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**Working session on distribution of vitamins and micronutrients in the frame of “Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Project”**

“The health of the nation is an invaluable asset, without which it is impossible to imagine the strength of the state”

Emomali Rahmon

Nowadays, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly strives to improve the health and protection of the population and shows great interest in food security and healthy nutrition issues.

As it is known, food issues are considered a critical issue not only in Tajikistan, but all over the world. In some countries, the population suffers from hunger, in others from food shortages, and in thirds people struggle with obesity.

For this purpose, this year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank Group, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in the frame of the Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Sector Project, aimed at protecting the health of mother and child has imported vitamins and micronutrients, such as S1550005 – 60 mg of iron + folic acid/PAC – (10×10) in the amount of 353,000.00 packs and S1580201 vitamin-mineral powder (SPRINKLE) PAC – 30 in the amount of 1 300,000.00 packs to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Hence, on December 19, 2024 a meeting on the official distribution of vitamins and micronutrients was held in the hall of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The meeting was attended by deputies and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of

the Republic of Tajikistan, Head of the Department of Agrarian Policy and Food Security Monitoring of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, representatives of the World Bank Group, Acting Head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office in Tajikistan, Director and staff of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development".

The purpose of this event is to maintain public health, especially to improve the health status of mothers and children, as well as the proper use of micronutrients and vitamin supplements by target groups (pregnant women and children aged 6 months to 59 months).

The first deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Muhsinzoda Gafur, opened the meeting and noted that the issue of mother and child health protection is one of the main priorities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan is also constantly taking necessary measures for food safety and food production among the population.

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan has held a number of activities to prevent micronutrient deficiencies among children and women, and in order to improve the health of children and prevent infectious diseases, vitamin A supplementation has been carried out twice a year at the national level for children aged 6 to 59 months in the last 10 years.

After representative of World Bank Group Hasem Ibragim Hanbal, Deputy minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Zulfiya Abdusamatzoda, Head of the Department of Agrarian Policy and Food Security Monitoring of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Abdullozoda Ahmadjon, Acting Head of

the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office in Tajikistan, director of State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Daler Satori made comprehensive remarks on this issue.

The State Institution presented a documentary film to the audience after the speeches.

