Repair and reconstruction work at the Sumbula Testing Farm of the Institute of Horticulture and Vegetable Growing of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Testing farm Sumbula of the Institute of Horticulture and Vegetable Growing of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences has been productive since 1978 and contributes to the development of agricultural scientists' research activities.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Testing Farm, which needed major renovation, was completely repaired and reconstructed, and put into operation by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project".

State Institution in the frame of first component of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" completely repaired the exterior and interior of the 638.79 square meters building with high modern quality, which provided good working conditions for staff.

Also, the Testing Farm's building roof and its storage area, which had been old and wrecked for many years, with an area of 328.79 square meters completely renovated with good quality. The front entrance, conference room, 6 staff offices, rest room, lunch room, and corridors which required major renovation of the 1443.66 square meters completely repaired with a modern design by replacing doors and windows, floors, ceilings (roof) and chandeliers.

The construction works were carried out in accordance with the requirements of social and environmental standards of the World Bank with high and modern quality, and the building was put into operation.

Management of the Sumbula Testing Farm of the Institute of Horticulture and Vegetable Growing of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences expressed their gratitude and satisfaction for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Status of wheat sowing in country's seed and vulnerable farms

Every year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" provides to the country's seed and vulnerable farms high-quality certified seeds to increase crop yields, seed production and ensure the country's food security.

Last year in the frame of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" 500 tons of high-quality wheat seeds of Timiryazevka-150 and Alekseich varieties were imported from abroad by State Institution. According to the list of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Institution provided seeds to 115 country's seed farms for the 2024 autumn sowing and the 2025 harvest.

Imported seeds are of the elite group, are certified, highyielding, and suitable for the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

Also, last year for the 2024 autumn sowing, 1100 tons of wheat seeds of Alekseich, Timiryazevka-150 and Grom varieties were provided to 5055 vulnerable farms of the country. Seeds of these varieties are of the first reproductive group and are intended for reproduction, obtained from seed farms of the country.

Farmers of the country (project beneficiaries), effectively used favorable autumn weather and the wheat autumn sowing was completed on time at the specified dates.

At present, during the monitoring, the field's specialists noted that the condition of its growth in the fields is really favorable, and if agricultural practices are followed, farmers can obtain the desired harvest.

The beneficiaries of the project believe that the yield of

this crop will increase many times compared to the last year and thus will contribute to the supply of domestic markets.

January 9, 2025

Congratulations from the Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Mr. Daler Satori in honor of the New Year

I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, and respected Tajik people on the advent of the New Year 2025.

In the past year, respected Tajik people under the wise leadership of the Founder of National Peace and Unity — The leader of the Nation, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon undertook the development of prosperity and creation in preparation for the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the State Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan, achieved great economic and social

achievements, which contributes to the improvement of the level and quality of life of the population.

Such municipal improvement and landscaping, increased agricultural production, construction, and commissioning of hundreds of industrial and social facilities, including industrial enterprises, hydroelectric power plants, residential buildings, and buildings of institutions and organizations, have brought Tajikistan's strategic goals even closer to being realized.

The holding of high-level regional and international events in the capital of our dear Motherland — Dushanbe, participation and speeches of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation Honorable Emomali Rahmon at conferences inside and outside the country, and other important international events have increased the authority of our state in the international arena.

We are confident that in the years to come, especially in preparation for the 35th anniversary of the State Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan under the leadership of the great Leader of the Nation and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the honorable Tajik people will achieve the desired results.

May 2025 become a year of success and new achievements for all honorable people of Tajikistan, a year of realization of good human intentions, a year of development and progress, a prosperous year for our dear Motherland, and the achievement of strategic goals.

In the New Year, I wish each of you, dear colleagues, fruitful activity, blessings in life, and the realization of boundless dreams.

Be always healthy and happy, prosperity, peace, and success for you.

Distribution of vitamins and micronutrients to Medical Centers

Nowadays, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly strives to improve the health and protection of the population and shows great interest in food security and healthy nutrition issues.

Also, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan has adopted a number of normative-legal documents and carries out effective activities in this area.

For this purpose, this year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank Group, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of the Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Sector Project, aimed at protecting the health of mother and child has imported vitamins and micronutrients, such as \$1550005 - 60 mg of iron + folic acid/PAC - (10×10) in the amount of 353,000.00 packs and \$1580201 vitamin-mineral powder (SPRINKLE) PAC -30 in the amount of 1300,000.00 packs to the Republic of Tajikistan.

After importing these medical products into the Republic, quality was checked by specialists of the State Supervision Service of Health and Social Protection of the Population of Tajikistan of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan.

It is foreseen micronutrients — ironic sulfate and folic acid for 353 000 pregnant women and vitamin supplements for 1 300 000 children aged 6 months to 59 months.

After checking the quality of imported medical products Certificate of Quality and Conformity issued by the State Supervision Service of Health and Social Protection of the Population of Tajikistan of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. Based on Certificate of Quality and Conformity for imported medical products permission was given for distribution to beneficiaries.

Nowadays, in accordance with the Order No. 560 dated August 20, 2024 of the Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan

"Distribution of micronutrients (SPRINKLE) and medical nutrition for children", micronutrients and vitamin supplements are provided to beneficiaries at the Primary Health and Sanitation facilities (urban, regional, district reproductive health centers and children's disease coordination rooms of urban, regional, district health centers).

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Repair and reconstruction works at the SUE "Center for Digitalization and Advanced Training of Agricultural Personnel"

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan annually pays great attention to the development of various sectors of the country and constantly takes necessary measures to create good conditions.

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" carried out repair and reconstruction works and put into operation a number of scientific and educational buildings of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Under the third component of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" the building of the SUE "Center for Digitalization and Advanced Training of Agricultural Personnel", with two floors and a basement, with an area of 2528 square meters are completely covered by capital renovation works by replacing doors, windows, lamps, and roof.

The repair and reconstruction work on the second floor of 18 offices with an area of 480 square meters, a corridor with an area of 116 square meters and the roof of the building with an area of 660 square meters was completed. The repair and reconstruction works continue in another part of the building.

Presently repair and reconstruction work is carried out in the basement, first floor, and outside of the building with an area of 1530.65 square meters, with a modern design by replacing doors and windows, floors, ceilings (roof), and

chandeliers and is expected to be completed in the near future.

Contractors and workers involved in repair works take into account all the nuances of repair and construction works and perform them qualitatively, in accordance with construction standards.

After completion of repair and reconstruction works in the frame of the project, the State Institution intends to equip the SUE "Center for Digitalization and Advanced Training of Agricultural Personnel" with modern equipment to make the work of specialists easier and more efficient.

January 9, 2025
Working session with the Public Organization "Umedbaksh"

On December 18, 2024, a working session with Public Organization "Umedbaksh" was held in the hall of the State Institution to expand outreach and advisory services on Implementation of a Grievance Redress Mechanism and to conduct information campaigns on the activities of "Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Project".

During the meeting, the issues related to implementation and transparency of the project activities were analyzed and discussed in order to carry out works and solve existing problems, receive and consider timely appeals, complaints, and proposals of farmers, members of jamoats, and collectives that are beneficiaries of the project.

In addition, the Public Organization "Umedbaksh" presented to the management of the institution the schedule of work according to the terms of reference and the methodology of promotion of consulting services in the implementation of the project in 60 pilot districts of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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January 9, 2025

Working session on distribution of vitamins and micronutrients in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Project"

"The health of the nation is an invaluable asset, without which it is impossible to imagine the strength of the state"

Emomali Rahmon

Nowadays, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly strives to improve the health and protection of the population and shows great interest in food security and healthy nutrition issues.

As it is known, food issues are considered a critical issue not only in Tajikistan, but all over the world. In some countries, the population suffers from hunger, in others from food shortages, and in thirds people struggle with obesity.

For this purpose, this year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank

Group, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of the Strengthening Resilience of Agriculture Sector Project, aimed at protecting the health of mother and child has imported vitamins and micronutrients, such as \$S1550005-60 mg of iron + folic acid/PAC - (10×10) in the amount of 353,000.00 packs and \$S1580201 vitamin-mineral powder (SPRINKLE) PAC - 30 in the amount of 1300,000.00 packs to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Hence, on December 19, 2024 a meeting on the official distribution of vitamins and micronutrients was held in the hall of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The meeting was attended by deputies and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Head of the Department of Agrarian Policy and Food Security Monitoring of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, representatives of the World Bank Group, Acting Head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office in Tajikistan, Director and staff of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development".

The purpose of this event is to maintain public health, especially to improve the health status of mothers and children, as well as the proper use of micronutrients and vitamin supplements by target groups (pregnant women and children aged 6 months to 59 months).

The first deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Muhsinzoda Gafur, opened the meeting and noted that the issue of mother and child health protection is one of the main priorities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan is also constantly taking necessary measures for

food safety and food production among the population.

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan has held a number of activities to prevent micronutrient deficiencies among children and women, and in order to improve the health of children and prevent infectious diseases, vitamin A supplementation has been carried out twice a year at the national level for children aged 6 to 59 months in the last 10 years.

After representative of World Bank Group Hasem Ibragim Hanbal, Deputy minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, Zulfiya Abdusamatzoda, Head of the Department of Agrarian Policy and Food Security Monitoring of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Abdullozoda Ahmadjon, Acting Head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office in Tajikistan, director of State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", Daler Satori made comprehensive remarks on this issue.

The State Institution presented a documentary film to the audience after the speeches.

Repair works in the Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory of the Institute of Soil Science and Agro chemistry of TAAS

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The Institute of Soil Science and Agro chemistry of Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences established in 1951 on the basis of the Soil ameliorative station and until today has a successful activity.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", the exterior of the building, the conference hall and its roof, which were in need of major repairs, were completely renovated and restored and put into use this year.

In the frame of third component of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" in order to further improve the working conditions of Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory staff 10 staff offices within an area of 300.59 square meters, 4 sanitary arrangements within an area of 17.5 and corridor within an area of 68.3 square meters have been completely repaired and prepared to equip with modern equipment. .

At this time, repair works have begun in the staff offices of the Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory. Contractors and workers involved in repair work take into account all the nuances of repair and construction work and perform them qualitatively, in accordance with construction standards, and also in accordance with the requirements of the World Bank's social and environmental standards. They will be completed within the indicated period.

After completion of repair of laboratories and other buildings of this Institute, in the frame of the project, the State Institution intends to equip the scientific institution Centralized Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory with modern laboratory equipment to make the work of specialists in this field easier and more efficient.

