

February 14, 2025

Request for Proposal Letter

Name of Assignment: **Supervision of Construction of the Agro-logistics centers in the Balkhi district and Khujand city**

Organization: **State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit**

Project: **Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project**

RFP Reference No.: **SRASP-CS-DRFP-2025-01**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **D860-TJ**

Country: **Republic of Tajikistan**

Date: **14.02.2025**

1. Republic of Tajikistan (the Client) has been allocated grant funds (the “Grant”) from the World Bank which are administered by the International Development Association (IDA) (the “Bank”) and executed by the State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (“the Recipient”). The Recipient intends to apply the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued. Payments by the Bank will be made only at the request of the State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit and upon approval by the Bank, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The grant agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the grant account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of the Bank, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than the State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit shall derive any rights from the grant agreement or have any claims to the proceeds of the grant.

2. The Client now invites proposals from eligible Consultancy firms to provide the following consulting services

(hereinafter called “Services”): Supervision of Construction of the Agro-logistics centers in the Balkhi district and Khujand city. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference (Section 7 of the RFP) and also can be found at the following website:

<https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/tor-for-construction-supervision.pdf>

3. A firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and in a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) format as described in this RFP, in accordance with the policies of the Bank detailed in the Bank’s “Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”) which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org

4. The RFP includes the following documents:

Section 1 – Letter of Invitation

Section 2 – Instructions to Consultants and Data Sheet

Section 3 – Technical Proposal (FTP) – Standard Forms

Section 4 – Financial Proposal – Standard Forms

Section 5 – Eligible Countries

Section 6 – Bank’s Policy – Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices

Section 7 – Terms of Reference

Section 8 – Forms of Contract (Lump-Sum)

5. Details on the proposal’s submission date, time and address are:

Date: March 19, 2025

Time: 14:00 Dushanbe time

The Proposal submission address is:

The State Committee on Investments and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan (Goscominvest)

Street address: 27 Shotemur Street

Floor/Room number: Ground floor, room No.10, Tender unit

City: Dushanbe

Postal code: 734025

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

6. The full package of RFP in English may be obtained by interested Bidders upon the submission of an official letter to the email: procurement.srasp@gmail.com. The document will be sent by the AED PMU procurement email.

February 14, 2025

Planting flax seeds in the Sughd region

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" among other seeds, imported 60 tons of high-quality flax seeds of the Severny variety from abroad and provided them to vulnerable farms in the country.

Today, farmers of Sughd region (beneficiaries of the project) prepared flax fields and started sowing them, having received high-quality seeds. Currently, flax planting continues in vulnerable farms of Penjikent, Istaravshan and Devashtich cities and districts, which will be completed in the coming days.

The imported seeds are high-quality, certified, high-yielding and adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

Farmers of the country are satisfied with the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in providing access to high-quality seeds adapted to climatic conditions, and have decided to always make their significant contribution to ensuring food security of the country.



February 14, 2025

Public awareness activities continue across the country

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in coordination with Public Organization “Umedbakhsh” and the commission under the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” completed a review of the status of information stands, monitoring of complaints boxes and completed replacement of information stands intended directly for complaints and suggestions from the project beneficiaries.

Specialists in this sector have started implementing this initiative since the beginning of January this year in pilot cities and districts of Khatlon region, and in Sughd region they have completed it in due time.

Today, the social and environmental specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the Public Organization “Umedbakhsh” for timely implementation of the action plan in implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” started an

awareness campaign on the grievance redress mechanism among project beneficiaries and stakeholders for this year.



February 14, 2025

Fieldwork over the country

Quality seeds and agricultural practices are followed is the key to high yield of agricultural crops, and every farmer can, as a result of timely seasonal field work, grow a high yield from each plot of land and contribute to the food security of the country.

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in the frame of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” in the course of monitoring of field works visited Trade Cooperative “Avesta”

of Kubodiyon district, Production Cooperative "Bakhor" of Kushoniyon district, farm enterprise "Farrukh" of Dusti district of Khatlon region, farm enterprise "Urunhujaev" of B. Gafurov district, "Islomsarkor" of Spitamen district, "Yakatut" of J. Rasulov district, "Purdil", "Shohjakhon" of Zafarabad district and "Ravshanbek" of Istaravshan city of Sughd region and reviewed the status of growth of crops, especially wheat, and field work.

Last year, farmers of the country (project beneficiaries) received high quality seeds, were able to effectively used favorable weather conditions of the current year and complete timely sowing of grain crops, especially wheat.

By this time, the fields had been properly weed free and nutrient rich fertilizers at different rates were apply in time for sowing wheat.

At present, the growing condition of cereal crops in the fields is good, and farmers following the cultivation technique have cleared the canals around the fields, in this favorable weather, everyone is busy with agricultural works.

Today, the farmers of the country satisfied the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in providing farmers with high quality crop seeds, modern agricultural machinery and equipment, aim to maximize the efficient use of our country's fertile land, get the desired yield from them and contribute to providing the country's markets with its own products.



February 14, 2025

Distribution of agricultural seeds throughout country

Every year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” provides to the country’s seed and vulnerable farms high quality certified seeds before the crops are sowing so that farmers can sowing crops on time.

It is worth mentioning that this year, under the first component of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, the institution imported high-quality flax seeds 60 tones, peas 120 tones, sweet corns 130 tones, and beetroot 10.99 tones, provided to vulnerable farms

The imported seeds are high yielding and adapted to the country’s climatic conditions and farmers (project beneficiaries) if agricultural practices are follow, farmers can obtain the desired harvest.

Country’s farmers are satisfied with the constant support of

the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the country, respected Emomali Rahmon, in providing access to high-quality certified seeds adapted to climatic conditions, and decided to make a significant contribution to ensuring food security of the country.



**Congratulations from the Director of the State Institution
“Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture” Mr. Daler
Satori Abdumansur in honor of the Sada holiday**

Our ancestors of great culture, science and knowledge lovers, celebrated the great holidays of Nowruz, Mehrgon and Sada with inimitable pomp and splendor, adhering to ancient customs and traditions.

The Garden holiday is among the most glorious celebrations of our ancestors, and its origins date back to antiquity.

Perfect state independence opened a new stage in the revival of national customs and ancient traditions, giving them a new life. It is a source of pride and honor that during the period of independence it is thanks to the initiative and constant efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity – the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country, respected Emomali Rahmon, that national holidays and ancient traditional rites are being revived and preserved.

As the Leader of the Nation stated in one of his speeches: “The Tajik people have ancient customs, traditions and culture and have made a worthy contribution to world civilization. Our good traditions, rituals and national holidays such as Nowruz, Mehrgon and Sada have served to strengthen constructive morality and spirituality throughout history”.

The history and origin of the Sada holiday was discussed by the thinkers of our ancestors, such as the Healer Abul Qasim Firdavsi in his “Shahnameh”, Manuchehri Dangani in one of his “Qasid”, Abu Rayhan Biruni in his “Osaru-l-Baqiyya”, Omar Khayyam in his “Navruznama”, Isfandier and Qayumars “Memories of the Sada holiday” and the 15th century poet Unsuri Balhi left behind valuable writings. The Sada holiday was considered a celebration of love and affection, friendship and camaraderie, unity and togetherness, love and loyalty.

According to historical sources, the Sada holiday falls on January 30 of the Gregorian calendar, and according to Manuchehri Domgoni, the Sada holiday is held on the decade of the month of Bahman, that is, 50 nights and 50 days before the beginning of Nowruz celebrations. Many historical and literary sources also indicate that the Sada holiday is most often associated with the number one hundred.

During this period, plant breeding farmers research all seed crop resources, prepare farm machinery and equipment for planting, fertilize and plow the land, clean drains and ditches, tidy orchards and vineyards, soften the soil around trees they fertilize the land. Protective measures including backup irrigation and frost protection are implemented to prevent diseases and pests.

Stock breeders focus all their efforts on the care and feeding of stock, getting healthy offspring and raising them.

During this period, scientists and experts conducted seminars and trainings with specialists and farmers based on the analysis of agricultural production, gave useful advice on efficient use of water and land, obtaining high crop yields.

Let this great and joyful holiday bring health and honor, purity and abundance, sustenance and livelihood, happiness and joy to the families of every Tajik and the Tajik people, and may peace and stability remain forever in this paradise land.

February 14, 2025

Training on Healthy nutrition in Khatlon Region

Starting in December 2024, specialists of the State Institution “of Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Public organization “Avesta”, according to the schedule, conduct training throughout the country.

On January 30 of the current year in the hall of the "Parvozi Parastu" in the Bokhtar city, Khatlon region a training was held with the participation of family doctors, pediatric department, and reproductive health specialists of Khuroson, Kushoniyon, A. Jomi, Vaksh, J. Balkhi, Jayhun, Panj, Shahrituz, Nosiri Khusrav, Qubodiyon, Dusti districts, and Bokhtar, Levakant and Nurek cities.

At the training, scientists and experts in primary health care (PHC) presented issues related to micronutrient and vitamin supplementation of the target population, including pregnant women and children aged 6 to 59 months, through a presentation, as well as skills for their management, general information on basic nutritional indicators for pregnant women and newborns, assessment of physical development of pregnant women, new approaches to assessing intrauterine growth and fetal development in PHC institutions, information on 5 key ways of food security, health status of pregnant women in the Republic of Tajikistan, strategic documents adopted at the national level on health protection of pregnant women, importance of iron sulfate and folic acid use during pregnancy, anemia, and experience of vitamin supplements use throughout the country and its results.

The aim of the training is to raise awareness of PHC's doctors about the best and correct use of vitamin supplements and micronutrients, to conduct information activities among target groups, about the need to use vitamin supplements and micronutrients by pregnant and lactating women.

At the end of the training, participants were awarded certificates for their active participation and valuable contribution to public health.



February 14, 2025

Monitoring of complaints boxes across the country

In accordance with the requirements of the complaints redress mechanism, the social and environmental specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the Public Organization "Umedbakhsh" and under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" since the beginning of January of the current year implemented a review of information stands, monitoring of complaints boxes and complete replacement of information stands intended directly for complaints and suggestions from the project beneficiaries.

In the meantime, this initiative fully implemented in pilot cities, districts of Khatlon region, 10 cities, and districts of Sughd region, currently it is actively continuing in the districts of republican subordination and Sughd region and will be complete in the coming days.

The social and environmental specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the

Public Organization “Umedbakhsh” decided in the coming days to implement information campaigns to inform the beneficiaries and stakeholders of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” about the suggestion mechanism in the implementation of the project, in order to implement the action plan in a timely manner.

