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Provision of equipment and machinery to the State Institution “Locust Control Expedition”

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development ” in the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project on May 3 this year, with the participation of specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Committee on Investments and State Property Management and the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” held a ceremony of transfer of agricultural machinery and equipment to the State Institution “Locust Control Expedition”.

At the same time, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, to strengthen the material and technical base, fight against the spread of locust and destruction of locusts 6 tractors MTZ-82.1, 6 Toyota Hilux cars, 6 large tractor sprayers “AGROS” with the possibility of coupling with a tractor, 6 large sprayers with the possibility of mounting on vehicles, 300 units of small motorized sprayers, 300 units of small electric (battery) sprayers and 830 units of personal protective equipment for employees were allocated.

It is worth noting that the institution, as part of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, has also implemented this initiative in 2023.



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Analysis and development of the draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development ” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on May 2 this year held a training seminar in the hall of the hotel “Hilton” on “Analysis and development of the draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production”.

Scientists and specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and its sub-structures in the field of seed production, as well as representatives of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Shohtemur Agrarian University, Food and Agriculture Organization and other relevant structures, including representatives of the authorities participated and made presentations at this workshop.

The Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Seed Production

consists of 8 chapters and 36 articles. It establishes the legal basis for activities related to production, multiplication, processing, certification, sale of seeds, seedlings and plants, as well as organization, registration of varieties and their control.

The purpose of this event was for scientists and specialists in the field of seed production to analyze this law, express their opinions and propose recommendations for the continuous development of the seed production sector in the country, taking into account climate change and other pressing issues facing the sector today.

After collecting the opinions of scientists and specialists in the field, this law will be sent to the National Council of the Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Tajikistan for making additions and amendments.

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Working visit of the institution's specialists to seed farms in Khatlon region

Farmers in Khatlon region are effectively using this year's favorable weather and are carefully caring for each plot of agricultural land in an effort to get the desired harvest.

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project this week monitored the progress of field work, crop growth and the actual condition of farm seed warehouses, which are used to store seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides.

Today farmers (beneficiaries of the project) are working hard to achieve abundant harvest, timely carry out agro-technical measures on cotton and other crop fields.

At present, the fields of grain crops (elite group wheat of varieties "Timiryazovka-150", "Alikseich" and "Grom") are completely cleaned of weeds and are growing well after the completion of fertilization.

Cotton seed fields have already sprouted, and farm workers collectively carried out inter-row processing and cultivation.

In addition, during the field work, specialists discussed with the heads of farms of cities and regions the issues of compliance with social and environmental standards set by the project and the World Bank, in particular, working conditions of employees, agrotechnical requirements and proper storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in warehouses. As part of the work meeting, recommendations were developed for each farm on the proper storage and use of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides in their warehouses.



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Progress of field works in Khatlon region

On April 23, 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 works and the current state of storage of agricultural seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in the farms and seed farms of Khatlon region, which are the project beneficiaries.

Favorable spring weather in the region will allow farmers to cultivate cotton seeds of elite varieties “Lima”, “Lazer” and “Ramses” on the area of 2341 hectares in the coming days.

At present, the seedlings have already sprouted on most of the cotton fields. Farmers, observing agrotechnical requirements, are starting inter-row cultivation, while irrigating another part of the field. Last autumn farmers of Khatlon region (beneficiaries of the project) sowed 248 tons of high-quality wheat seeds of elite group “Timiryazovka-150”, “Alikseich” and “Grom” on the area of 1128 hectares. At present, after agro-

technical measures and fertilization, the plants are showing good growth.

At the same time, during the field work, social and environmental compliance specialists of the project held a working meeting with eight managers and farmers of reputable farms (commercial agricultural seed production cooperative "Kulyab" of Vakhsh district, cooperative production farm "Avesta", "Nufuzi Vakhsh", seed production farm "Ergash Sulton", seed production farm "Farrukh", seed production farm "Yusufbek", seed farm "Shokhzamonbobo" and seed farm "Abdurahmon"), cities and districts of Vakhsh, Dusti, Kubodiyon and Shahritus, and discussed working conditions of employees, observance of agro-technical works, correct way of storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers, pesticides in warehouses and their safe use, as well as provided useful advice on proper storage of product stocks.



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Monitoring of agriculture crops in Sughd Region

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project last week conducted monitoring of agricultural crops such as wheat, corn, potatoes and other plants in Sughd region.

Last autumn, farmers of the Sughd region (beneficiaries of the project) planted high-quality wheat seeds of the elite group of varieties “Timiryazovka -150”, “Alixich” and “Thunder” on an area of 720 hectares. Currently, after the completion of fertilizing, agrotechnical work on the field continues, and the growth of crops remains favorable.

In Sughd region, farmers have already started sowing seeds of high-quality varieties such as “Lima”, “Lazer” and “Ramses” provided by the project. They are determined to make effective use of the favorable spring weather and intend to increase the sown area to 800 hectares within the established timeframe.

At the same time, related specialists constantly carry out

explanatory work in the direction of compliance with social and environmental requirements of the project in particular: control over storage of mineral fertilizers, compliance with safe storage of fertilizers and pesticides, compliance with working conditions, labor monitoring, etc.



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Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on April 17 this year held a training seminar on the topic "Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme", within the framework of sub-component 3.2 of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project in the hall of the HILTON Hotel in Dushanbe.

24 specialists in the field of soil science and agrochemistry of the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian University of Tajikistan named after Shirinsho Shotemur, the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) participated in this seminar.

The participants of this seminar mastered modern methods of soil science and soil fertility management both in the laboratory and in the field. Their goal is to improve knowledge in this field of agriculture and transfer this knowledge to farmers in order to increase yields, improve the state of land reclamation and achieve the desired results.



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Training on digitalization of agriculture

On April 11-12 this year, within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security Committee, State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the Center for Digitalization of Agriculture, a training on digitalization of agriculture sector was held.

The training was held on the initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). This training was conducted for specialists of the agricultural sector to further improve knowledge and skills, to form strategic thinking within the framework of digitalization of the agricultural sector and to increase competitiveness in accordance with the requirements of the global market.



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Visit of the Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon to the Bobojon Gafurov district

On April 11, the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon visited the educational and practical zone “Palos” of the Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov, where construction of intensive garden of apricots, cherries and grapevines began.

Respected Leader of the nation Emomali Rahmon wished success to the workers of the Khujand State University named after academician Bobojon Gafurov in the process of planting grapevine seedlings in the educational and practical zone “Palos”.

Also, here, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon was presented with new and modern machinery and equipment provided by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”

and intended for processing garden and grape rows and agricultural crops. Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Daler Satori also took part in the event and presented the above-mentioned machinery and equipment.

Let us recall that, on behalf of the head of state, the institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" provided seed farms and vulnerable farms of all cities and districts of the Sughd region with various high-quality agricultural seeds, mineral fertilizers, as well as more than 920 agricultural machines and spare parts for them.

The exhibition featured mini tractors, as well as modern means for growing rice. The technical characteristics of industrial machines have been adapted to the needs of farmers.

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