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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.

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#### Gradual development of seed production

On the second day of the training seminar, which was held on 14.06.2024, all participants visited the experimental sites of

the Branch of the Institute of Horticulture, Viticulture and Vegetable Growing of Sughd region and the State subsidiary plant growing enterprise named after Gaybullo Masaidov Bobojon Gafurov district, and highly assesed the work of scientists and specialists in this field.

Then, scientists and industry experts showed the seminar participants the nuances of cultivation of field plantings at the planting sites to demonstrate the application of scientific approach in practice, as well as visited intensive gardens of apricots, peaches and 26 new collection species of apple trees. Intensive gardens of apricot, peach and apple trees were planted in 2015-2018 on an area of 11 hectares on the experimental territory of the Branch of the Institute of Horticulture and Viticulture.

More than 330,000 different species of fruit and decorative plants such as apricots, plums, cherries, apples, pears, peaches, grapes, junipers, etc. are grown in the state fruit nursery named after Gaibullo Masaidov, Bobojon Gafurov.

As a result of the seminar, a competition for the title "Best Gardener" was announced among the conference participants in three categories. The winners were awarded souvenirs from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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# Establishment of intensive gardens for the development of fruit nurseries using innovative technologies

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on June 13 this year held a scientific and training seminar in Sughd region on "Creation of intensive gardens using innovative technologies" under sub-component 1.1 of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

More than 35 representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, the Committee on Food Security, the Sh. Shokhtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", branches of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, the Institute of Horticulture and Vegetable Production of the TAAS of Sughd region and the State Unitary Enterprise "Tojikniholparvar" took an active part in this seminar.

First of all, the Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Oleg Guchgeldiev opened the scientific and training seminar, welcomed the participants and emphasized that the development of the agricultural sector is one of the priority goals of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. He noted that those responsible for its development are constantly making efforts to achieve this goal.

Then, the coordinator of the 1st component of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Safarov Sherali noted the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and emphasized that within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project in order to improve the material and technical base and development of seed production, a number of agricultural machinery was transferred to the State Unitary Enterprise "Tajikniholparvar", among which: 1 three-wheel tractor, 10 MTZ-82-1 tractors, 10 trailers, 23 ploughs, 13 mini tractors, 13 small trailers and 13 rotary tiller.

To date, the institution intends to work together with scientists and specialists of the sphere and by implementing this project to increase the number of high-yielding intensive seedlings adapted to changing climatic conditions and to create a sustainable basis for the establishment of intensive gardens in the country.

The scientific seminar discussed modern methods of increasing the number of seedlings, efficient land utilization, increasing the number of high-yielding seedlings adapted to climate change, and establishing gardens and vineyards on hills using modern irrigation methods. Scientists and industry experts gave informative reports and presentations on topics such as determining the real value of production in intensive and ex-intensive gardens, constant adherence to agronomic cultivation methods and protective measures.

Following the scientific conference, a question and answer session took place between scientists and experts in the field.

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### Progress of construction and repair works in Sughd region

On June 12 of the current year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" monitored repair works in the buildings of research institutions of the branch of the Institute of Crop Husbandry

of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan. Repair works were carried out in the buildings of the experimental station of Panjekent city and experimental station of Shakhriston district of Sughd region. These works are carried out at the expense of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

During the inspection, social specialists held explanatory talks with workers involved in the maintenance and repair of the base buildings. The main attention was paid to safety issues, compliance with construction norms, fulfillment of environmental and social standards of the World Bank, as well as qualitative and timely fulfillment of planned works.

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## Provision of modern agricultural machinery and equipment to vulnerable farms

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is always striving for the development of the agricultural sector, constantly supports farmers and takes active measures to provide the population with agricultural products.

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic the Tajikistan, State Institution "Aariculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project carried out the 4th stage of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment (50 units of mini tractors, 550 units of walk-behind tractors and small auxiliary equipment, 45 units of grain seeders, 50 units of small trailers, 50 units of double-body plows, 45 units of chisel cultivators, 45 units of milling cutters, 45 units of potato plows, 45 units of potato planters, 45 units of equipment for mounted sprayers and 45 units of mounted fertilizer spreaders) to vulnerable farms in Sughd and Khatlon regions, GBAO and RRS.

The objective of disseminating such modern machinery is to facilitate the work of farmers, improve access to production infrastructure, strengthen the material and technical base of farms, increase crop productivity and contribute to the development of the agricultural sector.

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#### Progress of approbation work in the fields

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project together with specialists of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Committee on Food Security are carrying out approbation work throughout the country.

High quality seeds of elite group, provided to farmers under the project, have many advantages over local seeds and are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

After using these seeds, farmers (beneficiaries) became convinced that quality seeds are the key to high yields. If the agronomic rules of cultivation are followed, crop yields increase significantly.

At present, specialists continue approbation of agricultural crops, especially grain (wheat), and determine their expected yields.

Analysis of approbation works shows that growth and yield of



# "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Mr. Daler Satori dedicated to the "Youth Day of Tajikistan"

When it comes to youth, the words of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon immediately come to mind: "Youth, as the successor of our highest goals, today with a strong will strive for the development and progress of our dear Tajikistan and have already reached unique achievements in many areas."

Our country is one of the youngest countries in the world in terms of population, the majority of our population is made up of young people (70% of the population is under 30 years of age), and they are a big driving force for the country's development.

The effective implementation of state youth policy has been the basis of the activities of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan since the first days of independence. Respected Head of State Emomali Rahmon has repeatedly said in his speeches: "We must provide all conditions for youth, who are the future of the nation, and educate them in the spirit of patriotism, self-awareness and national pride."

This is true because the future of the state and nation is in the hands of the youth. Young people represent the state and the nation. Young people are the future builders of society today and tomorrow; it is impossible to imagine a country without educated, conscious and talented youth.

Thanks to their knowledge, abilities and strengths, young people participate in various regional and international competitions and take pride of place and receive high awards, gain fame, increase the authority and influence of our beloved Motherland in the international arena.

The respected Leader of the Nation pays special attention to supporting young people and creating new jobs for them based

on the use of information and communication technologies and knowledge of foreign languages. He actively supports youth initiatives for the development of our dear Motherland and strives to create favorable working conditions for young professionals. The leader has full confidence in the potential and professional skills of young people.

Today, the youth of our country are actively involved in various spheres of society, including politics, economics, social work, culture, healthcare, industry and agriculture. She makes a significant contribution to the development and progress of our native Tajikistan.

On these joyful days, dear colleagues, let me sincerely congratulate all the youth of our dear country on Youth Day, which is celebrated on May 23. On your behalf, I wish everyone good health, prosperity, happiness and success, and eternal peace to our independent Tajikistan.