



# Country Report

## The Republic of Uzbekistan



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# Information About the Country

- Population - 25,6 mln., 48% are under 18 years of age
- Early Childhood Care&Education Institutions – 6420, reaching 580 thou. children
- 9773 comprehensive schools – 5,7 mln. students.
- 883 professional colleges - 698081 students;
- 76 academic lyceums –36621 students

Percent of State expenditures on Education:

- Of GDP in 2006 - 11%;
- Of total budgetary expenditures in 2006 – more than 50 %.



# Initial Activities

- Working group for preparation of the EFA report headed by First Deputy Minister of Education was created in the Ministry of Education;
- Approval of 6 EFA goals thematic working groups;
- Approval of work schedule;
- Gathering of statistics has started;



# Initial Activities

## *Model Pattern of the 5-year EFA Report Preparation, 2007 :*

- Gathering of statistics – March 15;
- Analysis of primary statistics – April 1;
- Development of draft initial report – April 15;
- Presentation of draft initial report – May 15;
- Amendments, corrections and final version of the report – June 5.



# Gathering information

- Analysis of school reporting for the period of 2000-2006.
- Analysis of demographic data (State Agency for Statistics);
- Analysis of “Reports on Human Development in Uzbekistan”;
- Analysis of “Report on MDG in Uzbekistan”
- Analysis of research data made by International organizations



# Vulnerable Groups (required special attention)

- Children from disadvantaged families;
- Children with disabilities;
- Difficult children;
- Orphans;

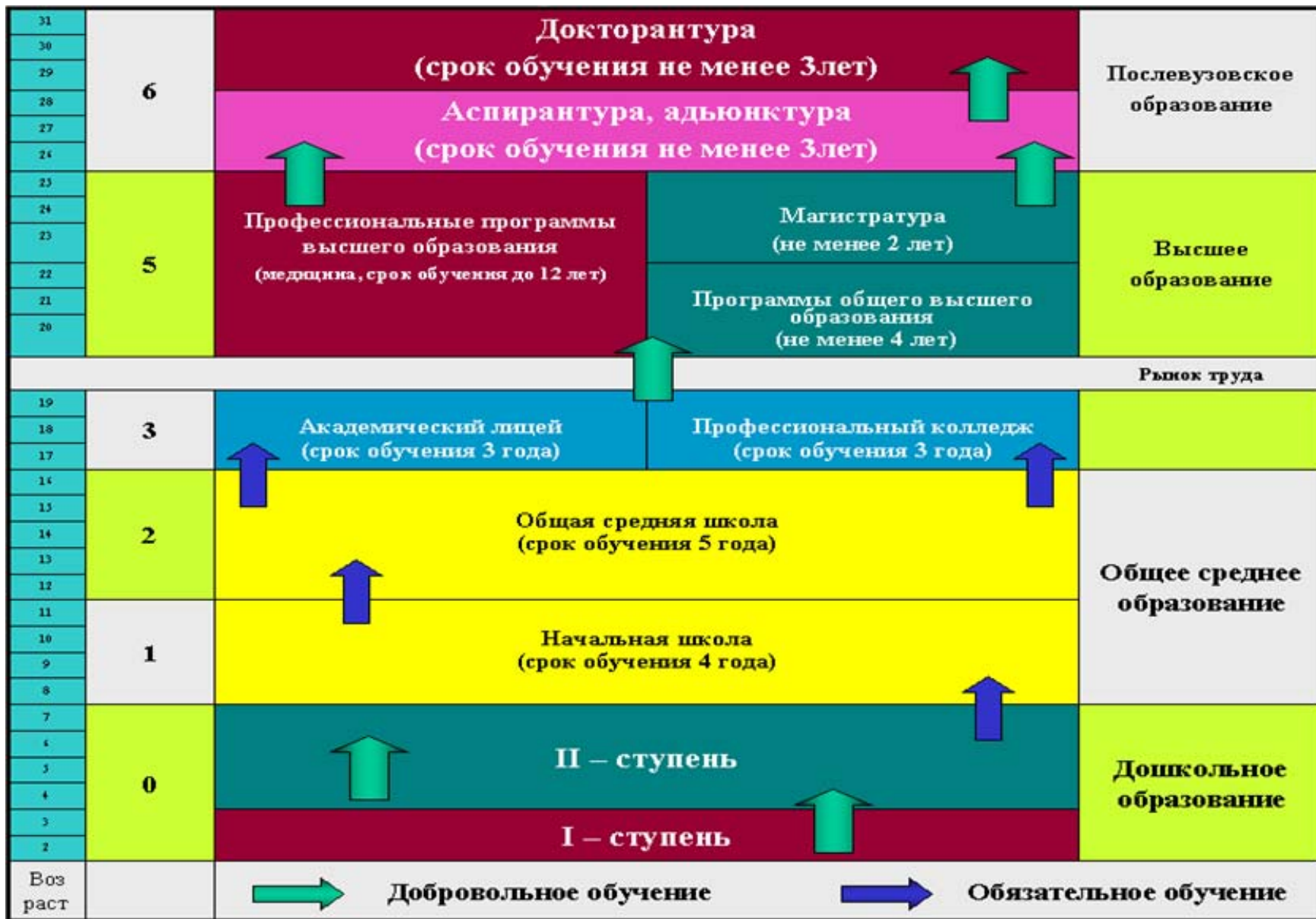


# General information about the Education System of the Republic of Uzbekistan

- ✓ Education is one of the State Policy priorities;
- ✓ Literacy level in the country remains one of the highest in the world - 99,34%;
- ✓ Laws “On Education” and “National Program on Manpower Training” were adopted by Oliy Mazhlis in 1997;
- ✓ “National Program on Formal Education” was approved in 2004;
- ✓ Draft Law “On Protection of Child’s Rights” was developed in 2007 .



# Structure of Education System of the Republic of Uzbekistan

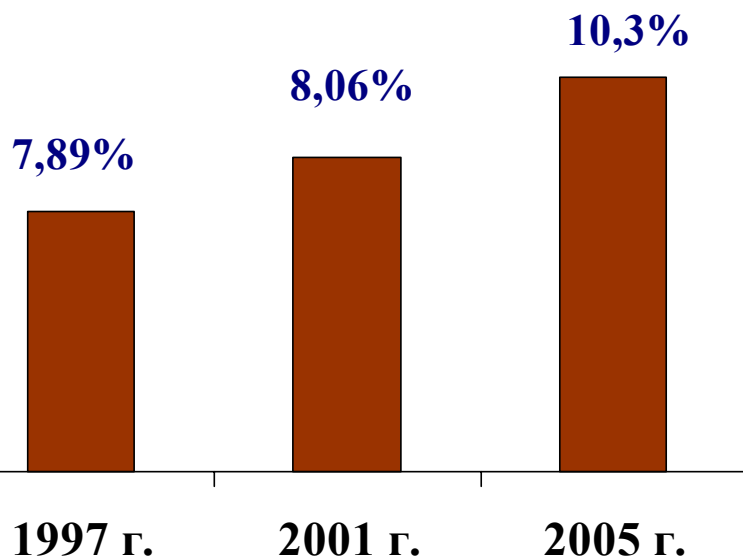
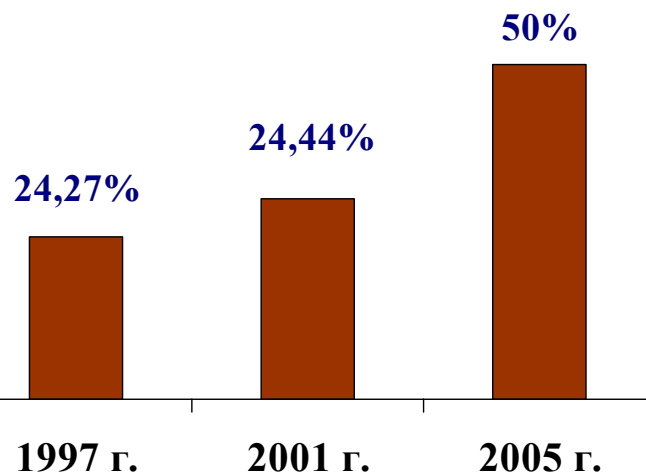






## Percentage of State Expenditures on Education in 1997, 2001, 2005

State expenditures on education  
as a percentage of GDP



State expenditures on education  
as a percentage of total expenditures  
from the budget



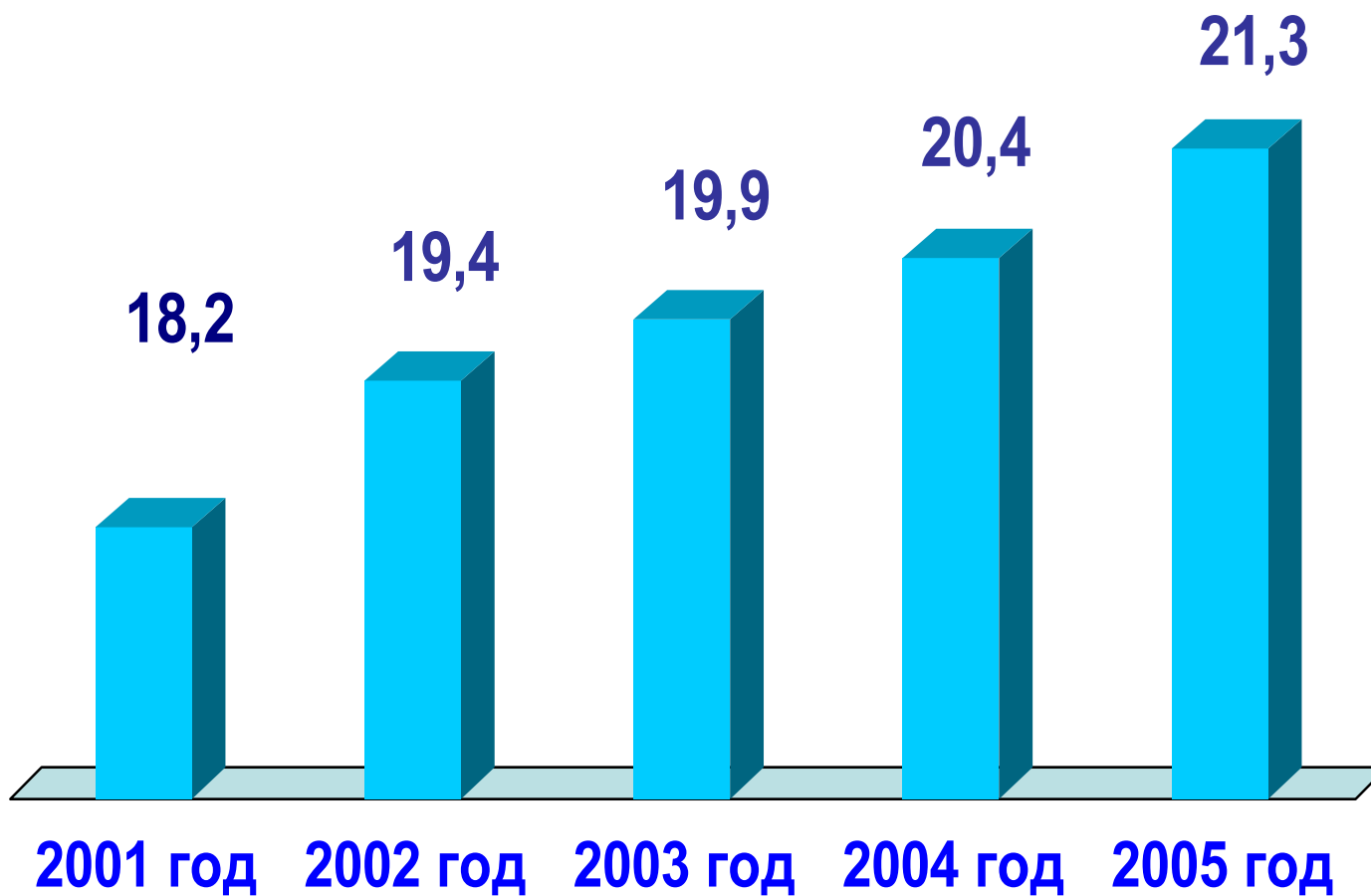
# EFA Coordination

- National coordination is provided by First Deputy Minister of Public Education;
- National Coordinator – Tursunov T.
- The EFA Action Plan on was approved in 2002 (based on National Program of Personnel Training)
- The EFA budget bases on the budget of the National Program on Personnel Training and of the 2004-2009 National Program on the Formal Education Development;
- Monitoring and assessment are provided in accordance with the State Programs



# Preschool Education

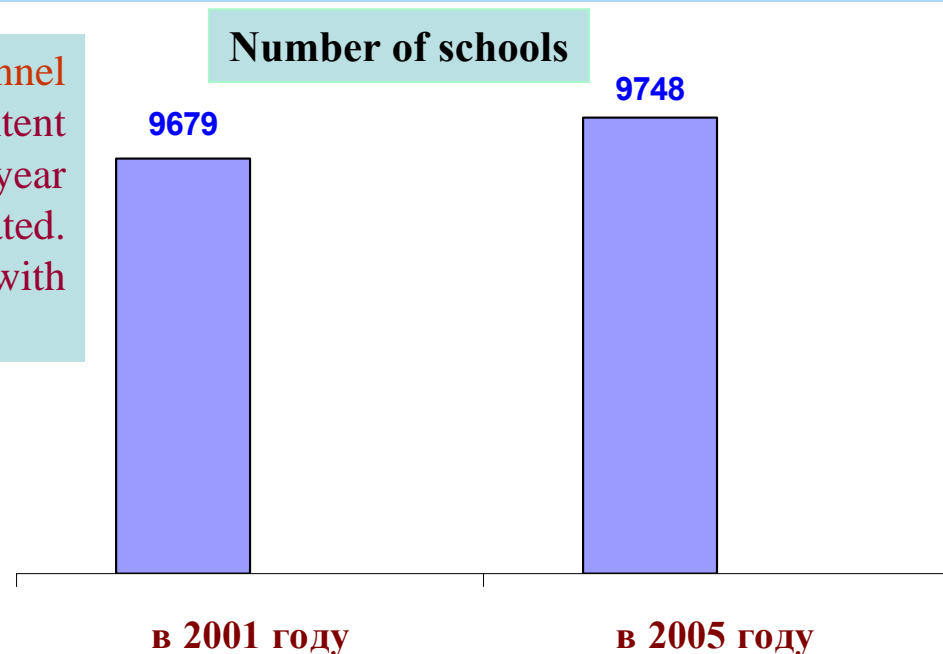
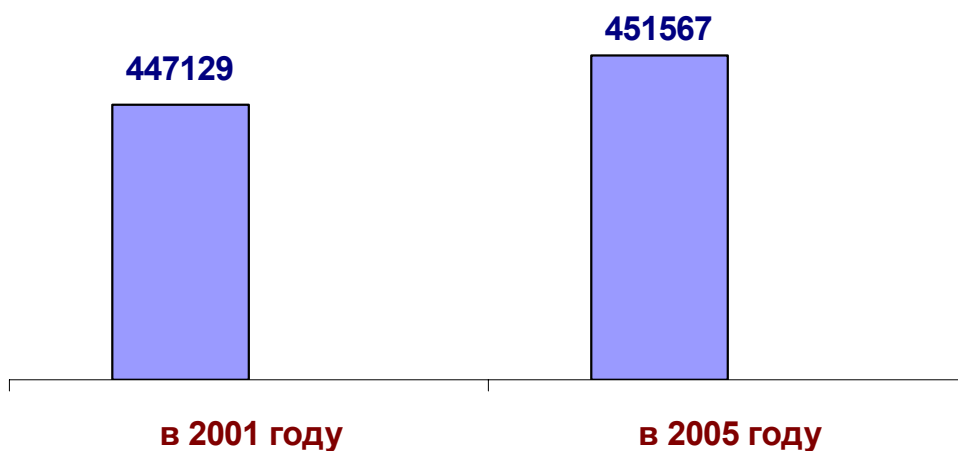
18,2% preschool children were reached in 2001.  
This indicator was 22,0% in 2006





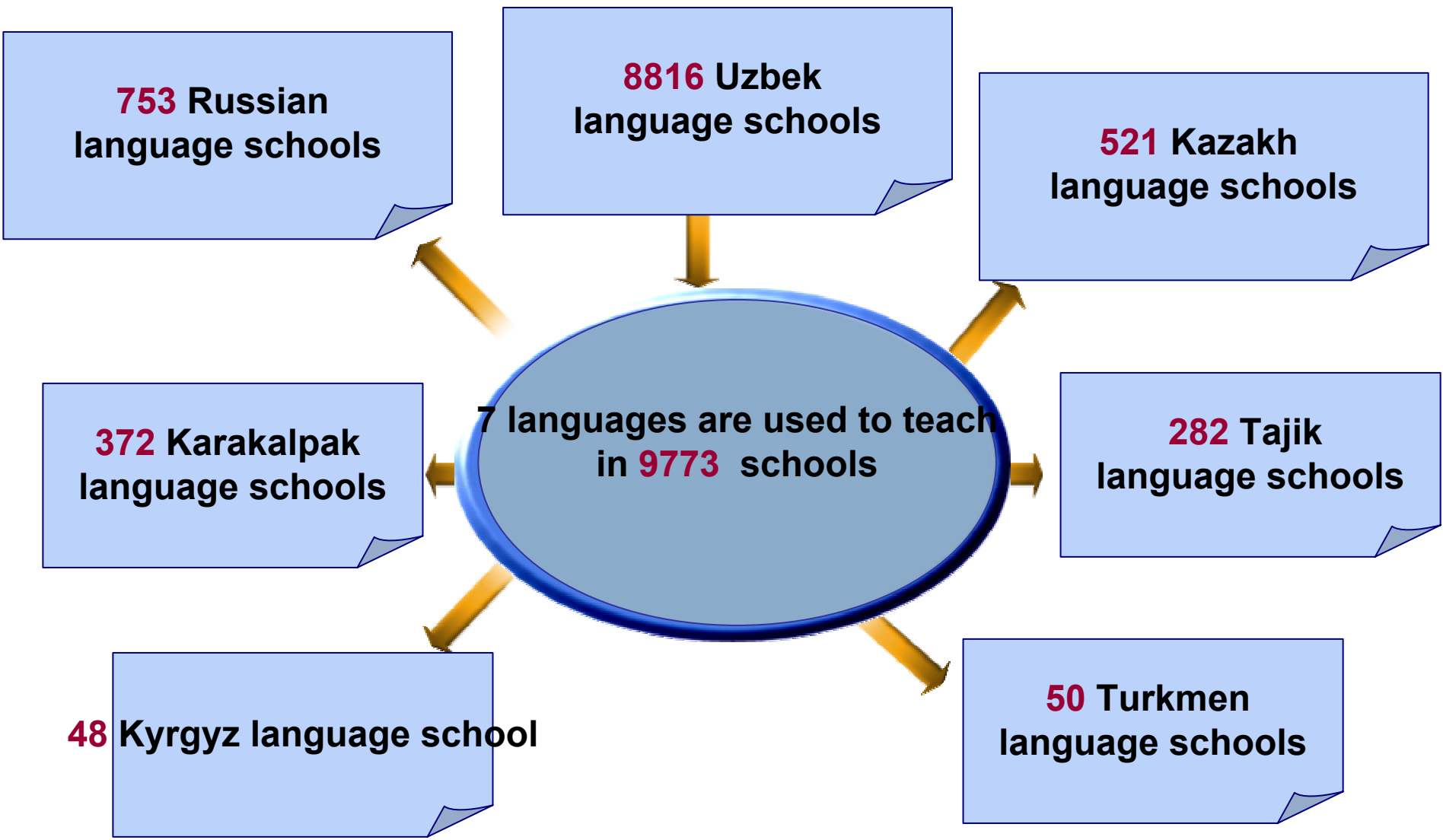
# General Secondary-Level Education

According to the National Program on the Personnel Training, reform of general school education content took place in 1997-2005. Qualitatively new 9-year general secondary education system had been created. It provides succession and continuity link with secondary special and professional education.





# Information about general school by teaching languages





# Life Skills

- Professional development of teachers based on advanced pedagogical technologies;
- New subject “Principles of healthy life-style and the family” (with integration of safe behavior skills) has been introduced
- Pilot program “Safe vital activity” has been integrated in the 1-9 grades curriculum :
- Labor training (with integration of labor skills)
- Courses on consumer rights
- Traffic safety rules
- Occupational guidance and psychological & pedagogical test of students during training period



# Gender Equality

Enrolment ratio in secondary education  
(2006/2007):

Boys-51,2%;

Girls-48,8%.

*Gender equality in primary, general –  
secondary and professional education had  
been achieved (UN Report in Uzbekistan).*



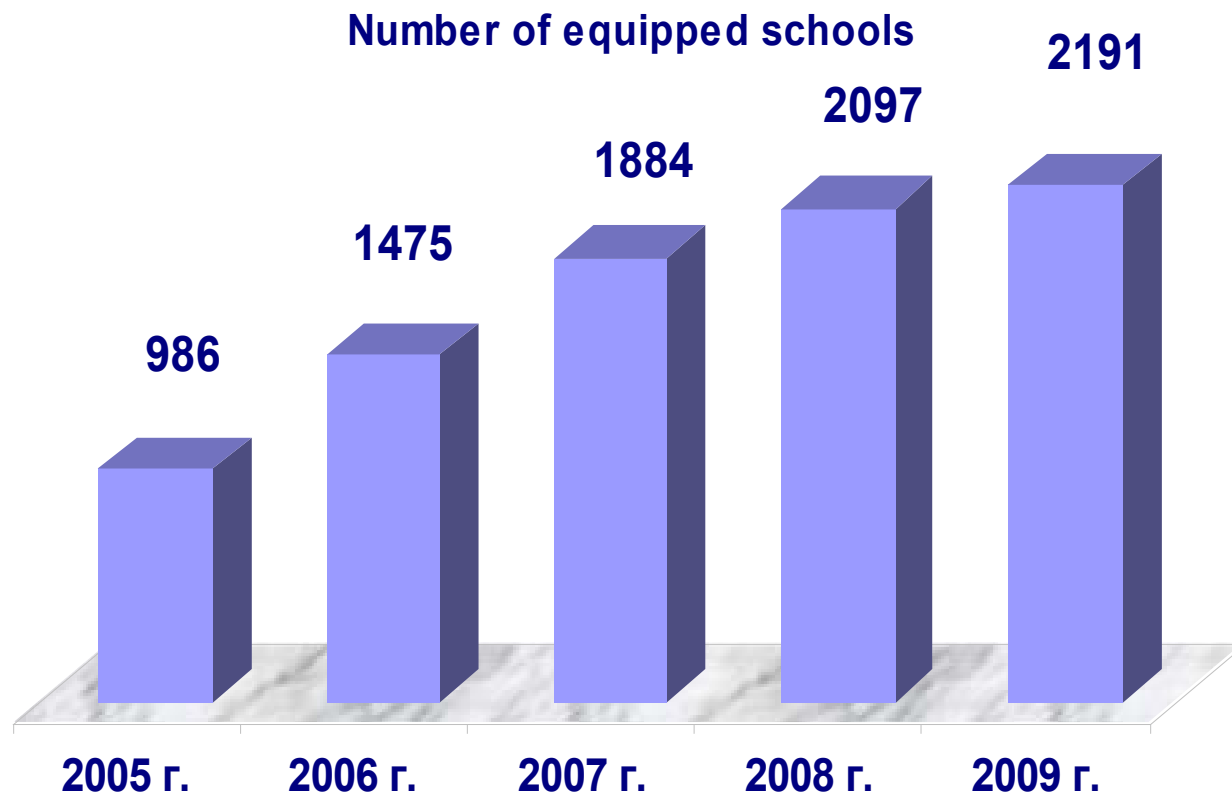
## *Priorities in Lifelong/Continuous Education*

- **Strengthening of material and technical base of continuous education institutions; construction, reconstruction and full repair of buildings, supplying with furniture, laboratory equipment, computers and didactic materials;**
- **Further improvement of curriculum and educational programs, publishing training and instructive materials based on updated State education standards;**
- **Strengthening and improvement of scientific & methodological basis of training and advanced training of pedagogical and engineer-pedagogical personnel;**





- Creation of a state-of-the-art information environment, information educational environment, electronic multimedia textbooks and school-books for continues education;
- Improvement of teachers qualitative level, their knowledge-based and competitive capacity;
- Improvement of knowledge-based and professional capacity of public education management;
- Strengthening of sports base and development of sports in general education schools



**Total number of schools** – 9748

**Number of schools having computer classes** – 1759

**Total number of equipped schools within the framework of the Program** – 8633



## The EFA goals required special attention:

The following trends are topical:

- Goal 1: Extension of Early Childhood Care and Education Program.
- Goal 6: Improvement of quality of education.



Thank you for attention !