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Visit of a technical working group to salt production and processing enterprises in Khatlon region

It is a matter of pride that the economic and social spheres of the society as well as other internal spheres of the country have developed during the independence era.

One of the great achievements in the Republic is the activity of new modern small and large production and processing enterprises, which constantly create jobs for people and contribute to the improvement of the economic situation of the population.

Today in different regions of the country more than 17 plants on production and processing of salt by progressive method (16 units in Khatlon oblast and 1 unit in Sughd oblast) are effectively operating, providing the population of Tajikistan with iodised salt. Part of the produced salt is exported.

On 7 February this year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under sub-component 3.4 of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project together with the technical working group visited the salt production and processing enterprises "Aloka" LLC, "Namakdon" and JSC "Hojamumin" in Vose district of Khatlon region.

The purpose of the visit of the technical working group is to get acquainted with the activities of these enterprises and share the experience of advanced countries in the field of industry.

In connection with this issue, the visit of the technical working group started at the enterprise "Aloka" LLC. "Aloka" LLC. started its activity in 2003, the production volume of the plant is 1450-1500 tonnes per year. The enterprise employs 16 people permanently, sanitary conditions and product packaging are maintained at a proper level.

“Namakdon” LLC has been in operation since 2011 and the total production volume is 1750-1800 tonnes per year. The company employs 20 people permanently.

JSC “Khojamumin” is one of the largest salt mining and processing enterprises in the country, built to meet modern requirements and producing and processing from 30 to 32 tonnes of high-quality products per day.

It is worth noting that all salt extraction and processing enterprises in the Republic operate according to the standard norms of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the finished products are divided into groups with different quality. They also meet the requirements of international standards and are intended both for the population of the country and for export.

As a result, the members of the technical working group fully inspected the enterprises and were informed about the state of hygiene, production and processing of salt and their reserve stock. The members of the working group gave useful recommendations to the responsible persons for further improvement of hygiene and sanitary conditions and ensuring high quality of products in accordance with the requirements of today's world market.



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Work meeting with the World Bank and WFP on food security issues

On February 6 of this year, a working meeting was held at the World Bank (“Sozidaniye”) with the participation of management and representatives of the World Bank, State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the World Food Program (WFP) on issues of ensuring food security within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.



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Work meeting on soil diagnostics in the Institute of Soil Sciences and Agrochemistry of AAST

In the current year, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, held a workshop with participation of Kurbonov B. – Deputy Director/ Project Coordinator, Burkhvalisho Z. – Coordinator of the 3rd component, Shomahmadzoda M.K. – soil expert, Khodjaev S.I – Director of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, Khodjaev D.I – Head of Soil and Plant Laboratory of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, Samadov M – Procurement Manager and Mukhtorov M – Project Coordinator. – manager on purchases and Muradov I. – chief accountant. The meeting was held within the framework of the agreement for soil fertility determination in rural farms of the country, including 71 seed farms, which are the beneficiaries of the project.

Within the meeting the participants discussed the importance and necessity of soil diversity tests, determining the state

of soil fertility by modern scientific methods and their timely implementation by specialists in this field.

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Working visit of a technical group to the dairy plant JSC “Shiri Dushanbe”

On February 2 of this year, in the dairy plant JSC “Shiri Dushanbe” a technical working group met with representatives of LLC “Shiri Istaravshan”, LLC “Shiri Spitamen”, LLC “Shiri Zafarabod”, LLC “Nuri Safar”, LLC “Shiri Devashtich” and LLC “Shiri Saodat” of Khuroson region.

During the meeting, group members discussed the best practices of foreign countries, using the example of the Republic of the Philippines, in fortifying certain food products. It was explained how the enterprises of this state, in conditions of environmental and sanitary cleanliness, ensure the availability of raw materials, their procurement and processing, packaging and presentation of finished products to the population.

Then Nazarmoh Nazarbekova, head of the testing office of the dairy plant JSC “Shiri Dushanbe”, presented the audience with a documentary film that demonstrated ways to gain access to raw materials, their processing, enrichment and packaging.

She also highlighted that this plant started its activity in 1964 and during the period of independence, it has improved step by step according to the needs of the time.

For the health of the country’s residents and in accordance with the needs of society, more than 83 types of cheese products, as well as children’s, local and other types of dairy products have been prepared and put into production.

All finished products consist of minerals and trace elements, amino acids and other important vitamins for humans, and due to its ecological properties the shelf life of these products is up to 10 days.

At the end, the members of the working group got familiarized with the state of hygiene and sanitation of the product processing enterprises, as well as with the process of preparation of the products and gave them a high assessment.



Scheduled World Bank training at the Hilton Hotel

On January 24 of the current year in the Hilton Hotel under the guidance of World Bank specialists a Training on the topic “Increasing the professional capacity of employees in the field of model agreements” was held.

This training was conducted for all Project Implementation Unit (PIU) staff as well as Project Management Units (PMU), especially for procurement specialists. The training was also attended by technical experts, environmental and social specialists.

During the training Ms. Grace Nakuya – Senior Procurement Specialist of the World Bank and Ekaterina Odinaeva – Consultant of the Procurement Department of the World Bank, provided general information on contracts, model agreements, terms and conditions of their implementation, as well as explained the subtleties of preparing tender documentation for the procurement of goods and services.

The event was interesting, the participants asked questions, which were answered in detail by the relevant specialists.

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Providing vulnerable farms with quality seeds and mineral fertilizers

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 transferred to vulnerable farms 5270 tons of mineral fertilizers and a number of different quality, certified crop seeds such as wheat (550 tons), potato (1,050 tons), corn (100 tons), flax (58 tons), onion (8.4 tons), tomato (0.012 tons), cucumber (0.9 tons),

and peas (98.8 tons) in 2023.

The objective of transferring quality, climate-adapted seeds is to further increase agricultural production, improve crop yields, and enrich the domestic market to ensure the country's food security.

This year, in order to strengthen the material and technical base of vulnerable farms, the institution decided to provide these farms with 52 units of small tractors and 550 units of power tillers with appropriate equipment.



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Development of digitalization of agriculture

On January 15-16, 2024, a training workshop on “Use of agrometeorological data for disease and pest management modeling” was held at the Rumi Hotel in Dushanbe.

Training workshop within the framework of the project “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” for implementation of subcomponents 3.1 and 3.3. “Real-time monitoring of agricultural production, land use and agrometeorology”, which was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, specialists of the State Institution of Plant Protection and Agrochemicals and representatives of the Center for Development of Digitalization of Agriculture, was conducted by an international consultant on climate change and hydrometeorology.

The purpose of this seminar is to establish the activity of this sphere by modern methods.

During the workshop, representatives explained to participants the intricacies of the field and presented useful research studies in response to their questions.



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Improvement of agriculture monitoring

Under the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, an international consultant on climate change and hydrometeorology, Fadi Karim, was involved to implement sub-component 3.1 Real-time monitoring of agricultural production, land use and agrometeorology.

The purpose of hiring a consultant is to analyze the system of data exchange between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Meteorological Agency in case of installation of agrometeorological stations in the establishment of the system of accounting and monitoring of agricultural products.

At the same time, a training workshop was held on 11-12 January this year with specialists and staff of the Meteorological Agency and specialists of the Center for the Development of Digitalization of Agriculture on “Drought indicators in relation to the standard precipitation index”.

At the same time, the purpose of installing agrometeorological

stations and the cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture with this agency were discussed with the staff of the Meteorological Agency.

