#### High-quality seeds - a guarantee of high yield

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", in order to increase crop yields, ensure food security and develop seed production, within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, procured a number of high-quality certified seeds from abroad. These seeds were distributed to seed farms, dehkan households and vulnerable farms of the republic.

On April 4th of this year, in order to further improve the field of seed production, the institution provided 500 tons of high-quality potato seeds (varieties Evolution — 250 tons, Picasso — 100 tons, Arizona 150 tons) and 100 tons of cotton seeds (varieties Laser 30 tons, Pima 30 tons and Ramses 40 tons) imported from abroad. These seeds were distributed to 106 enterprises, including seed farms, private sector enterprises and scientific institutions in the field of agriculture.

All imported agricultural seeds belong to the elite group, are certified, high-yielding and suitable for the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

The purpose of distributing these agricultural seeds is to promote sustainable development of the seed industry.

Discussion on construction of agro-logistics centers and repair and construction works of the digitalization center

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Today, on April 2, 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan held a working meeting on accelerating the construction of agro-logistic centers and repair and construction works in the building of the SUE "Center for Digitalization and Professional Development of Human Resources in Agriculture".

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Hakimzoda Qurbon, Deputy Ministers Zevarshoi Zevarsho and Nigina Anvari, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Daler Sattori and other officials.

It is worth noting that within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" it is planned to build 3 agro-logistic centers in Dushanbe city, Sughd and Khatlon regions, and within the framework of additional financing — to construct 2 additional agro-logistic

centers in Kulyab district of Khatlon region and GBAO.

Land plots have already been allocated for construction of 3 agro-logistic centers. In the meantime, international and national contractors "Sofreko" and "Bars Consulting" have been identified and selected in accordance with the established procedure. According to the plan construction will start in July 2024 in Dushanbe city, Sughd and Khatlon regions.

At the meeting, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, respected Hakimzoda Qurbon, gave instructions and advice to officials on the implementation of the provisions of the Project, timeliness of repair and construction works, allocation of financial resources and other issues.

#### Progress of field works in Sughd region

This year, farmers in Sughd province, who are beneficiaries of the project, express their gratitude for the support provided by the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and make efforts to achieve high yields through the use of quality seeds.

Dehkan farms of the region successfully took advantage of favorable weather in the last autumn season. Promptly purchased from the institution high-quality seeds of elite group wheat varieties such as "Alikseich", "Temiryazevka-150" and "Grom" were planted on a plot with a total area of 720 hectares.

This year, thanks to favorable spring weather, the growth of all cultivated crops, especially cereals such as wheat, is going well. At the same time, agrotechnical works are already underway in the fields.

Farmers completed the first fertilization of grain fields and began protective work to prevent fungal diseases and control pests.

Currently, some of the farmers are clearing the wheat fields from weeds with the help of various herbicides and the other part is engaged in digging ditches.

During the monitoring it was noticed that the growth condition of grain crops, especially wheat, on seed farms is very favorable, which leads to abundant harvest.

At the meeting, experts presented useful science-based recommendations to farmers on further increasing crop yields and efficient utilization of each plot of land.

#### Quality seeds — guarantee of high yields

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project for the development of the sector, successfully cooperates with dekhkan and seed farms, as well as with other agricultural organizations and institutions.

Farmers in Khatlon province, who are beneficiaries of the project, received from the institution three types of elite group wheat seeds of varieties "Grom", "Alikseich" and "Temiryazevka-150" among other high-quality crop seeds. Last fall farmers planted these seeds on an area exceeding 1,128 hectares.

Thanks to spring rains, the sown seeds are actively germinating, and some farmers have been clearing the wheat fields of weeds.

Farmers have been applying the first top dressing (mineral phosphorus fertilizer) to the sown area, mostly before or

during sowing, at a rate of 150-170 kg/ha.

Currently, farmers are applying the second top dressing, which is 200-220 kg of nitrogen fertilizer per hectare.

During the monitoring it was noted that the condition of wheat germination in seed farms looks very favorable. Farmers were recommended to provide sowing areas with irrigation water in due time and apply herbicides "Grand Stop" and "Topik" for more effective destruction of weeds.

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Emomali Rahmon

## Navruz celebration in the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"

In honor of the national holiday "Nowruz" on March 20, 2024, a gala event was held with the participation of all employees at the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development".

Daler Satori, director of the institution, opened the solemn meeting and wished the colleagues health, happiness and great achievements in their work in honor of "Navruz".

He also noted: "Navruz is considered one of the most ancient and beautiful holidays, which brings renewal to both nature and people. It unites people's hearts and inspires them to create, to do good deeds, to be kind, and also carries cultural heritage that spreads knowledge and, more importantly, promotes unity and integration.

It is also a matter of great pride that on the initiative of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, the ancient holiday Nowruz has gained a new life and global status, presented our national history and values to the world civilization.

Navruz is a holiday that fills the hearts with inspiration, creation and creativity. It has been bestowed upon all people as a bright page of our happiness and recognized as a world holiday of unity and solidarity of mankind.

May Navruz with its unique traditions, rich customs, and abundance of happiness bring prosperity and safeguard you from suffering. May this holiday be remembered by the entire world community as an example of the great wisdom of our ancestors and the most beautiful among all holidays."

Afterwards, several staff members delivered speeches on "Nowruz and its constructive contribution in the context of globalization".

During the celebration, the director of the institution awarded some colleagues with certificates of appreciation.

At the end of the event, a documentary film was presented which was a reflection of the globally recognized Navruz holiday.

Congratulations of the Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" esteemed Daler Satori on the occasion of Navruz!

With sincere hopes and best wishes, I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, on the coming of the great holiday Navruz. I wish you joy and happiness, pride and great achievements in your work during these bright spring days.

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Navruz is considered one of the oldest and most beautiful holidays, which brings fresh energy to both nature and people. It promotes the unity of hearts and inspires creativity, the accomplishment of good deeds, kindness, and carries a cultural mission, spreading knowledge, and, most importantly,

contributing to unity and integration.

Another virtue of Navruz is the unity of people and happiness. From this perspective, I also wish you that Navruz, with its bright light, guides you every year along the path of peaceful life, stability, and prosperity of our beloved Homeland in an atmosphere of well-being and mutual understanding.

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Once again, I congratulate you on the arrival of Navruz! I wish your faces always adorned with smiles, and your hearts remain pure and bright, like the sun of this beautiful holiday. May your mood always be filled with joy, and your table — abound with elegance and wealth.

May happiness, joy, success, and peaceful skies accompany you in all your endeavors.

April 5, 2024

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First, representatives of the institution's management opened the meeting by addressing the participants with the following words: "With infinite sincerity and respect, I congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, especially ladies and dear mothers, on the upcoming Mother's Day, which is the embodiment of love, spring, beauty and prosperity.

Women and mothers are always the bright light of the family, an inexhaustible source of love and beauty, a manifestation of purity, and a true example of kindness and grace.

The essence of Mother's Day is love and sincerity, loyalty and immense respect for a woman — Mother.

At the beginning of spring and on the eve of Nowruz, the arrival of Mother's Day in our beloved Tajikistan is a very important symbol.

On this happy day, dear ladies, I congratulate you and all honorable women and mothers of the country on Mother's Day and wish you good health, long life, happiness and a sea of smiles.

May the beautiful Mother's Day, which is the harbinger of a prosperous spring, give you strength and fresh energy, bring light and purity, grace and generosity, unity and peace, happiness, good luck and daily blessings to your family."

Then specialists of the institution Safarov Sherali, Zaripov Ozar, Musamirov Makhmadsodik, Shomahmadzoda Muzaffar, Sinoi Tursunzade and Urokov Yokubjon spoke on the topic "Status of women in society"

After the performance of the employees, the audience was presented with a documentary movie about the importance of the role of women and mothers in society.

At the end, the management representatives once again congratulated and presented gifts to the women colleagues.

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