Holding public awareness meetings in the Sughd region

On April 23, 2025, the social and environmental issues specialists from the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the public organization "Umedbakhsh" held awareness-raising meetings as planned in the Istaravshan and Konibodom districts of Sughd region within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture sector" project.

During the meeting, the project beneficiaries were actively involved and got acquainted with the effective activities of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture sector" project.

During this event, the sector officials noted that today, with the initiatives and continuous efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, President Emomali Rahmon, various sectors of the country, particularly agriculture, are developing day by day and achieving significant results. Nowadays, each of us, the citizens of the country, primarily appreciate independence, prosperity and national unity and should strive for the further development and progress of our beloved country.

Subsequently, various pressing issues in the agricultural sector were raised during the event, and measures were taken to support farmers in the future.

At the end of the event, the project beneficiaries expressed their profound gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially to the esteemed Leader of the Nation, and the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development," for their constant support.

After the event, the commission team reviewed the current status of the information boards, the boxes for complaints and

requests directly intended for the project beneficiaries in the country.

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ROUND TABLE ON THE TOPIC "CREATION OF A NATIONAL PREMIX TURNOVER FUND IN TAJIKISTAN"

Nutrition, being the most important factor in human health, well-being and vital activity, inextricably linking human life with food, is necessary for body development, formation of cells and tissues, body provision with the necessary substances, formation of hormones, enzymes and other metabolic processes.

In order to protect public health and prevent foodborne diseases by fortifying food products, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Providing the Population with Fortified Food Products" in 2019. In order to implement this law, today, April 22, a round table was held at the Ministry of Health and Social population of the Republic of Tajikistan on the topic of "Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan", at which the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population Abdukholik Amirzoda had a speech, representatives of the country's relevant ministries and departments, a number of heads of food industry enterprises (flour and salt), as well representatives of development partners in collaboration with the World Bank Group, the United Nations Children's Fund, and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) project manager participated.

During the round table opening, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population Abdukholik Amirzoda stated that improving the nutrition is important for strengthening the population health.

It should be noted that issues of arranging the public nutrition are considered ones of the main strategic areas of the country Government activity, and adoption of 2 laws, 2 strategies, 4 programs and 1 national plan in recent years is evidence of this issue importance.

Then the Director of the State Institution "Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture" Mr. Daler Satori spoke about the project "Strengthening the Sustainability of Agriculture" and the activities of "Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan", the issue was addressed by Hazem Ibrahim Hanbal, a Senior Agricultural Economist for the World Bank Group in Tajikistan, and other officials.

The round table also discussed a number of issues, including the provision of information on the topics "Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan", "Achievements in the implementation of the Program for prevention of micronutrient deficiency among the population of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2022-2027", "Problems related to food fortification in the Republic of Tajikistan", "Status of the regulatory framework for food fortification (Tajikstandard)", "Assessment of a potential host agency for NRFP" and "Discussion of the assessment and design of the Fund results with the private sector".

It is worth noting that the Republic of Tajikistan joined the Global Movement for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) in 2013, becoming the 42nd country. Since 2015, the country has had an intersectoral coordination Council on Nutrition, which includes representatives of all ministries and departments, development partners, non-governmental organizations and civil society, which develops strategies and programs to improve nutrition, including the following: "Strategy for Development of School Nutrition in the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period up to 2027", "Multi-sectoral Plan for Improving Nutrition in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2025", "National Communication Program for the First 1000 Days of a Child's Life in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2020-2024".

During the round table, a number of participants expressed their thoughts and ideas on various aspects of the project.

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REPAIR AND RESTORATION WORKS IN THE STATE INSTITUTION "STATE COMMISSION FOR VARIETY TESTING AND PROTECTION OF VARIETIES OF AGRICULTURE CROPS"

The State Institution "State Commission for Variety Testing and Protection of Varieties of Agriculture crops" has established effective activities of state variety testing stations in cities and districts for state testing of domestic and foreign varieties, based on the requirements of the Laws of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the Protection of Plant Varieties" and "On Seed Production".

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the building of the State Institution "State Commission for Variety Testing and Protection of Varieties of Agricultural Crops" vulnerable to major repairs was completely renovated and put into operation by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development "under the implementation of the "Strengthening the resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project".

As part of the first component of the project, the institution completely renovated and updated the exterior and interior of the 2,711 square meter building to a high modern standard, providing excellent working conditions for its employees.

During the refurbishment, the lobby and 48 large and small rooms such as seed laboratories, toilets, conference room and staff offices, which had become old and worn out over many years of use, were completely refurbished and refurbished to a high standard, totaling 1,403 square meters.

The 580 square meters roof was also completely renovated with a modern design, and 207 square meters of broken glass and chandeliers were completely replaced.

The construction works were completed in accordance with the World Bank environmental and social standards, with high quality and modernity, and the building is now in operation.

The management of the State Institution "State Commission for Variety Testing and Protection of Varieties of Agricultural Crop" expressed gratitude for the ongoing support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE INSTITUTION "AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT ", Mr. DALER SATORI ABDUMANSUR IN HONOR OF THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF ARMY FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

With great respect and endless devotion, I sincerely congratulate all of you, dear compatriots, on the 32nd anniversary of the formation of the Army Forces of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The National Army is truly an extremely important part of the statehood of independent Tajikistan and the basis of stability and existence of our ancient people in the international arena, and promoting its development is the sacred duty of every patriot and patriotically minded citizen of our beloved country.

It is noteworthy that the National Army of the country, despite its new formation, at the beginning of the confident path to state independence was able to carry out significant and praiseworthy efforts and merits in restoring peace,

tranquility and security on the borders of the country.

As the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Military of the Republic of Tajikistan, General of the Army, the respected Emomali Rahmon, has repeatedly emphasized, the Army Forces are the guarantors of the security and integrity of the independent state of Tajikistan, and the servicemen of military units and formations make a great contribution to the protection of the borders and native land of the Motherland, ensuring the security of the state, and the peaceful life of the country's residents.

Every brave officer and soldier of the country, as a reliable shield of the Motherland, must always be vigilant and intelligent in the performance of their duty and never forget that the peaceful and calm environment of today's independent Tajikistan was achieved at the cost of the lives of honor and dignity of hundreds of young people.

In addition, they must always remember that the people of Tajikistan are proud of the servicemen of their Armed Forces, see in each of them brave and courageous sons of our beloved Motherland and believe that they will always remain faithful and devoted to their military oath.

On these joyful days, I sincerely congratulate all officers and soldiers of the country, wishing them well-being, prosperity, happiness and victories, and our independent Tajikistan — eternal stability and peace.

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Availability of pesticides for locust control

The state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening

the Resilience of Agriculture Sector project" purchased 20 thousand liters of pesticides to improve locust control measures and together with the commission handed them over to the state institution "Locust Control Expedition" on February 21 this year.

It is worth noting that starting from 2023, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of this project to support the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition" purchased 6 units of large-sized equipment (tractors), 6 units of tractor sprayers (AGROS), 1 passenger car (RAF), 6 field vehicles (PICKUP), 11 units of automobile sprayers, 300 units of small motorized equipment, 300 units of small hand-held and battery-powered equipment, 830 units of personal protective equipment, as well as 35 thousand liters of pesticides.

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Access to quality agricultural seeds for the country's vulnerable farmers is in its final stage

Since January of this year, specialists from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" jointly with the commission under the implementation of the "Strengthening the Resilience of Agriculture Sector Project" have been distributing high-quality seeds of flax, peas, corn and beets, providing them for a certain period to vulnerable farms throughout the country.

Farmers (project beneficiaries) expanded their seasonal fieldwork by receiving crop seeds, cleaning drainage systems and canals, providing onion and grain fields with nutrients and clearing them of weeds, and continued planting flax and potatoes.

It is a matter of pride that today the Government of the Republic is constantly taking the necessary measures to develop the agricultural sector, gradually providing vulnerable farmers of the country with modern machinery and equipment, high-quality certified seeds, which allows strengthening the material and technical base of the economy and significantly increasing the yield of agricultural crops.

Potato cultivation continues at full speed in Khatlon region

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Farmers in Khatlon region (project beneficiaries) took advantage of the favorable winter weather and began mass planting of potatoes. It is worth noting that with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening the Resilience of Agriculture Sector project" provided vulnerable farms of the country with 1400 tons of high-quality potato seeds.

The available potato seeds of the varieties "Picasso", "Krone", "Bigrosa", "Arizona" and "Evolution" are distinguished by their high quality and productivity, are certified, adapted to the climatic conditions of the country and are the first reproduction.

In recent years, farmers in the country have been widely using these varieties, achieving high and desired yields.

Currently, potato planting continues in the cities and districts of Khatlon region, especially in Bokhtar, Kubodiyon,

Dusti, Balkhi, Jaykhun, Shakhritus, Vakhsh and other districts, and the project beneficiaries are trying to take advantage of favorable weather conditions and complete the planting of potato seeds as soon as possible.

This year, farmers have focused their attention on increasing land productivity and increasing yields in this important area, striving to increase the area under potatoes and achieve a abundant harvest through the use of high-quality seeds.

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The lands of agricultural research institutions are being improved

One of the goals of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is to ensure food security in the country and

constantly takes the necessary measures to involve unused lands in agricultural circulation and increase the yield of agricultural crops.

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening the Resilience of Agriculture Sector project" for full-flow farmland, six vertical wells are planned to be drilled on agricultural research institution lands across the country. Drilling is now complete on two of them, and installation of transformers with cables and equipment is in full swing.

At present, works on water well on the lands of the State Institution of the State Station of Variety Testing and Protection of Agricultural Crops, in B. Gafurov and Istaravshan districts of Sughd province are underway. The installation of reinforced concrete electric poles, installation of transformers, bare aluminum wires, and shielded wires, installation of electric meters, and well pump is in full swing and will be completed in the coming days.

At present, drilling works have been started at four more pumping sites, the industry specialists are determined to complete them as quickly as possible, on time and with high quality, in accordance with the requirements of environmental and social standards, so that the specialists of the State Institution "State Station of Variety Testing and Protection of Crop Varieties" could effectively use the experimental plots this season. It is also reported that the project to provide water to the needy farms of the republic is currently at the stage of feasibility study and cost estimation, and it is expected that construction and rehabilitation works will be carried out this year.

