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## **Visit of the technical working group to flour production and processing enterprises in Sughd region**

It is a matter of pride and honor that today, thanks to the independence of the Republic, there are more than 45 small and large enterprises producing and processing flour using modern methods (18 units in Sughd province, 20 units in Khatlon province and 7 units in RRS). These enterprises operate efficiently and provide food products to the population of the country.

On February 13 of the current year, members of the technical working group (representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, Ministry of Agriculture, State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Agency "Tajikstandart" and staff of the World Food Program) held a meeting with the heads of flour production enterprises of Sughd region ("Khubjama Invest" LLC, "AZHR" LLC, "Grain Company" LLC, "Fati" LLC) under sub-component 3.4 which focuses on food fortification, specifically on fortification of wheat flour.

Solehzoda Umed, a representative of the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, opened the meeting and spoke on the importance of food fortification, especially wheat flour.

Then Inomjon Khaknazarov – Director of the Institute of Nutrition, Afzalsho Vokhidzoda – specialist of "Tajikstandart" agency, Abdulloeva Zarrina – nutrition specialist of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and Believe Gunda – expert-technologist on food fortification of WFP made speeches. They presented information on the essence and enrichment of food products, especially wheat flour, and also highlighted that work is underway to create conditions for enrichment of wheat flour (premixes) with vitamins and minerals to increase the nutritional value of the product for

low-income groups of the population, especially pregnant women, as well as children and adolescents suffering from malnutrition.

This was followed by a question and answer session on availability of premixes, setting up a micronutrient production line in the country and other issues that need to be addressed locally. Relevant experts provided detailed answers to these questions.

After the meeting, the members of the technical working group visited a number of wheat flour production enterprises.

The purpose of the visit of the technical working group was to get familiarized with the activities of these enterprises and to learn from the experience of developed countries in the field of food fortification.

The enterprises of Khubjam Invest LLC have been operating since 2018 and produce highest grade, first grade, second grade flour, as well as flour for animal feed. Its total production volume is 400 tones per day. This production provides permanent employment for more than 90 employees.

The enterprises of “Zernovaya Kompaniya” LLC started their activities in the era of independence and produce flour of the highest, first and second grades, as well as breadcrumbs for animal feed.

The total production volume of the enterprise is 500 tones per day and the enterprise provides permanent jobs for more than 150 employees.

The company’s employees also produce more than 55 types of bread and confectionery products from the flour produced and offer them to customers.

Ordi Fatir LLC started its operations in April 2016 and produces flour of the highest, first and second grades, as

well as flour for animal feed. The total production volume of the products is 200 tones per day. This enterprise provides permanent employment for more than 50 employees.

It should be noted that all flour production enterprises import raw material (wheat) from the Republic of Kazakhstan, process it and provide it to the population of the country.

These enterprises operate in the Republic in accordance with the requirements of the standard of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the finished products are divided into groups with different quality. They are also packaged according to international standards and provided to the population of the country.



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**Work meeting on construction of agro-logistic centre in Sughd region**

On 6 February the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of 2nd component of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project held a work meeting with representatives of executive authorities of Sughd region, “Sofreko” and “Bars Consulting” companies on the issue of construction of agro-logistic centre in Sughd region.

The aim of the work meeting is to build and operate an agro-logistic centre in the region, which will contribute to improving the quality of agricultural products, extending their shelf life, sorting and organising their packaging, as well as their export.



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**Visit of a technical working group to salt production and processing enterprises in Khatlon region**

It is a matter of pride that the economic and social spheres of the society as well as other internal spheres of the country have developed during the independence era.

One of the great achievements in the Republic is the activity of new modern small and large production and processing enterprises, which constantly create jobs for people and contribute to the improvement of the economic situation of the population.

Today in different regions of the country more than 17 plants on production and processing of salt by progressive method (16 units in Khatlon oblast and 1 unit in Sughd oblast) are effectively operating, providing the population of Tajikistan with iodised salt. Part of the produced salt is exported.

On 7 February this year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under sub-component 3.4 of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector

Project together with the technical working group visited the salt production and processing enterprises “Aloka” LLC, “Namakdon” and JSC “Khojamumin” in Vose district of Khatlon region.

The purpose of the visit of the technical working group is to get acquainted with the activities of these enterprises and share the experience of advanced countries in the field of industry.

In connection with this issue, the visit of the technical working group started at the enterprise “Aloka” LLC. “Aloka” LLC. started its activity in 2003, the production volume of the plant is 1450-1500 tonnes per year. The enterprise employs 16 people permanently, sanitary conditions and product packaging are maintained at a proper level.

“Namakdon” LLC has been in operation since 2011 and the total production volume is 1750-1800 tonnes per year. The company employs 20 people permanently.

JSC “Khojamumin” is one of the largest salt mining and processing enterprises in the country, built to meet modern requirements and producing and processing from 30 to 32 tonnes of high-quality products per day.

It is worth noting that all salt extraction and processing enterprises in the Republic operate according to the standard norms of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the finished products are divided into groups with different quality. They also meet the requirements of international standards and are intended both for the population of the country and for export.

As a result, the members of the technical working group fully inspected the enterprises and were informed about the state of hygiene, production and processing of salt and their reserve stock. The members of the working group gave useful recommendations to the responsible persons for further improvement of hygiene and sanitary conditions and ensuring

high quality of products in accordance with the requirements of today's world market.



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**Work meeting with the World Bank and WFP on food security**

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On February 6 of this year, a working meeting was held at the World Bank (“Sozidaniye”) with the participation of management and representatives of the World Bank, State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the World Food Program (WFP) on issues of ensuring food security within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.



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### **Work meeting on soil diagnostics in the Institute of Soil Sciences and Agrochemistry of AAST**

In the current year, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, within the framework of the



Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, held a workshop with participation of Kurbonov B. – Deputy Director/ Project Coordinator, Burkhvalisho Z. – Coordinator of the 3rd component, Shomahmadzoda M.K. – soil expert, Khodjaev S.I – Director of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, Khodjaev D.I – Head of Soil and Plant Laboratory of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, Samadov M – Procurement Manager and Mukhtorov M – Project Coordinator. – manager on purchases and Muradov I. – chief accountant. The meeting was held within the framework of the agreement for soil fertility determination in rural farms of the country, including 71 seed farms, which are the beneficiaries of the project.

Within the meeting the participants discussed the importance and necessity of soil diversity tests, determining the state of soil fertility by modern scientific methods and their timely implementation by specialists in this field.

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**Working visit of a technical group to the dairy plant JSC “Shiri Dushanbe”**

On February 2 of this year, in the dairy plant JSC “Shiri Dushanbe” a technical working group met with representatives of LLC “Shiri Istaravshan”, LLC “Shiri Spitamen”, LLC “Shiri Zafarabod”, LLC “Nuri Safar”, LLC “Shiri Devashtich” and LLC “Shiri Saodat” of Khuroson region.

During the meeting, group members discussed the best practices of foreign countries, using the example of the Republic of the Philippines, in fortifying certain food products. It was explained how the enterprises of this state, in conditions of environmental and sanitary cleanliness, ensure the availability of raw materials, their procurement and

processing, packaging and presentation of finished products to the population.

Then Nazarmoh Nazarbekova, head of the testing office of the dairy plant JSC "Shiri Dushanbe", presented the audience with a documentary film that demonstrated ways to gain access to raw materials, their processing, enrichment and packaging.

She also highlighted that this plant started its activity in 1964 and during the period of independence, it has improved step by step according to the needs of the time.

For the health of the country's residents and in accordance with the needs of society, more than 83 types of cheese products, as well as children's, local and other types of dairy products have been prepared and put into production.

All finished products consist of minerals and trace elements, amino acids and other important vitamins for humans, and due to its ecological properties the shelf life of these products is up to 10 days.

At the end, the members of the working group got familiarized with the state of hygiene and sanitation of the product processing enterprises, as well as with the process of preparation of the products and gave them a high assessment.



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### **Scheduled World Bank training at the Hilton Hotel**

On January 24 of the current year in the Hilton Hotel under the guidance of World Bank specialists a Training on the topic “Increasing the professional capacity of employees in the field of model agreements” was held.

This training was conducted for all Project Implementation Unit (PIU) staff as well as Project Management Units (PMU), especially for procurement specialists. The training was also attended by technical experts, environmental and social specialists.

During the training Ms. Grace Nakuya – Senior Procurement Specialist of the World Bank and Ekaterina Odinaeva – Consultant of the Procurement Department of the World Bank, provided general information on contracts, model agreements, terms and conditions of their implementation, as well as explained the subtleties of preparing tender documentation for the procurement of goods and services.

The event was interesting, the participants asked questions,

which were answered in detail by the relevant specialists.

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### **Providing vulnerable farms with quality seeds and mineral fertilizers**

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project transferred to vulnerable farms 5270 tons of mineral fertilizers and a number of different quality, certified crop seeds such as wheat (550 tons), potato (1,050 tons), corn (100 tons), flax (58 tons), onion (8.4 tons), tomato (0.012 tons), cucumber (0.9 tons), and peas (98.8 tons) in 2023.

The objective of transferring quality, climate-adapted seeds is to further increase agricultural production, improve crop yields, and enrich the domestic market to ensure the country's food security.

This year, in order to strengthen the material and technical base of vulnerable farms, the institution decided to provide these farms with 52 units of small tractors and 550 units of power tillers with appropriate equipment.

