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Training on healthy nutrition successfully continues across the country

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

This year with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" vitamins and micronutrients have been imported from abroad to protect the health of mothers and children, and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection ensures the availability of these vitamins and micronutrients to medical centers in cities and districts.

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

On January 27 and 28 of the current year in the hall of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan a training was held with the participation of family doctors, pediatric department, reproductive health specialists of Tursunzade, Hissar, Vahdat, Rogun, cities, as well as from Ashgabat, Shahrinav, Rudaki, Tajikabad, Sangvor, Lakhsh, Rasht and Faizabad districts.

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, to study the issue of food fortification with vitamin and mineral powder for children aged 6 to 59 months.

Also, in accordance with the order of the Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, trainings will be held in the coming days in Khatlon, Sughd and GBAO regions.



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Digitalization of the pesticide management system for locust control

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" uses reasonable efforts to improve locust control activities.

On January 23 of the current year, in order to improve locust control activities a working meeting was conducted by the staff of the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition", representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) together with the specialists of the Programme for National and Regional Strengthening of Locust Control in the Caucasus and Central Asia on the implementation of Locust Control Pesticides Management System (L-PMS). .

During the meeting, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) presented the Locust Pesticide Management System (L-PMS) to industry experts, which ensures the economical use of pesticides and improves their

effectiveness.

To be noted that from 2023 with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" 6 large equipment (tractors), 6 tractor sprayers (AGROS), 1 passenger car (RAF), 6 off-road vehicles (Pickup), 11 units of vehicle spraying equipment, 300 small motorized vehicles, 300 small portable and battery-operated devices, 830 units of personal protective equipment, 35 thousand liters of pesticides were procured and provided to support the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition".

Currently, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the project intends to continue this initiative and , to purchase and provide pesticides for significant activities of the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition"for 2025 period.

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Training on integrated pest management for increasing crop yields

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in cooperation with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) today (23.01.2025) under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" organized a three-day training on integrated pest management.

Integrated pest management is an important strategy for sustainable agriculture and stability improvement of agricultural systems, which is recognized worldwide as an effective strategy for maintaining crop health, integrating a range of biological, mechanical and chemical methods, relying

on natural mechanisms to reduce pest damage, giving priority to health, safety and environment.

Agriculture is an important part of Tajikistan's economy, and the introduction of integrated plant protection methods is necessary to increase crop yields, reduce dependence on harmful chemical pesticides, and ensure long-term food security.

The training was held in the capital Dushanbe and consisted of a series of presentations covering a wide range of topics important for the implementation of integrated pest management strategies. Topics included the main components and principles, examples of successful implementation at the international level, systems approach and methods of implementation of integrated pest management on farms.

This training was organized specifically for plant protection specialists of State Institution for Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshokh Shotemur, in order to improve the knowledge and skills of specialists using modern technologies and to apply the achievements of science in practice in the future.

At the end of the training the participants were awarded certificates.



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SUPPORTING DUSHANBE'S VULNERABLE FARMS

The development of the agricultural sector is considered one of the priorities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, providing the population with food, industry with raw materials, and improving the economic situation of the population.

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" in order to improve the material and technical base of country's vulnerable farms, 150 small tractors with trailers and 250 walk-behind tractors with trailers, soil crumbles (milling machine), potato planters and potato diggers, and ploughing equipment are being made available to vulnerable farm across the country this year.

This initiative is currently be implemented in Dushanbe city's vulnerable farms, as well as in other cities and districts of

the country.

Emomzoda Izzatullo, Head of the Department of Agriculture of the Executive Body of State Authority of Dushanbe City, staff of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", heads of agricultural sectors of Ismoil Somoni, Sino, Firdavsi and Shohmansur districts of Dushanbe City participated in the ceremony of transferring agricultural machinery.

During the speech, it was noted by officials that the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan honorable Emomali Rahmon constantly supports the development of the industry and logistics of farms, and gave useful advice on the efficient use of water and land, increasing productivity, growing three or four crops by using modern technologies for and providing other farms with quality seeds.

Currently, farmers (project beneficiaries) are pleased with the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and intend to increase crop yields and contribute with their hard work to ensure the country's food security.

Currently, the distribution across the country is continuing at a fast pace, the experts are making all efforts to finalize the distribution in the coming days so that the project beneficiaries can start fieldwork using the new technologies.



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Visit of an international consultant on digitalization of land mapping

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, today various sectors of the national economy, especially agriculture, are gradually developing and achieving significant success.

State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” is constantly taking necessary measures to strengthen the capacity of agriculture in the frame of the «Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project».

This week, within the framework of the third component of the «Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project», an international consultant, Mr. Mehmet Erdogan, visited Tajikistan.

The purpose of the international consultant’s visit, which held from 13 to 16 January this year, is to assist in the digitalization of the land mapping sector by investing in technical assistance, procurement of necessary equipment,

provision of software, and digitalization of land and soil map information.

Initially, an inspection of the current state of laboratories and cartographic direction of the Institute of Soil Science and Agro Chemistry by the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan was carried out, then a working meeting with the management and specialists of the Institute was held.

During the meeting, issues related to current soil mapping practices, technical analysis and capacity of the scientific institution to conduct analyses, development of a capacity building plan for soil mapping, specifications for digitalization of soil maps based on the project requirements, and identification of the necessary equipment for carrying out the work were discussed.



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**Request for Bids
Goods
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)**

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Name of Project: Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP)

Contract Title: Procurement of: Laboratory Equipment for Seed Testing Centers of the Food Security Committee and 2 mobile soil testing laboratories for Soil and Agrokhim Institute packed in 2 lots.

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

RFB Reference No.: SRASP-RFB-G-2024-10

The number and identification of lots (contracts) comprising this RFB is:

Lot #1: SRASP-RFB-G-2024-10-1 – Procurement of laboratory equipment for Seed Testing Centers of the food Security Committee for Kulob and Dangara.

Lot #2: SRASP-RFB-G-2024-10-2 – Procurement of 2 mobile soil

testing laboratories for Soil and Agrokhim Institute.

1. The Government of Tajikistan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project (SRASP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Procurement of: Laboratory Equipment for Seed Testing Centers of the Food Security Committee and 2 mobile soil testing laboratories for Soil and Agrokhim Institute packed in 2 lots.

2. The State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of: Laboratory Equipment for Seed Testing Centers of the Food Security Committee and 2 mobile soil testing laboratories for Soil and Agrokhim Institute packed in 2 lots.

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" dated July 2016, revised September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Project Management Unit and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 8:00 AM to 17:00 PM at the address given below.

5. The full package of bidding document in English may be obtained by interested Bidders upon the submission of an official letter to the address below. The document will be sent by the AED PMU procurement email.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below by **March 07, 2025 14:30 hrs** (Dushanbe time). 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 **March 07, 2025 14:40 hrs.** (Dushanbe time)

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of: for Lot

#1: US\$4 500.00; Lot#2: US\$ 3 500.00.

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: Satori D.A. PMU Director

Address: 17 Bokhtar street, I.Somoni district, Dushanbe city

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 No. 9, 1st floor

City: Dushanbe

Country: Republic of Tajikistan

Box: No:1

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Start of well drilling in the State Institution "State Commission for testing of types of agriculture crops and protection of varieties" in Sughd region

One of the priorities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is the sustainable development of various sectors of the country, in connection with which there is great interest in the implementation of these plans.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, under the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” drilling of wells for irrigation of agricultural lands of the State Institution “State Commission for testing of types of agriculture crops and protection of varieties” in B. Gafurov district of Sughd region has been successfully carried out by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” since January of the current year.

On 14 January 2025, a public meeting on planning and implementation of well drilling works was held in this institution by specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” with the participation of institution specialists and workers involved in well drilling works and irrigation works of the institution’s agricultural lands.

At the meeting specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in Sughd region provided information on the implementation of the environmental management plan, taking into account the opinions and proposals of stakeholders, the results of the environmental impact assessment, in accordance with the requirements of the World Bank’s social and environmental standards, compliance with sanitary and hygienic norms, safety equipment and compliance with the current legislation requirements of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as detailed information was provided on the mechanism for dealing with complaints and requests.



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Distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment to the country's vulnerable farms

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" this year procured small size tractors with trailers and walk-behind tractors with equipment and provided to country's vulnerable farms.

The Institution with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan continuously implements this initiative and constantly takes measures to facilitate the work of farmers and agricultural development.

In the previous stages, large-size and highly productive equipment (various tractors) with trailers and instruments, automobiles, and other large vehicles for agriculture and fieldwork were distributed to Scientific and Educational Institutions and Institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture

of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, country's vulnerable and seed farms.

In the next stage, it is planned to distribute equipment such as 150 small tractors, 150 small trailers, 250 walk-behind tractors with trailers, soil crumbles (milling machine), potato planters, and potato diggers, to the country's vulnerable farms.

Currently, the distribution across the country is continuing at a fast pace, the experts are making all efforts to finalize the distribution in the coming days so that the project beneficiaries can start fieldwork using the new technologies.

Currently, farmers (project beneficiaries) are pleased with the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and intend to increase crop yields and contribute with their hard work to ensure the country's food security.

