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Outcomes of the World Bank Mission Visit to Sughd region

On the third day of the working visit, the World Bank Mission went to the seed-growing farm of Gaffor Alimatov.

This seed-growing farm has 85 hectares of arable land and is engaged in cultivation of various crops. This farm successfully works in the area of seed production, having received a series of high-quality seeds with a certificate of Elite category group from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project.

The World Bank Mission familiarised and highly appreciated the effective work of Gaffor Alimatov's seed-growing farm.

Then, the Mission held a working meeting with the Mayor of Istaravshan town Atam Mamurzoda in the hall of the Executive Body of the town State Authority.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the issues of repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries with high-quality certified seeds, strengthening of material and technical base of vulnerable and seed-growing farms, involvement of unused lands into agricultural turnover, construction of wells for irrigation of agricultural lands.

A meeting with the heads of vulnerable farms of Istaravshan town was held in the administration hall as well.

At the meeting, farm managers reported on the progress of field work and achievements, as well as made a lot of suggestions on further increasing crop yields, improving the situation with land reclamation, timely harvesting, packaging and export-orientation of agricultural products.

In the end, the project beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank Mission for their continued support to farmers.



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**CONTINUATION OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION WORKING VISIT TO THE
SUGHD REGION**

On the second day of its working trip, the delegation of the World Bank Mission visited the facilities of the state institution 'State Commission for Testing Agricultural Crops and Protection of Varieties in the B. Gafurov district and Kanibadam town.

Initially, they visited the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district for the ceremonial opening of a well for water supply and irrigation, as well as inspected the variety testing plots in the area.

Then, the head of the World Bank Mission, Mr. Hazem Ibrahim Khambal, ceremoniously launched the irrigation system, and the first irrigation of the year using water from the well began.

It should be noted that the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district has 26.63 hectares of agricultural land for conducting scientific research and testing agricultural crop varieties and experienced a lack of water

for irrigation for many years.

This year, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project drilled a well with a capacity of 25 liters per second using modern technology for irrigating the station lands.

It should be noted that as part of the project, to strengthen the material and technical base and develop the seed production sector, the SRASP PMU provided an MTZ-82 tractor with attached equipment and high-quality certified seeds of Elite category for 10 hectares (5 hectares of cotton seeds and 5 hectares of wheat).

Subsequently, the World Bank Mission visited the variety testing station in Kanibadam town and highly praised the work of the specialists. The state variety testing station in Kanibadam town has 24 hectares of irrigated land, and its activities are aimed at testing new, climate-resistant and high-yielding varieties of crops, as well as developing seed production.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the SRASP PMU completed a full external and internal renovation and painting of the warehouse intended for storing various seeds of agricultural crops and scientific materials, covering an area of 217 square meters, and put it into operation as part of the first component of the project "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector".

The old and dilapidated roof of the warehouse was fully and qualitatively repaired, with the repair area of 174 square meters.

Alongside the major renovation of the warehouse, a concrete wall 58 meters long and 3 meters high was built around the area of the station unprotected for many years; it was painted and covered with a roof, and gates were installed at the

entrance. A toilet was also built and put into operation.

Additionally, within the project framework, another MTZ-80 tractor, cotton-cleaning equipment and high-quality Elite category seeds (for wheat and cotton) were provided.

Next, the World Bank Mission inspected the agricultural equipment of the OJSC named after Enajon Boymatova. It should be noted that the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" provided the OJSC named after E. Boymatova with an MTZ-80 tractor and other agricultural machinery (precision seeder, inter-row cultivators, and plowing equipment), which made the labor easier for the farmers.

The farmers and specialists expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank delegation for their continuous support.

In the end, the World Bank Mission thanked the farmers (project beneficiaries) for their warm welcome.



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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Sughd Region

The agricultural sector development is considered one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which constantly takes necessary measures to ensure food security of the country population, which is one of the strategic national goals.

From May 5 to 7, 2025, within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project, the World Bank Mission held meetings with executive bodies of the towns, districts, regions, with officials and beneficiaries in Sughd region to support the project implementation process.

On May 5, within the framework of its working visit to Sughd Region, the World Bank Mission held a working meeting with Anvar Yakubi, Deputy Chairman of the Region on Economy.

During the meeting, the Deputy Chairman of the region expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries

with quality and certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of needy and seed farms, drilling wells for irrigation of agricultural land, construction of agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region.

It was also noted that about 85 percent of agricultural land in the region have pump irrigation, some of the pumps are currently in need of major repairs. Also, in order to implement the orders and instructions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in particular the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country respected Emomali Rahmon, regarding the introduction of unused lands into agricultural turnover, the specialists in this field have developed new plans for their irrigation and presented them to the World Bank Mission. The issues related to increasing crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region were among the key issues discussed during the meeting.

In the course of the meeting, one of the key issues considered was the increase of crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region at the initial stage.

During the meeting, gratitude was expressed to the representatives of the World Bank and the head of the State Institution "Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture" for the continuous cooperation in the development of the agricultural sector.

In conclusion, the World Bank Mission expressed its gratitude for warm welcome to the Executive Body of the State Administration of Sughd Region.



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MICRONUTRIENTS AND VITAMINS EFFICIENCY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Khatlon Region

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays great attention to the sustainable development of various sectors of the country, especially the agricultural sector, and constantly takes necessary measures to realize one of the national goals – “Ensuring Food Security”.

Within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector project”, according to the World Bank Mission Plan, from 28.04 to 08.05.2025, meetings will be held with ministries and agencies, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials implementing the project in order to support the project implementation process.

On May 1 of the current year, the World Bank Mission team made a working visit to the towns and districts of Khatlon region. During the working visit, a working meeting was held with the First Deputy Chairman of the region, Mr. Muzaffar Mirzozoda and the Chairman of Dusti district, Mr. Davron Nishonzoda.

During the meeting, Muzaffar Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the region, expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of the project beneficiaries with mineral fertilizers, high-quality certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of the needy and seed farms, construction of an agrologistic center in the region, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for continuous support, to the representative of the World Bank and to the Head of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” for continuous cooperation in the development of the agrarian sector.

Afterwards, during the trip, the working delegation visited the cooperative trading farm named after Safar Jumaev in J. Balkhi district and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries). During the meeting, farmers expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank in the development

of the agricultural sector and discussed the ways to further increase crop yields with officials.

After the meeting, the World Bank Mission delegation, as planned, visited the farm named after Ergash Sulton and commercial cooperative named after Eshbek Sattor and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries).

During the meeting there was a conversation with the project beneficiaries, who expressed their opinion on the current problems of the sector (provision of farms with high-quality seeds, especially gourds seeds, construction of all-year-round cold storage facilities and greenhouses, small and large equipment, prevention of salinization of agricultural land).

The farmers expressed their deep gratitude for the support of the Government of the country, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank Mission.

In conclusion, the World Bank delegation expressed its gratitude for the warm welcome provided by the Khatlon region Government Executive Body and farmers (project beneficiaries).



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The World Bank mission got acquainted with the progress of repair and construction work in the soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the AAST

According to the plan, from 28.04.2025 to 08.05.2025 in order to support the project implementation process, the World Bank mission for the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project will hold meetings with ministries and departments, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials responsible for the project implementation.

Accordingly, on April 28 this year, the World Bank mission led by the respected Hazem Ibrohim Hambal and the director of the State Institution for the Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development, respected Daler Satori Abdumansur, met with the president of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan (AAST), respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo and the Director of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences Zebiniso Bobohoniya, familiarized themselves with the progress of work

on the reconstruction of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the scientific institution, the museum and the assembly hall and highly appreciated the contractors' work.

During the meeting, the President of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo, stated that repair and restoration work of scientific institutions of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences is being done through the support of some scientific institutions with laboratory equipment, computers, printers and other modern technology from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the State Institution for Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development – this is a very good and timely initiative that will improve the efficiency of scientists and specialists in this field, and introduce scientific achievements into practice.

The director of the institution further stated that after completion of the high-quality repair of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry in the coming days, the laboratories of this scientific institution will be equipped with modern equipment and technologies within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project.



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EDUCATIONAL TRAINING “DOCTORS OF THE SOIL” IN L. MURODOV’S LLC

On April 28 this year, in the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project with the support of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in the Republic of Tajikistan a training session “Doctors of Soil” was held with participation of specialists in soil science.

The training was held in the hall of Latif Murodov’s CJSC in Hisor, where the scientists and specialists in the field of soil science discussed current problems of the sector.

Presentations on these issues in a series of presentations (profile) covered a wide range of topics important for implementation of training strategies and integrated soil conservation.

The training will last two days (28th and 29th), and according to the plan, scientists in the field will use modern equipment to determine various elements in the soil and the actual

condition of its composition, and then present the results to the participants.

The purpose of such educational trainings is to promptly train specialists of the industry to solve existing problems, use modern technologies in the current activities of the industry, and further increase crop yields.

The event is designed for specialists in soil science and agriculture, so that they can further improve their knowledge and skills using modern technologies and apply the achievements of science in practice in future.



Support to the seed farms within the project “Strengthening resilience of the Agriculture sector”

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” familiarized themselves with the actual situation of the “Yakkatut” seed farm in the J. Rasulov district, which is the project beneficiary.

This farm has 100 hectares of arable land on its balance sheet and uses it consistently and effectively.

As part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project, the institution has been supporting the seed-growing farms with mineral fertilizers, high-quality elite seeds, agricultural machinery and equipment, among other farms, since 2023.

By using high-quality seeds and following agronomic practices, this farm has gradually been able to increase the planted area, yields and along with irrigation and timely payment of wages, using the farm’s net income to build three modern houses for its employees, especially women.

The farm manager has decided to build and provide a modern warehouse to store agricultural products and seeds after this year’s harvest.

The employees are pleased with the continued support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and are determined to contribute to increasing the supply of high-quality seeds to the country and the development of the seed industry.

