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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.



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**Communication of the Institution with public**

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project has established a grievance redress mechanism at local and regional level to ensure transparency of project activities and to establish good relations with beneficiaries.

It is worth mentioning that in order to ensure transparency of

the project activities and communication with beneficiaries and people affected by the project, this year, boxes for collecting complaints and suggestions were installed in 46 cities and districts of the republic.

The installed boxes are checked and within 15 days, the received complaints and requests are reviewed by local and regional commissions specially organized within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project. The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" then sends written answers to the submitted complaints and suggestions.

Last week, specialists of the social affairs department of the Institution together with the NGO "Umedbakhsh" and the project coordinator conducted a commission opening of the boxes in the subordinate Cities and Districts of the republican subordination, as a result of which proposals of citizens (beneficiaries) were received, to which the Institution will provide detailed answers.



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**Technical Council of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan**

On January 3 of the current year, a meeting of the Technical Council of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan was held in the hall of the Ministry. The work of the Council was attended by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, a representative of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, the President of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, a representative of the Agrarian University of Tajikistan. Sh. Shohtemur, management and responsible specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", heads of infrastructure of the Ministry of Agriculture. First Deputy Minister Nigina Anvari welcomed the participants of the meeting and gave the floor to the Deputy Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Kurbonov Boymurod to present a detailed report. Then Kurbonov Boymurod provided the attendees with detailed information on the project implementation progress and works carried out last year. After the discussion

of the report, the attendees asked questions to which the relevant specialists of AED PMU gave detailed answers. These questions were related to procurement of quality seeds, agricultural equipment, repair and planned construction of sites.

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***Congratulations of the director of the State Institution  
"Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development"***

*From the bottom of my heart and with great joy I congratulate all my colleagues and the people of our beloved homeland on the advent of the New Year 2024.*

*In the past year, Tajikistan under the wise leadership of the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, expanded construction works within the framework of preparation for the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the state independence of the Republic of Tajikistan, as well as achieved great success in the economic and social sector, which contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of the population.*

*Also, the improvement and landscaping, increase in agricultural production, construction and commissioning of hundreds of industrial and social facilities, including hydroelectric power plants, residential houses, buildings of institutions and organizations, have brought the realization of Tajikistan's strategic goals even closer.*

*Holding of regional and international high-level events in the capital of our dear Motherland – Dushanbe, participation and speeches of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, honorable Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon at conferences inside and outside Tajikistan, and other important international events have raised the prestige of our state in the international arena.*

*I am convinced that the noble Tajik people, in the context of preparations for the 35th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan and under the leadership of the respected Leader of the Nation and the Government of the*

*Republic of Tajikistan, will achieve the desired results in the coming years.*

*May the New Year 2024 become a year of success and new achievements, realization of all good hopes, development and progress for all our citizens. To each of you, dear colleagues, I wish fruitful work, good luck in life, realization of boundless dreams, prosperity and achievement of strategic goals for our dear Motherland.*

*May you always be healthy and happy, prosperous and patient, successful and determined.*

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**JOINT VIEWING OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT THE STATE INSTITUTION "AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT"**

The President's address to the Parliament is an important document that summarizes the activities of all structures of the country's civil society for the coming years and is a guide for each of us to achieve a more dignified and prosperous life.

Today, December 28, employees of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" all together watched the address of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon to the Parliament (Majlisi Oli), which was broadcast live on all TV and radio channels.

It is worth noting that the annual address of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan defines the main directions of domestic and foreign policy of the country for the next period, as well as measures to effectively promote foreign policy and ensure progress in the spheres of economy and society. Specific tasks were set for institutions in the

spheres of industry, energy, roads and transport, security and defense, agricultural development, science and education, immigration, social protection, youth, sports and tourism and other institutions.

During his speech, the President of the country highlighted that we should be grateful for our independence and freedom, our sovereign and dear Motherland, we should love it passionately, remain faithful to our independent state, make every effort for its development, progress and strengthening, and also strive for further increasing the prestige of our native Tajikistan in the international arena.

In this year's address, the Head of state analyzed all spheres of society and expressed his views on the development of various spheres of the country, especially science and education. The outgoing year will go down in the history of the Republic of Tajikistan as another successful year of achievements and progress of our people.

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" having listened attentively to the next message of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon to the Parliament of the country, will direct all forces and opportunities for prosperity and development of independent Tajikistan.



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**Second stage of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment**

December 22 this year in CJSC "Agrotekhservice" of Hisor city with the participation of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan Hakimzod Kurbon, Mayor of Gissar city Kosim Rohbar, representative of the World Bank Hazem Ibrahim Hambal, Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Daler Satori, Director of "Tojikagroleasing" Akramzoda Yusuf, sub-structures of the Ministry of Agriculture, heads of farms and other officials a meeting on the second stage of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment was held.

It should be noted that on the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and with the financial support of the World Bank, the State institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project implemented the second stage of distribution of small and large machinery and agricultural equipment of various types to

seed farms, seedling production farms and infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture.

First, the Minister of Agriculture Hakimzoda Kurbon made a speech and noted that ensuring food security of the country's population largely depends on the development of the agricultural sector, which, among other things, is financed within the framework of sectoral programs and investment projects, and to which direct attention is paid by the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

It should be noted that one of the most reliable partners of our country is the World Bank, which, with grant funding, contributes to a premature response to slowly developing risks in the agricultural sector of Tajikistan and ensuring of food security within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project. Using opportunity, we express our gratitude to the World Bank from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and are firmly convinced that in the coming years, cooperation and support in the development of the sector will further expand.

In the framework of the Project implementation, the main beneficiaries are farmers, small and large farms, agribusinesses and exporters. They are mainly provided with quality seeds, seedlings and other planting materials. They will also benefit from the services of Agrological Centers, soil analysis, locust control and agrometeorological information.

It should be noted that under the first component of the project, aimed at developing a sustainable seed production system in accordance with international standards, improving the activities of state bodies in the field of seed production, strengthening the material and technical base of seeds and planting materials, special attention was paid to the infrastructure of the Ministry of Agriculture.

It should be noted that at the first stage a number of agricultural machinery was supplied to seed farms, including 20 units of three-furrow plow, 15 units of inter-row rotary cultivator, 13 units of pneumatic planter, 13 units of grain seeder, 4 units of seed and grain cleaning machine, 15 units of potato planter, 15 units of potato harvester, 2 units of land leveler, 4 units of cotton cleaning machine and 4 units of cotton waste press.

At the second stage of distribution, seed farms were provided with 20 tractors, 4 columns, 7 trailers. At the same time, SI "State Commission for Crop Type Testing and Variety Protection" received 9 tractors, SI "Plant Protection and Chemicalization" received 14 tractors and SUE "Tojikniholparvar" received 11 units of large tractors, 13 units of small tractors and 23 units of agricultural machinery and equipment.

At the same time, it is important to note that within the framework of the project Improving the sustainability of agriculture for sowing in 2023 in order to increase the yield of grain crops and on this basis increase its production, 280 tons of elite group wheat seeds were imported as state support, as well as 382 tons of mineral fertilizers were provided to 115 seed farms.

At the expense of available seeds and grown crop, 4468 tons of first reproduction wheat seeds have been accumulated, which is enough for sowing on the area of 20.3 thousand hectares and in future it will be possible to produce more certified seeds.

At the same time, for autumn sowing in 2023, the project procured and delivered to the farms seed wheat of elite group of varieties "Grom" in the amount of 150 tons, "Alekseyich" in the amount of 200 tons, "Timiryazevka 150" in the amount of 150 tons and mineral fertilizers in the amount of 1250 tons.

It should also be noted that under the additional financing of

the project it is envisaged to complete a number of activities aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- I. Procurement of crop seeds for vulnerable farms;
- II. Procurement of agricultural machinery for the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Tajik Agrarian University named after G. Shahtemur, organizations subordinated to the Ministry of Agriculture, medium and large dehkan farms, as well as farms headed by women, organizations and technical service centers in cities and districts of the republic;
- III. Additional construction for agrological centers;
- IV. Development of digitalization of agriculture;
- V. Implementation of irrigation measures, treatment of wastewater systems, establishment of spool irrigation for research institutes of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Sh. Shahtemur Agrarian University of Tajikistan, as well as subdivisions of the Ministry of Agriculture;
- VI. Construction of innovative greenhouses for reproduction of seeds, seedlings and planting material for seed farms, research institutes of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, Sh. Shahtemur Tajik Agrarian University. These activities make it possible to produce fresh agricultural products in the fall and winter period.

After the significant speech of the Minister of Agriculture, the representative of the World Bank Hazem Ibrahim Hambal, Chairman of Hisor city Kosim Rohbar and heads of farms expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in the development of agriculture.

At the end of the event, the keys to the machines and tractors were ceremonially handed over to the project beneficiaries by the Minister of Agriculture and other officials.

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## **Finalization of the study tour in the Republic of the Philippines**

Before the end of the working visit, on December 14 this year, according to the program, the members of the working group visited the Department of Social Welfare and Development and had a working meeting with the head of the department, Mrs. Irish Flor.

During the meeting on the effective operations of the department, Ms. Irish Flor gave a presentation to the audience on monitoring and planning activities related to food packaging such as rice and canned foods, processing and supplying products to vulnerable people affected by natural disasters including tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters.

During the conversation, the head of the office said that almost every year, more than 1.2 million vulnerable households are provided with 10 to 13 types of products, including rice

and other food items that are available and packaged in front of the company.

In addition to permanent employees, the department recruits' volunteers and supports them on an ongoing basis.

Also, during the day, the working group delegation visited the Philippine Ministry of Education and met with the Deputy Minister. During the meeting, he gave information about the support of the Ministry of Education in terms of assistance with fortified foods. He also stated that assistance will be provided to students up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. During the conversation, ideas and opinions related to the issue were discussed.

Then the delegation of the working group visited the office of the World Food Program (WFP) and expressed its opinion on the results of the study tour. During the conversation, the head of WFP noted that this organization is ready to help implement its experience in the Republic of Tajikistan. At the end of the meeting, the head of WFP presented certificates to the members of the working group. Thus, the study tour was completed.

