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On June 15, 2022, in Dushanbe, under the leadership of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Ziyozoda Sulaimon, the inaugural meeting of the Project Steering Committee for the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” took place. In accordance with the project management guidelines, the Deputy Prime Minister serves as the chairperson of the Project Steering Committee. The committee is entrusted with the following broad responsibilities: (i) development of guiding policy principles and provision of overall supervision and strategic guidance; (ii) review of project progress towards achieving the project’s objectives; (iii) review and approval of Annual Work Plans and Budgets (AWPBs) consolidated and submitted by the Project Management Unit (PMU); (iv) review and approval of the Annual Project Implementation Report prepared by the PMU and oversight of corrective actions for implementation; and (v) ensuring interagency coordination, harmonization, and donor alignment. The Project Steering Committee will hold its meetings twice a year, with a primary focus on reviewing and approving the Annual Work Plans and Budgets and monitoring the project’s effectiveness based on annual and semi-annual reports.

During his opening remarks, Deputy Prime Minister Ziyozoda Sulaimon approved the composition of the Project Steering Committee. The meeting also featured introductory speeches by Mr. Teklu Tesfaye, representing the World Bank, and Mr. Oleg Guchkeldiev, representing the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Tajikistan.

The meeting agenda included a progress report on the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, delivered by Mr. D. Satori, Director of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” Mr. B. Kurbanov, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, and Mr. I. Muradov, Chief Accountant.

In conclusion, Deputy Prime Minister Ziyozoda Sulaimon, as the Chairman of the Project Steering Committee for the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, highlighted that any challenges encountered during project implementation would be addressed with the support of the ministry and relevant departmental structures, taking into account recommendations for improving project performance

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On June 2, 2022, at the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, under the guidance of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Ms. Nigina Anvari, the first meeting of the Technical Committee for the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” took place. According to the project management guidelines, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture serves as the chairperson of the Technical Committee. Specifically, the Technical Committee will be responsible for the following: (i) reviewing, providing recommendations, and guidance for improving the quality of project implementation as presented by the Project Management Unit (PMU); (ii) providing technical advisory services on project implementation approaches; (iii) enhancing institutional capacity building for the PMU and relevant structures for project implementation; and (iv) reviewing and analyzing all documents prepared in accordance with project responsibilities, providing recommendations and guidance for their improvement. TKP will convene quarterly meetings dedicated to the examination of technical aspects of annual plans and monitoring reports.

According to the agenda of the meeting, the director of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” D. Satori, Deputy Director, project coordinator B. Kurbanov, Chief Specialist for evaluation and monitoring of the project M. Urinbayev and Chief Accountant of the State Institution

“Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” I. Murodov reported on the progress of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”.

As a result of the meeting, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Chairman of the Technical Committee of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, respected Nigina Anvari noted that the problems encountered during the implementation of the project will be solved with the support of the Ministry and relevant departmental structures, taking into account the recommendations for improving the activities of the project.

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On May 26– 2022, a presentation of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” carried out by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” took place in the city of Khujand, in the building of the Khujand-Star Hotel.

The launch of the Project was attended by representatives of the executive body of the state authority for the Sughd region, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the UN agricultural sector, as well as specialists of seed farms of the region and other representatives of the private and public sector of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The presentation session was opened by the Deputy Chairman of the Sughd region Mirdada Zarif. In his opening speech, the Deputy Chairman noted the importance of implementing such projects to ensure food security of the Republic of Tajikistan. The head of the Department of Agrarian Policy and Food Security Monitoring of the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr.

Nazarov Bahodur, in his speech briefly spoke about the main objectives and features of the project.

Further, according to the agenda of the event, the director of the State Institution for the "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Mr. Daler Satori, as well as the representative of the World Food Organization and the UN Agricultural Sector, Mr. Abduramonov Sherzod, addressed the participants of the event with a welcoming speech.

Deputy director/The Project coordinator, Mr. B. S. Kurbonov, made a presentation to the participants of the event describing the goals and structure of the project. During the presentation, it was noted that the project contributes to strengthening the sustainability of the agricultural sector in the Republic of Tajikistan and will contribute to ensuring the country's food security in the future.