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The distribution of seeds and mineral fertilizers continues at a rapid pace

Starting from October 30th of the current year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project have been distributing quality seeds and fertilizers to seed-producing and needy farms to ensure food security.

It is worth mentioning that under this project, 500 tons of elite group wheat seeds with mineral fertilizers (456.6 tons of urea, 454,6 tons of ammonium nitrate and 341 tons of superphosphate) are provided to farmers this year for the development of seed industry.

Also, 550 tons of high quality wheat seeds of the 1st reproduction group are provided with mineral fertilizers for needy farms (200 tons of urea, 300 tons of ammonium nitrate, 500 tons of superphosphate and 250 tons of potassium chloride) to ensure food security.

During the event, environmental and social guidance staff dealing with crop seeds and mineral fertilizers presented science-based recommendations on meeting the requirements of the World Bank's Environmental and Social Standards and adhering to safe work practices when handling chemicals.



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Explanatory activities with contractors within the framework of the requirements of the Environmental and Social Standard

Today 27.10.2023 to fulfill the requirements of the World Bank's Environmental and Social Standard, compliance with the norms of construction requirements of the projects and expansion of repair works, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project conducted explanatory session with the workers of LLC "Fond Somon", who were engaged in the repair of the building of the Institute of Plant Industry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan.



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Repair work at the project sites continues apace

25.10.2023 specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” reviewed the process of construction and repair works carried out in scientific institutions of the agricultural sector within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

During the meeting with the employees of the contracting companies and their designers, explanatory work was carried out on the issues of safety, compliance with the norms of construction requirements of the projects, fulfillment of the requirements of environmental and social standards of the World Bank, as well as timely and qualitative fulfillment of the planned works.



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QUALITY SEEDS IS A GUARANTEE OF FERTILITY

As in the previous year, State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project for the development of seed production sector started distribution of mineral fertilizers (Urea, ammonium nitrate, Superphosphate) and seeds of 3 types of high quality wheat of elite group (Temiryazevka-150, Alekseich and Grom) for seed farms of cities and Districts of republican subordination, GBAO, Sogd and Khatlon regions.

Farmers were motivated by the continuous support of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and started the fall sowing of grain crops in a timely manner. At present, in some parts of the Republic, wheat seeds are completely out of the ground and growing well. In other parts of the country, autumn wheat planting continues at a high pace, with farmers trying to make the most of the favorable autumn weather and complete planting in the coming days.

High quality elite group wheat is certified and adapted to weather and climatic conditions of Tajikistan.



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Farmers are satisfied with the received seeds of the

strengthening resilience of the agriculture sector project

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project provided seed farms of cities and districts of Sughd region with three types of high-quality seeds of the elite group Lodos, Perla-S and Arya with the addition of mineral fertilizers.

Farmers highly appreciated this support of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and this year began sowing cotton on an area of 1080 hectares (Lodos 876 hectares, Perla-With 72 hectares and Arya-132 hectares).

The obtained varieties have proven themselves and meet agrotechnical requirements of cultivation, are high-yielding and adapted to climatic conditions and changes. These varieties have many advantages over local varieties, with yields ranging from 21 to 35 c/ha.

Today, farmers carry out the first cotton harvest, from statistical data it turns out that the yield corresponding to the varieties: Lodos-21-35 S/ha, Perla-S is from 21 to 28 S/ha, and Arya-from 20 to 26 s/ha.

Currently, cotton harvesting continues. Farmers intend to effectively use the favorable autumn weather for harvesting without losses.



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Implementation of planned activities under the 3rd component of the project

On October 16 of the current year specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the 3rd component of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project reviewed reconstruction work of infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, including the State Unitary Enterprise “Center for Digital Development and Advanced Training of Agricultural Sector” and the State Institution of “Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture”.

Specialists of the institution held meetings and discussions with the management of construction companies engaged in repair of buildings of the mentioned institutions on timely and qualitative completion of construction works of the facilities. At the same time, the machines for treatment against crop pests, which were procured on the initiative of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship

Development", are prepared for distribution to the infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially to institutions in the field of plant protection.



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Monitoring the progress of repair work at project sites

Engineers and specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” got acquainted with the progress of repair work in the premises of educational and scientific institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, repaired by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

During the inspection, engineers and specialists together with the workers involved in the repair works provided useful recommendations on safety conditions, compliance with the norms of construction requirements of the projects, fulfillment of the requirements of environmental and social standards of the World Bank, as well as qualitative and timely completion of the planned works.



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SUPPORT FOR FARMERS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE

Development of the sphere of agriculture is one of the priority directions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan which provides the population with food, industry, raw materials and improvement of the economic situation of the population. With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project to improve the material and technical base of seed farms of the Republic a number of agricultural machinery was procured such as: 20 units of plow, 15 units of cultivator, 13 units of Pneumatic Precision Planter, 13 units of Grain seeder, 4 units of Cotton seed and grain cleaner machine, 15 units of potato planters, 15 units of potato harvester, 2 units of Laser Land Leveler, 4 units of Cotton gin machine, 4 units of Cotton Waste Press. On October 10 of the current year this equipment was handed over to farms.

Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan

respected Hakimzoda Kurbon, Director of the World Bank Office in the Republic of Tajikistan Ozan Sevimli, Head of the World Bank Project Working Group Hazem Ibrahim Hammal, Deputy Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Kurbonov Boymurod and representatives of other relevant organizations and institutions took part in the ceremony of handing over agricultural machinery.

During his speech, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Hakimzoda Kurbon told about the constant support of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon on the development of the sphere and logistical support of farms, and also gave useful advice for the timely implementation of instructions and assignments of the Honorable Leader of the Nation on the efficient use of water and land, increasing crop yields, growing crops with the use of modern technologies.

Mr. Ozan Sevimli, Director of the World Bank Office in the Republic of Tajikistan, expressed gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the country for the support provided to the sector.

It should be noted that agricultural machinery was procured by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, and was transferred to seed farms in the form of 70% grant funds and 30% payment funds by leasing. These 30% funds are interest free and will be repaid from farm income in three years.

During the transfer of agricultural machinery, it was emphasized that in the next stage, agricultural equipment will also be transferred to these farms in order to further improve their material and technical base.

Farmers also expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" for their constant support and care, and in response to this support expressed their interest in promoting the development of the sector to ensure food security of the country.

In order to increase yields in 2023 the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project on the basis of mutual agreement procured and transferred to seed farms 280 tons of seeds of wheat of elite group of "Grom" (100 tons), "Alekseich" (120 tons) and "Bezostaya 100" (60 tons) plus 381.8 tons of mineral fertilizers, 150 tons of elite group seeds of "Lodos" (105 tons), "Perla" (50 tons), Aria (10 tons), elite group seed potatoes of varieties "Gala" (400 tons), "Krone" (130 tons) plus 3507.4 tons of mineral fertilizers in 2022. As a result there has been a good harvesting this year.

It should be noted that 150 tons of elite group wheat seeds, 200 tons of "Alekseich", 150 tons of "Timiryazevka 150", as well as 1250 tons of mineral fertilizers were procured for sowing in 2024 for the beneficiaries under the project.

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