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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.



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## **Development of digitalization of agriculture**

On January 15-16, 2024, a training workshop on "Use of agrometeorological data for disease and pest management modeling" was held at the Rumi Hotel in Dushanbe.

Training workshop within the framework of the project "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" for implementation of subcomponents 3.1 and 3.3. "Real-time monitoring of agricultural production, land use and agrometeorology", which was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, specialists of the State Institution of Plant Protection and Agrochemicals and representatives of the Center for Development of Digitalization of Agriculture, was conducted by an international consultant on climate change and hydrometeorology.

The purpose of this seminar is to establish the activity of this sphere by modern methods.

During the workshop, representatives explained to participants the intricacies of the field and presented useful research studies in response to their questions.



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### **Improvement of agriculture monitoring**

Under the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, an international consultant on climate change and hydrometeorology, Fadi Karim, was involved to implement sub-component 3.1 Real-time monitoring of agricultural production, land use and agrometeorology.

The purpose of hiring a consultant is to analyze the system of data exchange between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Meteorological Agency in case of installation of agrometeorological stations in the establishment of the system of accounting and monitoring of agricultural products.

At the same time, a training workshop was held on 11-12 January this year with specialists and staff of the Meteorological Agency and specialists of the Center for the Development of Digitalization of Agriculture on “Drought indicators in relation to the standard precipitation index”.

At the same time, the purpose of installing agrometeorological

stations and the cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture with this agency were discussed with the staff of the Meteorological Agency.



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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**Republic of Tajikistan**

**Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project**

**Grant No.: E1450-TJ**

**Assignment Title: Terms of Reference for Regional Training Service Providers (RTSP) to conduct training for vulnerable**

## **farmers for the regions of Republic of Tajikistan**

### **Reference No. SRASP AF-2023-CS-CQS**

#### **A. Introduction.**

The Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project is an IDA grant in the amount of US\$ 108 million prepared to support Tajikistan for the purpose of foundations for a more resilient agriculture sector referring to the availability of public agricultural services, including improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials; agri-logistical services; agrometeorological information, soil testing, locust control and crop protection.

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:

- 1) 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;
- 2) improve the access to improved agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and
- 3) strengthen the crisis management, i.e. early warning, preparedness, and response capacity of selected public institutions.

All activities related to human resource development and capacity building will include topics on understanding climate change better and frameworks, tools, and techniques to facilitate designing and implementing climate adaptation and mitigation approaches. The Project is implemented by State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

#### **B. General scope of the services.**

##### **Stage 1:**

Under the direct supervision of the AED PMU and in close collaboration with partners, the Regional Service Provider will be responsible for organizing beneficiaries into groups to conduct training and advisory activities for vulnerable farmers who have received seeds and fertilizers in the regions of the Republic of Tajikistan under the additional financing of the project, within the framework of Sub-component 1.3: Multiplication of seeds, seedlings, and planting materials. Also, under stage 1 the service provider will carry out activities on monitoring of the conducted sowing activities and providing short on-site consultations (trainings).

### **Stage 2:**

Conducting research, collection and analysis of data on conducted sowing operations and yields to create a database of project beneficiaries (vulnerable farmers who received seeds and fertilizers under the project by the regions of the RT under additional financing Sub-component 1.3):

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:  
[https://aedpmu.tj/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/tor-rtsp\\_vf\\_en.pdf](https://aedpmu.tj/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/tor-rtsp_vf_en.pdf)

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & INFORMATION**

The State Institute “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

### **Firm Qualifications**

The Consultant shall be a firm or group of firms with following minimum qualifications :

1. The service provider should be an organization with proven

experience in the provision of training and monitoring in the field of agriculture and agribusiness for at least 5 years.

2. Experience in the region where the events will be held.
3. Presence in the staff of trainers, who are fluent in Tajik language, as well as with working knowledge of English (for the group leader)
4. The international status of the organization as well as working experience in other Central Asian countries will be seen as an advantage.

The credibility of mentioned experience shall be presented in a list of the required similar project/contracts as required above, including description of services provided (including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, assignment budget, percentage carried out by consultant in case of association of firms or subcontracting and main activities) and accompanied by certificates/confirmation of orderly fulfilment of the contracts verified by other party from such contracts.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; revised in November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications Selection (CQS) procedure set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the [aedpmu.hr@gmail.com](mailto:aedpmu.hr@gmail.com) e-mail address by January 22, 2024 at or before 17:00 hours local time.

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**Communication of the Institution with public**

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project has established a grievance redres mechanism at local and regional level to ensure transparency of project activities and to establish good relations with beneficiaries.

It is worth mentioning that in order to ensure transparency of the project activities and communication with beneficiaries and people affected by the project, this year, boxes for collecting complaints and suggestions were installed in 46 cities and districts of the republic.

The installed boxes are checked and within 15 days, the received complaints and requests are reviewed by local and regional commissions specially organized within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project. The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” then sends written answers to the submitted complaints and suggestions.

Last week, specialists of the social affairs department of the Institution together with the NGO “Umedbakhsh” and the project coordinator conducted a commission opening of the boxes in the subordinate Cities and Districts of the republican subordination, as a result of which proposals of citizens (beneficiaries) were received, to which the Institution will provide detailed answers.



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**Technical Council of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan**

On January 3 of the current year, a meeting of the Technical Council of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan was held in the hall of the Ministry. The work of the Council was attended by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, a representative of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, the President of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, a representative of the Agrarian University of Tajikistan. Sh. Shohtemur, management and responsible specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", heads of infrastructure of the Ministry of Agriculture. First Deputy Minister Nigina Anvari welcomed the participants of the meeting and gave the floor to the Deputy Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Kurbonov Boymurod to present a detailed report. Then Kurbonov Boymurod provided the attendees with detailed information on the project implementation progress and works carried out last year. After the discussion

of the report, the attendees asked questions to which the relevant specialists of AED PMU gave detailed answers. These questions were related to procurement of quality seeds, agricultural equipment, repair and planned construction of sites.

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***Congratulations of the director of the State Institution  
"Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"***

*From the bottom of my heart and with great joy I congratulate all my colleagues and the people of our beloved homeland on the advent of the New Year 2024.*

*In the past year, Tajikistan under the wise leadership of the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, expanded construction works within the framework of preparation for the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the state independence of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as achieved great success in the economic and social sector, which contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of the population.*

*Also, the improvement and landscaping, increase in agricultural production, construction and commissioning of hundreds of industrial and social facilities, including hydroelectric power plants, residential houses, buildings of institutions and organizations, have brought the realization of Tajikistan's strategic goals even closer.*

*Holding of regional and international high-level events in the capital of our dear Motherland – Dushanbe, participation and speeches of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, honorable Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon at conferences inside and outside Tajikistan, and other important international events have raised the prestige of our state in the international arena.*

*I am convinced that the noble Tajik people, in the context of preparations for the 35th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan and under the leadership of the respected Leader of the Nation and the Government of the*

*Republic of Tajikistan, will achieve the desired results in the coming years.*

*May the New Year 2024 become a year of success and new achievements, realization of all good hopes, development and progress for all our citizens. To each of you, dear colleagues, I wish fruitful work, good luck in life, realization of boundless dreams, prosperity and achievement of strategic goals for our dear Motherland.*

*May you always be healthy and happy, prosperous and patient, successful and determined.*