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## **SEED DISTRIBUTION FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS PROCEEDS EFFICIENTLY**

The development of agriculture is one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, with officials consistently paying comprehensive attention to ensuring the country's food security.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank, specialists from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" are continuing the distribution of high-quality onion and wheat seeds across the country this year, just as they did last year, as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project, in accordance with the established plan.

It should be noted that the distribution of high-quality seeds began on September 13, 2024, in cities and districts throughout the republic and is aimed at increasing the productivity of agricultural crops and ensuring the food security of the country.

The imported varieties of onion seeds include Seykhan – 1.2 tons, Albani – 3 tons, Khazar – 3 tons, and the wheat varieties include Grom – 200 tons, Alekseevich – 400 tons, and Temiryazevka 150 – 500 tons. These high-yield varieties are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan and are intended for distribution among more than 7,000 small, vulnerable farms across the republic.



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### **Quality seeds – guarantee of high yield**

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 annually imports high quality certified seeds from abroad. These measures are aimed at increasing crop yields, ensuring food security and developing seed production. Seeds are provided to seed producing, farming and vulnerable households throughout the country.

It is important to notice that on September 15, 2024, 7200 tons of high-quality onion seeds (Seyhan varieties – 1200 tons, Albeni – 3 tons and Hazar – 3 tons) were imported from the Republic of Turkey. According to the plan, the seeds were distributed to 1,209 small vulnerable farms across the country.

All imported seeds are certified, high-yielding and adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan, aimed at developing the

agrarian sector and ensuring food security.



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**Collection of seed potatoes in Sughd region**

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project this year provided high quality potato seeds of elite groups "Evolution", "Picasso" and "Arizona" to farmers of seed potato farms. These seeds were distributed throughout the country to the project beneficiaries.

This year, due to favorable weather conditions and timely compliance with agrotechnical norms, the yield of crops, especially potatoes, turned out to be high. Currently, harvesting has started in the towns of Mastchoh, Devashtich, Shahrison and Isfara in Sughd Province.

In the process of determining the expected harvest, the industry specialists noted that this year's crop turned out to be excellent and decisive steps will be taken to further develop seed production.

In addition, during the official visit, the agency specialists familiarized themselves with the social and environmental requirements of the project at the seed farm level. They monitored labor conditions, including working conditions of women farmers and minors, and checked compliance with safety rules. The process of wheat seed storage in warehouses was also reviewed.



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### **Rapid Cotton Harvesting in Khatlon Region**

This year, according to the plan, seeds of elite cotton varieties "Laser," "Lima," and "Ramzes", provided by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" as part of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project were planted on an area of 2366 hectares. The seeds were distributed among seed production farms and institutions.

Farmers in the region were able to significantly improve cotton crop growth by strictly following agro-technical recommendations and are striving for a high yield. Specialists in the course of approbation have found that the yield of cotton fields is very high, and with stable fall weather, an excellent harvest is expected.

Currently, harvesting is carried out in Shakhritus, D/F Kudrat Rais, D/F Shahzamonbabo, D/F Kubodiyon, C/C "Avesto-5", J. Balkhi, C/C "N.Begov", Vakhsh, C/C "Nufuzi Vakhsh", C/C "Aslam" and in Farhor district in commercial cooperatives "Shamshod-05", "Dusti-60", "Shahi Akhtamjon". The works are

being carried out at a high pace, and in some of these farms the first harvest has already been gathered.

Farmers express their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for continuous support, including provision of quality seeds with high yields. They are determined to complete the harvest on time and without losses.

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## **Celebration of Independence Day at the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”**

On September 6, 2024, a solemn meeting was held at the office of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in honor of the State Independence Day.

At the beginning of the event, Daler Satori, director of the institution, opened the meeting and sincerely congratulated those present on this significant holiday. He noted that due to independence, prosperity, national unity and constant efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, our country has achieved significant successes, and its people live in an atmosphere of peace, stability, mutual understanding and unity.

Since the beginning of independence, despite numerous difficulties and obstacles, we have laid the foundations of a sovereign state and achieved significant successes in political, economic, social and cultural spheres, and most importantly, in improving the standard of living and quality of life of our citizens. However, the most valuable gift and the greatest achievement remains our State independence.

From the first days of independence, the Tajik people have shown honesty and heroism in the process of reconstruction and formation of the new state, ensuring security and peace in society, political and economic stability. Thanks to their labor, power plants, tunnels, enterprises, institutions and highways that meet international standards have been built. Today, many of our problems have been solved and our hard-working people are ready to tackle new large-scale tasks for the development of the country.

After the Director's speech, a number of staff members made insightful and informative speeches on the achievements of the independence period. They emphasized that the country's independence is a priceless gift, a symbol of sovereignty and patriotism, a sign of identity and freedom, as well as a source of pride and honor.

At the end of the event, the Director once again congratulated those present and all citizens of the country on this important date, wished health, well-being, happiness, victories and success in their daily lives and activities.





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## **Meeting of the Steering Committee of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”**

On September 3, 2024, in the hall of the National Library of the Republic of Tajikistan, a meeting of the Steering Committee of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” was held.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, who is the Chairman of the Steering Committee, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, executive bodies of state authorities of Dushanbe city, Sogd and Khatlon regions. The event was attended by deputies and representatives of various state structures, in particular representatives of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Committee on Land Management and Geodesy, the Committee on Environmental Protection, the Committee on Food Security and the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Sh. Shokhtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, representatives of the World Bank, SOFRECO/Bars Consulting, Center for Digitalization of Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant organizations.

The Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Hakimzoda Kurbon, opened the meeting and noted: “As you know, in recent years, given the global challenges related to food security and climate change, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has made a strategic decision to attract additional investments in agriculture. We are focused on stimulating economic and social development of the country, with special attention paid to the agricultural sector. In this regard, we

seek active cooperation with our development partners to attract more capital and implement joint initiatives.”

By attracting capital and access to modern agricultural technologies, quality certified seeds, and repairing and equipping buildings and laboratories of scientific and educational institutions with advanced equipment, decisive steps have been taken to develop the agro-industrial complex, with special emphasis on seed production. These steps are aimed at strengthening food security and improving the sustainability of agriculture. It is worth noting that the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” has made a significant contribution to support seed farms, vulnerable farmers, and agricultural research and educational institutions during its lifetime. It has contributed to the tightening of legislation in this area, which in turn has led to increased production of agricultural products, improved market supply, as well as the creation of new jobs and support for the rural population.

The Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and Chairman of the Project Steering Committee, Honorable Ziyozoda Sulaimon Rizoi, continued the meeting and noted: “The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Honorable Emomali Rahmon constantly emphasizes at meetings with the people the need for effective use of investment funds for the benefit of the rural population. This not only contributes to the development of agricultural infrastructure in the regions of the republic, but also creates new jobs.”

It should be noted that “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” makes a significant contribution to ensuring food security and improving the welfare of the country’s population.

This project provides a favorable basis for achieving one of the strategic goals of the Government of the country –

ensuring food security.

During the meeting, according to the program, the following speakers took the floor: Daler Satori, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Boymurod Kurbonov, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator, representatives of Bars Consulting, including Vazirov Jamshed, Agassi Aratunyan, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Ilhom Bandayev, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. All of them presented detailed reports on the current progress and plans for further development of the sector.

Following the results of the meeting, a decision was made and specific instructions were given to officials on the implementation of the work plan.



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**Monitoring of the growth of seed potatoes in seed farms of the  
Sughd region**

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project from July 16 to 20 this year reviewed the progress of field work and the current state of seed potato growth. They visited seed and dehkan farms in Shakhriston, Devashtich, Istaravshan and Isfara districts.

Last year after sowing quality seeds and following potato cultivation techniques farmers (beneficiaries) got high yield from potato fields and were satisfied with the result.

This year, taking advantage of favorable weather, they planted crops, including seed potatoes of elite varieties Picasso, Evolution and Arizona, in a timely and efficient manner and within the established deadlines. As a result, potato crop growth in each region is now quite high.

Specialists of the institution together with the heads of

dehkan and seed farms, production and farming cooperatives “Farkhod”, “Abdurakhimbek”, “Ravshan” of the Shakhriston region, “Mukhamadaliev Alijon”, “Jobirjon”, “Sadullobo”, “Subkhonzoda”, “Ovchi Gonchi”, “Khodzhakho”, “Khotam Gurbonov”, “Gazantarak” and “Markazi Potato” of Devashtichsky district, “Obodoni” of Istaravshan and farm “Chorkukh” of Isfara visited seed potato growing areas. Potatoes of the elite varieties Picasso, Evolution and Arizona received high praise from experts and farmers.

Currently, protective measures against pests and inter-row treatments are being carried out in potato fields: fertilizing, loosening and weeding in accordance with agricultural cultivation techniques. Farmers are satisfied with the good growth of their crops and are busy with field work.

The institution’s specialists provided farmers with useful scientific recommendations to promptly and quickly increase the yield of seed potatoes.

It is worth noting that from July 18 to July 20, 2024 in the potato growing areas of the Sughd region a national seminar was held on the topic “Technology for growing potatoes in the mountainous and foothill regions of Tajikistan.”

The seminar was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Ziyozoda Sulaimon Rizoi, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Hakimzoda Kurbon, the Chairman of the Sughd region, Mr. Rajabboy Ahmadzoda, representatives of relevant committees and departments of the Republic, heads of individual cities and districts, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Sughd and Khatlon regions, cities and districts subordinate to the republic, the head office, board, departments and branches of agriculture, as well as farmers.

As part of this event, specialists from all cities and regions

of the republic took part. Participants also got acquainted with the best practices of the beneficiaries of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project in the farms of the Maschoi Kuhi, Ayni, Shakhriston, Istaravshan and Devashtich regions.



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**Compliance with safety requirements in TAAS scientific institutions**

This week, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Scetor Project, based on the agreement between the State Institution “Agriculture

Entrepreneurship Development” and the Public Organization “Peshsaf”, specialists of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of TAAS sealed and removed obsolete chemical materials and pesticides. These materials were transported by a specialized vehicle to a special landfill for obsolete chemicals in Vakhsh district, in accordance with safety requirements.

Freshly produced chemical materials are required for soil and plant testing in laboratories of scientific institutions. Specific and accurate test indicators are the basis for increasing crop yields and are important for both specialists and farmers.

