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**PROMOTING THE ROLE OF WOMEN AND YOUTH IN**

**GOVERNMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON**

**PANDEMIC**

To develop measures to prevent COVID-19 appearance and spread in the Russian Federation, on 27 January 2020, the Government established the Emergency Response Center. On 14 March 2020, Prime-Minister Mikhail Mishustin chaired the COVID-19 Coordination Council to Control the Incidence of Coronavirus Infection in Russia, which on a daily basis produces decisions and coordinates actions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19 and its potential impact.

In Russia, necessary restrictions and support measures are intended to limit the spread of COVID-19, provide assistance to those who need medical supervision and treatment,

and reduce adverse economic, financial and social impact on population and private sector, including SMEs. Some measures taken in the Russian Federation and SDGs the achievement of which is connected with the implementation of such measures are presented below.

### Role of Women and youth

Women and youth have their special role in the implementation of SDG measures in Russia. For example, in respect of SDG 11, “Housing and Urban Environment” National Project provides for involvement of the public in building a comfortable urban environment,

and decision-making on urban environment development. As for SDG 15 “Life on land”, “Environment” National Project provides for involvement of the public in riverbank treatment and shoreline clean-up.

In addition, members of the public are presented in such bodies as the Public Committee for Corruption Control and Implementation of the Programme of the President of the Russian Federation, and the Civil Chamber of the Russian Federation, where they interact with the authorities on matters related to the development and implementation of the national policies

Another key priority of the social and youth policy of the Russian Federation is the development and support of volunteering. To elaborate a system approach to the development of volunteering in Russia, the Concept of Development of Volunteering in the Russian Federation up to 2025 **6** has been developed.

In respect of the involvement of schoolchildren and youth in the 2030 Agenda implementation, Russia has programmes, such as School SDG Leaders, University SDG Leaders, and Children SDGs ambassadors. As part of their implementation, programme participants promote the ideas and practices of SDG integration into the youth agenda.