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Meeting of the Steering Committee of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”

On September 3, 2024, in the hall of the National Library of the Republic of Tajikistan, a meeting of the Steering Committee of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” was held.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, who is the Chairman of the Steering Committee, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, executive bodies of state authorities of Dushanbe city, Sogd and Khatlon regions. The event was attended by deputies and representatives of various state structures, in particular representatives of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Committee on Land Management and Geodesy, the Committee on Environmental Protection, the Committee on Food Security and the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Sh. Shokhtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, representatives of the World Bank, SOFRECO/Bars Consulting, Center for Digitalization of Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant organizations.

The Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Hakimzoda Kurbon, opened the meeting and noted: “As you know, in recent years, given the global challenges related to food security and climate change, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has made a strategic decision to attract additional investments in agriculture. We are focused on stimulating economic and social development of the country, with special attention paid to the agricultural sector. In this regard, we seek active cooperation with our development partners to attract more capital and implement joint initiatives.”

By attracting capital and access to modern agricultural technologies, quality certified seeds, and repairing and equipping buildings and laboratories of scientific and educational institutions with advanced equipment, decisive steps have been taken to develop the agro-industrial complex, with special emphasis on seed production. These steps are aimed at strengthening food security and improving the sustainability of agriculture. It is worth noting that the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” has made a significant contribution to support seed farms, vulnerable farmers, and agricultural research and educational institutions during its lifetime. It has contributed to the tightening of legislation in this area, which in turn has led to increased production of agricultural products, improved market supply, as well as the creation of new jobs and support for the rural population.

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and Chairman of the Project Steering Committee, Honorable Ziyozoda Sulaimon Rizoi, continued the meeting and noted: “The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Honorable Emomali Rahmon constantly emphasizes at meetings with the people the need for effective use of investment funds for the benefit of the rural population. This not only contributes to the development of agricultural infrastructure in the regions of the republic, but also creates new jobs.”

It should be noted that “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” makes a significant contribution to ensuring food security and improving the welfare of the country’s population.

This project provides a favorable basis for achieving one of the strategic goals of the Government of the country – ensuring food security.

During the meeting, according to the program, the following

speakers took the floor: Daler Satori, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Boymurod Kurbonov, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, representatives of Bars Consulting, including Vazirov Jamshed, Agassi Aratunyan, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Ilhom Bandayev, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. All of them presented detailed reports on the current progress and plans for further development of the sector.

Following the results of the meeting, a decision was made and specific instructions were given to officials on the implementation of the work plan.

