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Working session with the Public Organization “Umedbaksh”

On December 18, 2024, a working session with Public Organization “Umedbaksh” was held in the hall of the State Institution to expand outreach and advisory services on Implementation of a Grievance Redress Mechanism and to conduct information campaigns on the activities of “Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Project”.

During the meeting, the issues related to implementation and transparency of the project activities were analyzed and discussed in order to carry out works and solve existing problems, receive and consider timely appeals, complaints, and proposals of farmers, members of jamoats, and collectives that are beneficiaries of the project.

In addition, the Public Organization “Umedbaksh” presented to the management of the institution the schedule of work according to the terms of reference and the methodology of promotion of consulting services in the implementation of the project in 60 pilot districts of the Republic of Tajikistan.



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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.



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Repair works in the Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory of the Institute of Soil Science and Agro chemistry of TAAS

The Institute of Soil Science and Agro chemistry of Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences established in 1951 on the basis of the Soil ameliorative station and until today has a successful activity.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", the exterior of the building, the conference hall and its roof, which were in need of major repairs, were completely renovated and restored and put into use this year.

In the frame of third component of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" in order to further improve the working conditions of Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory staff 10 staff offices within an area

of 300.59 square meters, 4 sanitary arrangements within an area of 17.5 and corridor within an area of 68.3 square meters have been completely repaired and prepared to equip with modern equipment. .

At this time, repair works have begun in the staff offices of the Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory. Contractors and workers involved in repair work take into account all the nuances of repair and construction work and perform them qualitatively, in accordance with construction standards, and also in accordance with the requirements of the World Bank's social and environmental standards. They will be completed within the indicated period.

After completion of repair of laboratories and other buildings of this Institute, in the frame of the project, the State Institution intends to equip the scientific institution Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory with modern laboratory equipment to make the work of specialists in this field easier and more efficient.



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Repair works at the “State sorting station” of the State Institution “State Commission for testing of types of agriculture crops” in the Kanibadam city

It is a matter of pride that during the period of independence, various sectors of the country, especially the field of agriculture, have periodically developed and made significant progress.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in the frame of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” repairs buildings of scientific institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

This well initiative was implemented with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank Group and represents solid steps in the development of the agricultural sector.

This building is under the of the Ministry of Agriculture “State sorting station” of the State Institution “State Commission for testing of types of agriculture crops” in the Kanibadam city, which had been in operation since Soviet times and eventually required major repairs.

This year, in the frame of first component of the project repaired and painted the complete exterior and interior with an area of 217 square meters warehouse designed to store various crop seeds and other scientific materials.

Also, the roof of the warehouse, which had been old and wrecked for many years, with an area of 174 square meters, is completely renovated with high quality. Along with the capital repair of the warehouse, a 58-meter-long concrete foundation and 3-meter-high wall around the station, which was open for many years, was raised, painted and covered, and a gate was installed at its entrance. Also, a toilet was built and put into use.. .

Management and staff of the station were satisfied with the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and thanked for providing good working conditions for staff.



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CONSULTING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Republic of Tajikistan

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU)

**Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project
(SRASP)**

IDA (International Development Association) Grant No: E1450

Title of the consulting assignment: Information Systems and
Automation Expert.

Reference Number: SRASP-2024-03-CS-INDV

The project aims to support the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) in successfully transitioning to a sustainable, more productive, climate resilient, and inclusive model of agricultural sector growth. The proposed project will help to:

- increase the availability of improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials that are climate resilient, affordable, farmer-preferred, and well adapted to the different agro-ecological conditions of Tajikistan;
- strengthen the access to improved Agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and
- strengthen the crisis management, i.e. early warning, preparedness, and response capacity of selected public institutions.

1. Objectives

The Information Systems and Digitalization Expert plays a key role in developing the Information System for the agricultural sector, ensuring that the system meets the requirements of the customer, stakeholders, and end users. The main tasks of the Information Systems and Automation Expert include the formation and management of the product vision, the creation and prioritization of tasks, working with stakeholders and stakeholders performers, determining acceptance criteria, collecting and analyzing feedback, as well as monitoring the progress of development. Together with the Customer, the Information Systems and Automation Expert determines the goals of the system, manages the list of requirements, organizing it by priority depending on its importance and value for the Customer. He interacts with key stakeholders, involved consulting and technical implementers, and end users to agree on changes and clarify requirements, constantly checking whether the information system being developed meets their expectations and goals. The Information Systems and Automation Expert also sets quality and acceptance criteria to ensure that tasks are completed at the proper level, analyzes feedback to make improvements, and participates in regular meetings with the team, monitoring the progress of development and adjusting the course if necessary.

The Information Systems and Automation Expert will report directly to and work under the supervision of the Deputy

Director/Project Coordinator of the SRASP, the Director of the SI AED PMU and the Component 3 Coordinator.

2. Scope of services

The main tasks of the Information System and Automation Expert are:

1. Formation and Management of the AMIS Information System Vision The Information Systems and Automation Expert needs to clearly understand the strategic goals, key stakeholders and end-user needs in order to develop an information system vision. He is responsible for ensuring that this vision is communicated to the development team, including consulting and technical executors, explaining what exactly needs to be achieved with the product. This includes determination of goals, user values and long-term prospects for the use of the system.
2. Creation and prioritization of the requirements list: the Information Systems and Automation Expert is primarily responsible for creating and prioritization the requirements list for the Information System. It is a list of tasks, requirements and functional elements that need to be implemented to achieve the vision of the software product. He organizes and prioritizes these elements depending on their importance, cost and expected benefit for the Customer. on creating the features that provide the most value to users and key stakeholders.
3. Stakeholder Engagement The Information Systems and Automation Expert actively engages with stakeholders to collect their requirements, expectations and comments. He participates in regular meetings and presentations where the goals and plans for improving the information system are discussed. It is important that the Information Systems and Automation Expert coordinates

all changes with stakeholders and takes into account their opinions, without losing focus on the core vision and goals of the project.

4. Definition of acceptance and quality criteria One of the important aspects of the work of an Information Systems and Automation Expert is the establishment of acceptance criteria for tasks and functions. He is responsible for determining what requirements and qualities must be met in order for the work to be accepted.
5. Feedback and Iterative Improvement The Information Systems and Automation Expert must constantly analyze feedback from users, stakeholders and the team in order to improve the software product. Based on this information, he can change priorities in the task list, clarify requirements or add new features, which allows the product to be more adapted to changing conditions and needs.
6. Monitoring progress and coordination The Information Systems and Automation Expert needs to monitor the progress of development and make changes in time. He must manage the scheduling of meetings with stakeholders, performers to keep abreast of current tasks and adjust the course of the project if necessary.
7. Training and Education The Information Systems and Automation Expert is required to work closely with the development team in the preparation of a training program for the staff of the Digitalization Center at the Ministry of Agriculture and other partners, stakeholders. The Expert accompanies and supervises the process of conducting the trainings, and is also obliged to be aware of the training plans to ensure that the training results are in line with the agreed plan, strategy and design of the Project.

3. Qualifications and work experience:

- A minimum university degree in computer science,

mathematics, or a related field. A diploma or certificate in digitalization or agricultural management is an advantage.

- At least 3 years of proven experience in the field of Information Technology implementation and automation of business processes, software development. Experience in IT project management is preferred. Additional experience in agricultural projects is an advantage.
- A digital expert must be fluent in Tajik, Russian and English.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link:

<https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/tz-konsultanta-na-angl.-yazyke-1-2.pdf>

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; revised in September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest."

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest including CV must be submitted to the e-mail address below on or before **17:00 hours local time on December 24, 2024**. Questions (or requests for clarifications) can be sent to the below email address **on or before December 18, 2024**.

Procurement Department of

State Institute "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"
Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

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Inspection process and monitoring of the storage and disposal status of hazardous chemical waste

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of the third component of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" in the period of independence for the first time introduced a method of disposal of obsolete chemical materials and pesticides and containers that used chemical solutions in scientific and educational institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

This action is implemented on the basis of a contract between the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the Public Organization "Peshsaf".

According to the signed contract with this public organization, chemical materials and reagents, which are included in group A of hazardous waste and expired, empty containers, in which chemical solutions were used, were collected in accordance with the schedule, from the warehouses of the State Institution for Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture, Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of TAAS, Agrarian University of Tajikistan named after Sh. Shohtemur and the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition" and transported to a special warehouse "Vakhsh".

In this context, in the frame of the project was an official visit of specialists to the inspection process and monitoring of the storage status and disposal of hazardous chemical waste transported from the above-mentioned facilities to the special territory "Vakhsh".

During the monitoring it was found that the waste was placed

in two containers of 3 m by 12 m, in accordance with the requirements of environmental and social norms and the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan “On placement of waste in special places”, will be temporarily stored in this place, then it will be destroyed.



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Repair and reconstruction work at the Sugd base of Crop Research Institute of Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays great attention to the development of various sectors of the country annually.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" a number of scientific and educational buildings of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences were renovated with modern design and put into operation this year.

Under the first component of the project, the building of the Sughd base of the Crop Research Institute of Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Shahrستان district with an area of 132 square meters and the front entrance with an area of 8 square meters were completely renovated with a modern design and quality painting.

Also, the roof of the building, which had been old and wrecked for many years with an area of 140 square meters, as well as its front entrance, the staff offices, which were need in of major renovation were renovated with a modern design and also qualitatively with an area of 269 square meters and replaced doors, windows, floors, ceilings and chandeliers. The construction works took into account the nuances of the repairs work for the long-term service of this building.

Currently painting of the building's bottom foundation is ongoing and its frontentrance will be fully tiled.



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Repair and reconstruction work at the Sorting Station of the SI “State Commission for testing of types of agricultural crops” in the Penjikent city

The «Sorting Station» of the State Institution “State Commission for testing of types of agricultural crops” in Penjikent city is engaged in fruitful activities and contributes to the development of the seed industry of the country.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in the frame of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” warehouse of the «Sorting Station» of the State Institution “State Commission for testing of types of agricultural crops” in Penjikent city, which requested complete repairs was renovated and commissioned.

Under the first component of the project, a warehouse intended for storing seeds of different crops was completely renovated

with an area of 500 square meters of high and modern quality that ensured good working conditions for the station's staff.

The roof of the warehouse, which had been old and wrecked for many years with an area of 177 square meters, was completely renovated with high quality, and the warehouse gates have been replaced.

Also inside the warehouse, walls 1.2 meters high were raised and a small gate was installed to prevent the mixing of seeds from different crops.

