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## **Progress of field works in Khatlon region**

On April 23, 2024, specialists of the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project assessed the progress of field works and the current state of storage of agricultural seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in the farms and seed farms of Khatlon region, which are the project beneficiaries.

Favorable spring weather in the region will allow farmers to cultivate cotton seeds of elite varieties "Lima", "Lazer" and "Ramses" on the area of 2341 hectares in the coming days.

At present, the seedlings have already sprouted on most of the cotton fields. Farmers, observing agrotechnical requirements, are starting inter-row cultivation, while irrigating another part of the field. Last autumn farmers of Khatlon region (beneficiaries of the project) sowed 248 tons of high-quality wheat seeds of elite group "Timiryazovka-150", "Alikseich" and "Grom" on the area of 1128 hectares. At present, after agro-technical measures and fertilization, the plants are showing good growth.

At the same time, during the field work, social and environmental compliance specialists of the project held a working meeting with eight managers and farmers of reputable farms (commercial agricultural seed production cooperative "Kulyab" of Vakhsh district, cooperative production farm "Avesta", "Nufuzi Vakhsh", seed production farm "Ergash Sulton", seed production farm "Farrukh", seed production farm "Yusufbek", seed farm "Shokhzamonbobo" and seed farm "Abdurahmon"), cities and districts of Vakhsh, Dusti, Kubodiyon and Shahritus, and discussed working conditions of employees, observance of agro-technical works, correct way of storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers, pesticides in warehouses and their safe use, as well as provided useful

advice on proper storage of product stocks.

