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Outcomes of the World Bank Mission Visit to Sughd region

On the third day of the working visit, the World Bank Mission went to the seed-growing farm of Gaffor Alimatov.

This seed-growing farm has 85 hectares of arable land and is engaged in cultivation of various crops. This farm successfully works in the area of seed production, having received a series of high-quality seeds with a certificate of Elite category group from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project.

The World Bank Mission familiarised and highly appreciated the effective work of Gaffor Alimatov's seed-growing farm.

Then, the Mission held a working meeting with the Mayor of Istaravshan town Atam Mamurzoda in the hall of the Executive Body of the town State Authority.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the issues of repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries with high-quality certified seeds, strengthening of material and technical base of vulnerable and seed-growing farms, involvement of unused lands into agricultural turnover, construction of wells for irrigation of agricultural lands.

A meeting with the heads of vulnerable farms of Istaravshan town was held in the administration hall as well.

At the meeting, farm managers reported on the progress of field work and achievements, as well as made a lot of suggestions on further increasing crop yields, improving the situation with land reclamation, timely harvesting, packaging and export-orientation of agricultural products.

In the end, the project beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the

State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the World Bank Mission for their continued support to farmers.



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CONTINUATION OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION WORKING VISIT TO THE SUGHD REGION

On the second day of its working trip, the delegation of the World Bank Mission visited the facilities of the state institution 'State Commission for Testing Agricultural Crops and Protection of Varieties in the B. Gafurov district and Kanibadam town.

Initially, they visited the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district for the ceremonial opening of a well for water supply and irrigation, as well as inspected the variety testing plots in the area.

Then, the head of the World Bank Mission, Mr. Hazem Ibrahim Khambal, ceremoniously launched the irrigation system, and the first irrigation of the year using water from the well began.

It should be noted that the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district has 26.63 hectares of agricultural land for conducting scientific research and testing agricultural crop varieties and experienced a lack of water

for irrigation for many years.

This year, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project drilled a well with a capacity of 25 liters per second using modern technology for irrigating the station lands.

It should be noted that as part of the project, to strengthen the material and technical base and develop the seed production sector, the SRASP PMU provided an MTZ-82 tractor with attached equipment and high-quality certified seeds of Elite category for 10 hectares (5 hectares of cotton seeds and 5 hectares of wheat).

Subsequently, the World Bank Mission visited the variety testing station in Kanibadam town and highly praised the work of the specialists. The state variety testing station in Kanibadam town has 24 hectares of irrigated land, and its activities are aimed at testing new, climate-resistant and high-yielding varieties of crops, as well as developing seed production.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the SRASP PMU completed a full external and internal renovation and painting of the warehouse intended for storing various seeds of agricultural crops and scientific materials, covering an area of 217 square meters, and put it into operation as part of the first component of the project "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector".

The old and dilapidated roof of the warehouse was fully and qualitatively repaired, with the repair area of 174 square meters.

Alongside the major renovation of the warehouse, a concrete wall 58 meters long and 3 meters high was built around the area of the station unprotected for many years; it was painted and covered with a roof, and gates were installed at the

entrance. A toilet was also built and put into operation.

Additionally, within the project framework, another MTZ-80 tractor, cotton-cleaning equipment and high-quality Elite category seeds (for wheat and cotton) were provided.

Next, the World Bank Mission inspected the agricultural equipment of the OJSC named after Enajon Boymatova. It should be noted that the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" provided the OJSC named after E. Boymatova with an MTZ-80 tractor and other agricultural machinery (precision seeder, inter-row cultivators, and plowing equipment), which made the labor easier for the farmers.

The farmers and specialists expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank delegation for their continuous support.

In the end, the World Bank Mission thanked the farmers (project beneficiaries) for their warm welcome.



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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Sughd Region

The agricultural sector development is considered one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which constantly takes necessary measures to ensure food security of the country population, which is one of the strategic national goals.

From May 5 to 7, 2025, within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project, the World Bank Mission held meetings with executive bodies of the towns, districts, regions, with officials and beneficiaries in Sughd region to support the project implementation process.

On May 5, within the framework of its working visit to Sughd Region, the World Bank Mission held a working meeting with Anvar Yakubi, Deputy Chairman of the Region on Economy.

During the meeting, the Deputy Chairman of the region expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries

with quality and certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of needy and seed farms, drilling wells for irrigation of agricultural land, construction of agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region.

It was also noted that about 85 percent of agricultural land in the region have pump irrigation, some of the pumps are currently in need of major repairs. Also, in order to implement the orders and instructions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in particular the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country respected Emomali Rahmon, regarding the introduction of unused lands into agricultural turnover, the specialists in this field have developed new plans for their irrigation and presented them to the World Bank Mission. The issues related to increasing crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region were among the key issues discussed during the meeting.

In the course of the meeting, one of the key issues considered was the increase of crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region at the initial stage.

During the meeting, gratitude was expressed to the representatives of the World Bank and the head of the State Institution "Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture" for the continuous cooperation in the development of the agricultural sector.

In conclusion, the World Bank Mission expressed its gratitude for warm welcome to the Executive Body of the State Administration of Sughd Region.



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MICRONUTRIENTS AND VITAMINS EFFICIENCY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



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Specific Procurement Notice

**Request for Bids
Small Works
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)**

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Name of Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

Contract Title: Construction of building of Republican laboratory for quality inspection of agriculture products in Dushanbe

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA-D8600-TJ

RFB Reference No.: SRASP/RFB/CW/2025-02

1. The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Construction of building of Republican laboratory for quality inspection of agriculture products in Dushanbe.

2. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (AED PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Construction of building of Republican laboratory for quality inspection of agriculture products in Dushanbe.

3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, revised September 2023 Edition (“Procurement Regulations”), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from AED PMU and inspect the bidding document during office hours 08:00 to 17:00 at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in Russian language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a

written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **May 30, 2025 15:00**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **May 30, 2025 15:10**.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "**Bid Security**" of: TJS **330 000.00 (three hundred and thirty thousand) Tajik Somoni.**

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

For the purpose of inquiries and receipt of tender documents:

To: AED PMU Procurement Department

Address: Bokhtar street 17

Office / Floor: 12th Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Tajikistan

E-mail: procurement.srasp@gmail.com

For the purpose of Bid submission and opening of the Bids:

State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of Republic of Tajikistan

Address: 27 Shohtemur street

Office / Floor: Office 9, 1st Floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Box: No:2

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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Khatlon Region

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays great attention to the sustainable development of various sectors of the country, especially the agricultural sector, and constantly takes necessary measures to realize one of the national goals – “Ensuring Food Security”.

Within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector project”, according to the World Bank Mission Plan, from 28.04 to 08.05.2025, meetings will be held with ministries and agencies, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials implementing the project in order to support the project implementation process.

On May 1 of the current year, the World Bank Mission team made a working visit to the towns and districts of Khatlon region. During the working visit, a working meeting was held with the First Deputy Chairman of the region, Mr. Muzaffar Mirzozoda and the Chairman of Dusti district, Mr. Davron Nishonzoda.

During the meeting, Muzaffar Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the region, expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of the project beneficiaries with mineral fertilizers, high-quality certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of the needy and seed farms, construction of an agrologistic center in the region, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for continuous support, to the representative of the World Bank and to the Head of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” for continuous cooperation in the development of the agrarian sector.

Afterwards, during the trip, the working delegation visited the cooperative trading farm named after Safar Jumaev in J.

Balkhi district and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries). During the meeting, farmers expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank in the development of the agricultural sector and discussed the ways to further increase crop yields with officials.

After the meeting, the World Bank Mission delegation, as planned, visited the farm named after Ergash Sulton and commercial cooperative named after Eshbek Sattor and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries).

During the meeting there was a conversation with the project beneficiaries, who expressed their opinion on the current problems of the sector (provision of farms with high-quality seeds, especially gourds seeds, construction of all-year-round cold storage facilities and greenhouses, small and large equipment, prevention of salinization of agricultural land).

The farmers expressed their deep gratitude for the support of the Government of the country, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank Mission.

In conclusion, the World Bank delegation expressed its gratitude for the warm welcome provided by the Khatlon region Government Executive Body and farmers (project beneficiaries).



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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, Additional financing

Grant No.: E1450-TJ

Assignment Title: Support the Ministry of Agriculture in the development and implementation of a communication campaign on nutrition

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): SRASPP
AF/CS/CQS-2025/01

The Republic of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” additional financing and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they

have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Qualification requirements are:

1. At least 5 years of experience in the field of communication and awareness raising, advocacy campaigns and events (including digital campaigns) in support of the implementation of information projects;
2. At least 3 years of experience in conducting media campaigns for projects funded by the World Bank or other donor organizations;
3. Experience in working with government and/or non-government organizations in providing similar services. Experience in working with international organizations will be an advantage.

The credibility of mentioned experience shall be presented in a list of the required similar project/contracts as required above, including description of services provided (including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, assignment budget, percentage carried out by consultant in case of association of firms or subcontracting and main activities) and accompanied by certificates/confirmation of orderly fulfilment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

The selection of consultants will be conducted using the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method, in accordance with the World Bank's procedures and the Procurement Rules for IPF Borrowers, titled "Procurement under Investment Project Financing: Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services" (July 2016, revised September 2023).

The detailed Terms of Reference for this task can be accessed via the following link:
https://aedpmu.tj/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/tor-moa-mass-medi_a_eng.pdf

Expressions of interest must be submitted in writing in either

Russian or English languages to the address below or via email to procurement.srasp@gmail.com, with the subject line in the "Support the Ministry of Agriculture in the development and implementation of a communication campaign on nutrition" no later than **17:00 on May 16, 2025**.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 08:00 to 17:00 hours from Monday through Friday.

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Address: Bokhtar 17 str., Dushanbe, Tajikistan

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The World Bank mission got acquainted with the progress of repair and construction work in the soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the AAST

According to the plan, from 28.04.2025 to 08.05.2025 in order to support the project implementation process, the World Bank mission for the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project will hold meetings with ministries and departments, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials responsible for the project implementation.

Accordingly, on April 28 this year, the World Bank mission led by the respected Hazem Ibrohim Hambal and the director of the State Institution for the Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development, respected Daler Satori Abdumansur, met with the president of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan (AAST), respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo and the Director of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences Zebiniso Bobohoniyon, familiarized themselves with the progress of work on the reconstruction of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the

scientific institution, the museum and the assembly hall and highly appreciated the contractors' work.

During the meeting, the President of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo, stated that repair and restoration work of scientific institutions of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences is being done through the support of some scientific institutions with laboratory equipment, computers, printers and other modern technology from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the State Institution for Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development – this is a very good and timely initiative that will improve the efficiency of scientists and specialists in this field, and introduce scientific achievements into practice.

The director of the institution further stated that after completion of the high-quality repair of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry in the coming days, the laboratories of this scientific institution will be equipped with modern equipment and technologies within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project.

