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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.



Gradual growth of crop yields

As the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon noted at the meeting with farmers: “We have favorable natural conditions and necessary resources. If we use them wisely and efficiently, we will be able to provide the country’s population with food and solve the issue of food security – one of our national goals”.

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the project beneficiaries constantly monitor the current state of crops nationwide and constantly take measures for their cultivation and growth.

This year, farmers in Sughd and Khatlon regions participating in the project have effectively utilized every inch of their fertile land. In accordance with the plan, they sowed elite seeds of Lazer, Lima and Ramses varieties on an area of 3,123 hectares (Sughd region – 800 hectares, Khatlon region – 2,323 hectares). Currently there are 2 to 5 pods on each plant. Cotton fields are growing very well and agro-technical works are carried out gradually.

Farmers are determined to increase cotton yields by using quality seeds and strictly following agrotechnical methods of cultivation. Like last year, they are aiming for a high and quality harvest.



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Monitoring of field works in Tajikabad and Lakhsh districts

The development of the agrarian sector is considered one of the priority directions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which constantly takes necessary measures to provide the population with food.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project has been providing seed and vulnerable farms with various seeds of elite group of crops for two years. Following agrotechnical rules, farmers (beneficiaries) were able to get the desired harvest last year due to sowing of quality seeds.

This year they also took advantage of the favorable weather and started sowing crops, particularly seed potatoes, in a timely manner.

On the second and third days of the working visit, the specialists of the institution visited agricultural lands, in

particular, seed potato fields of elite varieties Evolution and Arizona, on farms "Sari Nai" and "Firdavs" of Tajikabad district, as well as on farms "Mirshodi Arzangi", "Kand", "Sarchashma", "Buston" and "Gandumak" of Lakhsh district. As a result of this inspection, the specialists highly assessed the growth of crops. Currently, agro-technical works on the fields are carried out uninterruptedly and the yield of all crops is good.



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Monitoring of crop growth in the RRS

On July 3, 2024, specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project assessed the progress of field work and the current state of crops of potatoes, onions, tomatoes and other crops on farms and seed farms of Faizabad and Nurobod district.

As in previous years, farmers who received elite seeds at the expense of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, used quality seeds and due to favorable weather completed planting of crops on time and in accordance with agrotechnical requirements. Currently, the harvesting of cereals (wheat) is close to completion. Treatment of inter-row and protective furrows against pests, feeding, fertilizing, loosening and weeding of other field crops are carried out in accordance with agrotechnical norms. Farmers are satisfied with good crop

growth and are actively engaged in field work.

Specialists of the institution visited seed farms of Tukhmparvari State Unitary Enterprise named after A. Nazirov, farm "Zamira" of Faizabad district, farm "Nuri Nurobod", farm "Hodjiabdulbako" of Nurobad district and studied cultivation and growth of agricultural crops, especially seed potatoes of different varieties and received high marks. Farmers were also provided with valuable scientific recommendations on increasing yields of all crops.



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Visit of the World Bank mission within the framework of the project implementation

Within the framework of the project “Enhancing Agricultural Resilience” on June 25 and 26 of the current year, the World Bank Mission team held a working meeting at the World Bank office in Dushanbe. The event was attended by the World Bank representatives, including Honorable Hazem Ibrahim Hanbal – Working Group Leader, Uzakov Bahrom – Information Technology Specialist, Mahkamov Marufqul – Chief Agriculture Specialist, and Mihini Kak – Chief Health Specialist. Also present at the event were the management and officials of the State Institution “Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture”, representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the local consulting company “Bars Consulting”.

At this event, the progress of implementation of research and design work of agro-logistic centers of Khatlon and Sughd regions and Dushanbe city, as well as the Center for digitalization of the agricultural sector and establishment of the National Revolving Fund for Premixes were analyzed.

At the end of the meeting, the officials gave useful recommendations for successful and effective implementation of this project.

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Congratulations of the Director of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development ” dedicated to the Day of National Unity of the Republic of Tajikistan.

In our days, the “General Agreement on Establishment of Peace

and National Accord", which strengthened our state independence and aimed at the construction and prosperity of our native Tajikistan, serves as an example and source of pride for the people. This significant achievement was made possible thanks to the wise policies of the Founder of peace and national unity, the Leader of the nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, and has attracted global attention.

This pivotal document will guide the development of independent Tajikistan and its people for many years, illuminating the path to prosperity. It reminds every citizen of their responsibility to love and protect their homeland, inspiring further achievements and unity.

The honest, noble, and proud people of Tajikistan recognize that unity, peace, and stability in the country are the most sacred and precious values. They are the cornerstone of a free state and the guarantee of a dignified life for every citizen. Their preservation and strengthening are not only the future of Tajikistan but also the well-being of all humanity.

Under the wise leadership of the great national leader, Emomali Rahmon, may the sky over our native Tajikistan be clear and bright. May peace and unity, tranquility and mutual understanding, grace and blessing, as well as happiness and prosperity, reign eternal on our ancient land.

On this momentous day, I congratulate all of you, my dear compatriots, on the Day of National Unity. I wish you good health, prosperity, joy, and victories. May eternal peace accompany our independent Tajikistan.