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Second stage of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment

December 22 this year in CJSC "Agrotekhservice" of Hisor city with the participation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Hakimzod Kurbon, Mayor of Gissar city Kosim Rohbar, representative of the World Bank Hazem Ibrahim Hambal, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Daler Satori, Director of "Tojikagroleasing" Akramzoda Yusuf, sub-structures of the Ministry of Agriculture, heads of farms and other officials a meeting on the second stage of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment was held.

It should be noted that on the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and with the financial support of the World Bank, the State institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project implemented the second stage of distribution of small and large machinery and agricultural equipment of various types to seed farms, seedling production farms and infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture.

First, the Minister of Agriculture Hakimzoda Kurbon made a speech and noted that ensuring food security of the country's population largely depends on the development of the agricultural sector, which, among other things, is financed within the framework of sectoral programs and investment projects, and to which direct attention is paid by the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

It should be noted that one of the most reliable partners of our country is the World Bank, which, with grant funding, contributes to a premature response to slowly developing risks in the agricultural sector of Tajikistan and ensuring of food

security within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project. Using opportunity, we express our gratitude to the World Bank from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and are firmly convinced that in the coming years, cooperation and support in the development of the sector will further expand.

In the framework of the Project implementation, the main beneficiaries are farmers, small and large farms, agribusinesses and exporters. They are mainly provided with quality seeds, seedlings and other planting materials. They will also benefit from the services of Agrological Centers, soil analysis, locust control and agrometeorological information.

It should be noted that under the first component of the project, aimed at developing a sustainable seed production system in accordance with international standards, improving the activities of state bodies in the field of seed production, strengthening the material and technical base of seeds and planting materials, special attention was paid to the infrastructure of the Ministry of Agriculture.

It should be noted that at the first stage a number of agricultural machinery was supplied to seed farms, including 20 units of three-furrow plow, 15 units of inter-row rotary cultivator, 13 units of pneumatic planter, 13 units of grain seeder, 4 units of seed and grain cleaning machine, 15 units of potato planter, 15 units of potato harvester, 2 units of land leveler, 4 units of cotton cleaning machine and 4 units of cotton waste press.

At the second stage of distribution, seed farms were provided with 20 tractors, 4 columns, 7 trailers. At the same time, SI "State Commission for Crop Type Testing and Variety Protection" received 9 tractors, SI "Plant Protection and Chemicalization" received 14 tractors and SUE "Tojikniholparvar" received 11 units of large tractors, 13

units of small tractors and 23 units of agricultural machinery and equipment.

At the same time, it is important to note that within the framework of the project Improving the sustainability of agriculture for sowing in 2023 in order to increase the yield of grain crops and on this basis increase its production, 280 tons of elite group wheat seeds were imported as state support, as well as 382 tons of mineral fertilizers were provided to 115 seed farms.

At the expense of available seeds and grown crop, 4468 tons of first reproduction wheat seeds have been accumulated, which is enough for sowing on the area of 20.3 thousand hectares and in future it will be possible to produce more certified seeds.

At the same time, for autumn sowing in 2023, the project procured and delivered to the farms seed wheat of elite group of varieties "Grom" in the amount of 150 tons, "Alekseyich" in the amount of 200 tons, "Timiryazevka 150" in the amount of 150 tons and mineral fertilizers in the amount of 1250 tons.

It should also be noted that under the additional financing of the project it is envisaged to complete a number of activities aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- I. Procurement of crop seeds for vulnerable farms;
- II. Procurement of agricultural machinery for the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Tajik Agrarian University named after G. Shahtemur, organizations subordinated to the Ministry of Agriculture, medium and large dehkan farms, as well as farms headed by women, organizations and technical service centers in cities and districts of the republic;
- III. Additional construction for agrological centers;
- IV. Development of digitalization of agriculture;
- V. Implementation of irrigation measures, treatment of wastewater systems, establishment of spool irrigation

for research institutes of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Sh. Shahtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, as well as subdivisions of the Ministry of Agriculture;

- VI. Construction of innovative greenhouses for reproduction of seeds, seedlings and planting material for seed farms, research institutes of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Sh. Shahtemur Tajik Agrarian University. These activities make it possible to produce fresh agricultural products in the fall and winter period.

After the significant speech of the Minister of Agriculture, the representative of the World Bank Hazem Ibrahim Hambal, Chairman of Hisor city Kosim Rohbar and heads of farms expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in the development of agriculture.

At the end of the event, the keys to the machines and tractors were ceremonially handed over to the project beneficiaries by the Minister of Agriculture and other officials.

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Finalization of the study tour in the Republic of the Philippines

Before the end of the working visit, on December 14 this year, according to the program, the members of the working group visited the Department of Social Welfare and Development and had a working meeting with the head of the department, Mrs. Irish Flor.

During the meeting on the effective operations of the department, Ms. Irish Flor gave a presentation to the audience on monitoring and planning activities related to food packaging such as rice and canned foods, processing and supplying products to vulnerable people affected by natural disasters including tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters.

During the conversation, the head of the office said that almost every year, more than 1.2 million vulnerable households are provided with 10 to 13 types of products, including rice

and other food items that are available and packaged in front of the company.

In addition to permanent employees, the department recruits' volunteers and supports them on an ongoing basis.

Also, during the day, the working group delegation visited the Philippine Ministry of Education and met with the Deputy Minister. During the meeting, he gave information about the support of the Ministry of Education in terms of assistance with fortified foods. He also stated that assistance will be provided to students up to 6th grade. During the conversation, ideas and opinions related to the issue were discussed.

Then the delegation of the working group visited the office of the World Food Program (WFP) and expressed its opinion on the results of the study tour. During the conversation, the head of WFP noted that this organization is ready to help implement its experience in the Republic of Tajikistan. At the end of the meeting, the head of WFP presented certificates to the members of the working group. Thus, the study tour was completed.



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Examination of the Republic of the Philippines experience on the importance of food fortification

Delegation of the working group of the Republic of Tajikistan on December 11 of the current year held a working meeting with the head of the World Food Program (WFP) office in the Republic of the Philippines in order to study the experience of the Republic of the Philippines on the importance of food fortification.

During the meeting there was an exchange of views on the importance of food fortification, preparation of normative and technical documents of the technological process, taking control samples, observing the quality of fortified products and other methods.

Then, the officials of the representative office presented information on the existence of legal regulations in force in this direction, as well as the responsible structures, including the National Food Administration of the Agricultural Department and Food and Nutrition Research Institute,

implementing policies for the realization of the fortification process.

After finalizing the reports of the above-mentioned bodies, the exchange of experience of this country was discussed by the ministries and departments. It was found that in order to realize the process of fortification on selection of products, prevention of diseases related to micronutrient deficiency (minerals and vitamins), monitoring on identification of the group of diseases is carried out by Food and Nutrition Research Institute.

Its director stated that the fortification process could prevent diseases related to micronutrient deficiencies. According to research conducted by the Center, and in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of the Philippines, the following products are mandatorily fortified: rice, oil, salt and sugar.

This institute is responsible for implementing the product enrichment process in manufacturing plants through preventive and educational activities.

Following the results of the working meeting, the working group presented memorable gifts to the heads of these structures for the development of further cooperation.



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Request for Bids

Goods

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Tajikistan

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

Contract Title: Procurement of 100 tons of cotton seeds of elite categories of “Ramses”, “Laser” and “Lima” varieties of elite category for seed farms

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: IDA Grant ID860-TJ

RFB Reference No.: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-04

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

Lot #1: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-01 – Procurement of 40t of cotton

seeds of elite category of “Ramses” variety for seed farms

Lot #2: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-02 – Procurement of 30t of cotton seeds of elite category of “Laser” variety for seed farms

Lot #3: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-03 – Procurement of 30t of cotton seeds of elite category of “Lima” variety for seed farms

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 100 tons of cotton seeds of elite categories of “Ramses”, “Laser” and “Lima” varieties of elite category for seed farms.**
2. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (AED PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Procurement of 100 tons of cotton seeds of elite categories of “Ramses”, “Laser” and “Lima” varieties of elite category for seed farms as described below:**

ty	Line item #	Variety Name of the crop	Scientific name of the crop	Location (Project Site) as specified in BDS
Lot #1: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-01 – Procurement of 40t of cotton seeds of elite category of “Ramses” variety for seed farms				
	1.	Cotton	4 Gossypium 0 hirsutum	Vahdat city, 16 B. Rahimzoda street.
Lot #2: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-02 – Procurement of 30t of cotton seeds of elite category of “Laser” variety for seed farms				
	2.	Cotton	3 Gossypium 0 hirsutum	Vahdat city, 16 B. Rahimzoda street.
Lot #3: SRASP/ICB/G0/2023-04-03 – Procurement of 30t of cotton seeds of elite category of “Lima” variety for seed farms				
	3.	Cotton	3 Gossypium 0 hirsutum.	Vahdat city, 16 B. Rahimzoda street.

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 November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the AED PMU and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 08 00 hrs. to 17 00 hrs. 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 **January 8, 2024 15.30 hrs.** 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 **January 8, 2024 15.40 hrs.**
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of: for **Lot #1: US\$7 000,00; Lot#2: US\$ 5 000,00; Lot #3: US\$ 5 000,00.**
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: Shohmansur district, Jamoat Rossiya, 1 May village, house No 432

Office / Floor: **2nd 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:5**

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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 500 tons of potato seeds of the
elite category of “Bigroza”, “Krone” and “Pikasso” varieties
for seed farms

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

RFB Reference No.: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-05

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

Lot #1: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-05-1 – Procurement of 250 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Bigroza” variety for seed farms.

Lot #2: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-05-2 – Procurement of 150 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Krone” variety for seed farms.

Lot #3: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-05-2 – Procurement of 100 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Pikasso” variety for seed farms.

1. The Government of Tajikistan 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 500 tons of potato seeds of the elite category of “Bigroza”, “Krone” and “Pikasso” varieties for seeds production farms.
2. The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Procurement of 500 tons of potato seeds of the elite category of “Bigroza”, “Krone” and “Pikasso” varieties for seed farms as described below:

Line item №	Name of the crop	Scientific name of the crop	Variety name	Quantity (ton)	Final Destination (Project Site) as specified in BDS
<i>Lot #1: SRASP/ICB/G0-2023-05-1 – Procurement of 250 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Bigroza” variety for seed farms.</i>					

1.	Potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Bigroza	250	Vahdat city, 16 B.Rahimzoda street.
<i>Lot #2: SRASP/ICB/GO-2023-05-2 – Procurement of 150 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Krone” variety for seed farms.</i>					
2.	Potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Krone	150	Vahdat city, 16 B.Rahimzoda street.
<i>Lot #3: SRASP/ICB/GO-2023-05-2 – Procurement of 100 tons of potato seeds of elite category of “Pikasso” variety for seed farms.</i>					
3.	Potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Krone	100	Vahdat city, 16 B.Rahimzoda street.

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” September 2023 Edition (“Procurement Regulations”) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the 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.
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attend at the address below on **January 8, 2024 15:10 hrs.**

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of: for Lot #1: US\$12 000.00; Lot#2: US\$ 7 200.00; Lot #3: US\$ 4 800.00;.
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.
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Meeting on project implementation result analysis

Within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, on November 29 of this year in the spacious hall of the World Bank (“Sozidaniye”), with the participation of the leadership of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” a working meeting was held to discuss results achieved during the project implementation.

At the meeting, the activities of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” were analyzed and reviewed, and at the same time, the meeting participants recognized the timely completion of assigned tasks and project activities as satisfactory.

Also, for the successful and effective implementation of this project, useful recommendations were given by the officials.



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High-quality seeds are a factor of high yield

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, this year the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project imported a number of high-quality seeds with certificates from abroad and transferred them to seed and vulnerable farms to ensure food security and seed development.

Imported seeds of agricultural crops belong to the elite group and are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

It is worth noting that in 2023, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project imported 1,180 tons of agricultural seeds into the republic, including 150 tons of cotton seeds, 530 tons of potatoes and 500 tons of wheat, which were distributed to seed farms.

Also, using additional funds from the institution, 8 types of

elite group and first reproduction crop seeds were purchased and distributed to needy farms, such as 550 tons of wheat, 1050 tons of potatoes, 100 tons of corn, 58 tons of oil flax, 8.4 tons of onions, tomatoes 0.012 tons, cucumbers 0.9 tons and peas 96.8 tons, as well as mineral fertilizers in the amount of 5270 tons, of which 2108 tons of nitrogen, 2108 tons of phosphorus and 1054 tons of potash fertilizers.

Currently, according to the plan, the distribution of potatoes, peas and oilseeds will be completed in the coming days.

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Development of a “Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan”

On November 24-25 of this year, the second meeting of the technical working group for the development of the “Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan” was held in the lobby of the Greenwood House Sanatorium.

The technical working group mobilizes representatives of a number of relevant ministries and agencies, and the republic develops a unified plan that takes into account global issues, important environmental problems and various factors of the modern world.

This plan covers problem-solving in important areas and will continuously serve to address crisis risks in the coming years.

Recognizing the country’s Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan, it proposes timely joint action by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, humanitarian organizations and development partners to prevent and mitigate the crisis.

