering women in decision-making and policy-setting roles has been a priority, demonstrated by their appointment to five consecutive terms as Vice President and Head of the Department of Environment, a position with national authority over environmental policies. Additionally, women have led the National Meteorological Organization, held one-fourth of senior management positions in environmental agencies, and spearheaded regional environmental initiatives in Asia. Iran has also worked



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Led the National Meteorological Organization as a senior female executive.





toward securing a regional representative seat (Asia) in the World Meteorological Organization's Special Task Force for reviewing regional environmental strategies. Moreover, an Iranian woman has been appointed as the Special Advisor on Hydrology Coordination and Deputy Chair of the Regional Services Working Group (Asia) of the World Meteorological Organization.

Educational and Youth Engagement in Environmental Protection

In addition to leadership initiatives, Iran has introduced new educational programs in high schools and technical institutes, such as ranger training courses, to raise awareness among young people about environmental conservation. By incorporating environmental studies into the education system, Iran is fostering a generation of environmentally responsible and conscious individuals who will play a vital role in the country's sustainable future.

Women's Role in Crisis Management and Climate Action

Iran has also prioritized women's needs in disaster response efforts, particularly during natural disasters and crises. Key actions include:

- Providing hygiene and medical supplies tailored for women in affected areas.

- Offering low-interest loans to female-led households to support recovery efforts.

- Establishing safe shelters for women in disaster-stricken regions.

These measures highlight the essential role of women in crisis



Women occupy one-fourth of senior management positions in the country's environmental sector.

40% of deputy positions within the Environmental Protection Organization are held by women.

Iranian women lead the Regional Concept Team in Asia.

management and their empowerment in addressing environmental and social challenges.

The establishment of the “Women and Climate Change” working group, chaired by the Vice Presidency for Women and Family Affairs, is one of Iran’s most recent initiatives. This group, composed of representatives from various government bodies, aims to leverage women’s potential, empower families, and enhance women’s active participation in climate change mitigation and crisis prevention. Women are recognized as key drivers of sustainable development, playing a critical role in shaping climate resilience strategies and environmental policies.





Empowering Women in Sports

In recent years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has taken significant steps to enhance women's participation in sports, recognizing their crucial role in this field. One of the most notable achievements has been winning over 3,950 medals in global competitions, showcasing the exceptional talent and resilience of Iranian female athletes. These accomplishments not only bring pride to the nation but also inspire future generations to engage more actively in sports. Additionally, the participation of over 935,000 professional female athletes across the country highlights the growing culture of sports and the increasing involvement of women in athletic activities.

Women in Sports Leadership

Iranian women have also made remarkable strides in sports leadership and management:

85 Iranian women are engaged in international sports organizations,



Over 3,950 medals won by female athletes in global competitions.





contributing to decision-making at the global level.

Over 100 leadership positions in international sports federations are held by Iranian women, reinforcing their influence in shaping global sports policies.

51 women serve as presidents and vice presidents of national sports federations, while approximately 70 women lead provincial sports committees, marking a major step forward in sports governance and leadership.

Women in Coaching, Refereeing, and Sports Education

Iranian women have also excelled in sports education and coaching, playing a crucial role in developing future athletes:

Over 9,000 female sports instructors actively contribute to training programs.

More than 150,000 female sports coaches mentor and guide athletes across various disciplines.

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Over 97,000 female referees officiate at national and international sporting events.

Approximately 16,111 women-only sports clubs provide dedicated spaces for female athletes to train and compete.

Women in Paralympic Sports

Iranian women have achieved outstanding success in Paralympic sports, with a 62% increase in female participation leading to global recognition:

Iran's National Paralympic Committee was honored with the 2025 International Women's Day Award for its efforts in empowering female athletes with disabilities.

This achievement underscores Iran's commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports, ensuring that women with disabilities have the support and resources needed to excel on the global stage.

Conclusion

These achievements collectively demonstrate Iran's dedication to fostering women's participation in sports at all levels—athletic, managerial, and educational. By supporting female athletes, expanding leadership roles, and creating inclusive opportunities, Iran continues to pave the way for women to attain top positions in national and international sports arenas.