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## **Examination of the Republic of the Philippines experience on the importance of food fortification**

Delegation of the working group of the Republic of Tajikistan on December 11 of the current year held a working meeting with the head of the World Food Program (WFP) office in the Republic of the Philippines in order to study the experience of the Republic of the Philippines on the importance of food fortification.

During the meeting there was an exchange of views on the importance of food fortification, preparation of normative and technical documents of the technological process, taking control samples, observing the quality of fortified products and other methods.

Then, the officials of the representative office presented information on the existence of legal regulations in force in this direction, as well as the responsible structures, including the National Food Administration of the Agricultural Department and Food and Nutrition Research Institute, implementing policies for the realization of the fortification process.

After finalizing the reports of the above-mentioned bodies, the exchange of experience of this country was discussed by the ministries and departments. It was found that in order to realize the process of fortification on selection of products, prevention of diseases related to micronutrient deficiency (minerals and vitamins), monitoring on identification of the group of diseases is carried out by Food and Nutrition Research Institute.

Its director stated that the fortification process could prevent diseases related to micronutrient deficiencies. According to research conducted by the Center, and in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of the

Philippines, the following products are mandatorily fortified: rice, oil, salt and sugar.

This institute is responsible for implementing the product enrichment process in manufacturing plants through preventive and educational activities.

Following the results of the working meeting, the working group presented memorable gifts to the heads of these structures for the development of further cooperation.



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**Meeting on project implementation result analysis**

Within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, on November 29 of this year in the spacious hall of the World Bank (“Sozidaniye”), with the participation of the leadership of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” a working meeting was held to discuss results achieved during the project implementation.

At the meeting, the activities of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” were analyzed and reviewed, and at the same time, the meeting participants recognized the timely completion of assigned tasks and project activities as satisfactory.

Also, for the successful and effective implementation of this project, useful recommendations were given by the officials.



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### **High-quality seeds are a factor of high yield**

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, this year the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project imported a number of high-quality seeds with certificates from abroad and transferred them to seed and vulnerable farms to ensure food security and seed development.

Imported seeds of agricultural crops belong to the elite group and are adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan.

It is worth noting that in 2023, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project imported 1,180 tons of agricultural seeds into the republic, including 150 tons of cotton seeds, 530 tons of potatoes and 500 tons of wheat, which were distributed to seed farms.

Also, using additional funds from the institution, 8 types of

elite group and first reproduction crop seeds were purchased and distributed to needy farms, such as 550 tons of wheat, 1050 tons of potatoes, 100 tons of corn, 58 tons of oil flax, 8.4 tons of onions, tomatoes 0.012 tons, cucumbers 0.9 tons and peas 96.8 tons, as well as mineral fertilizers in the amount of 5270 tons, of which 2108 tons of nitrogen, 2108 tons of phosphorus and 1054 tons of potash fertilizers.

Currently, according to the plan, the distribution of potatoes, peas and oilseeds will be completed in the coming days.

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## **Development of a “Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan”**

On November 24-25 of this year, the second meeting of the technical working group for the development of the “Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan” was held in the lobby of the Greenwood House Sanatorium.

The technical working group mobilizes representatives of a number of relevant ministries and agencies, and the republic develops a unified plan that takes into account global issues, important environmental problems and various factors of the modern world.

This plan covers problem-solving in important areas and will continuously serve to address crisis risks in the coming years.

Recognizing the country’s Food Security Crisis Preparedness Plan, it proposes timely joint action by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, humanitarian organizations and development partners to prevent and mitigate the crisis.



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**Congratulations from the director of the SI “Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture” in honor of the National Flag Day of the Republic of Tajikistan**

I sincerely congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, on the Day of the National Flag of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The national flag of Tajikistan, along with national symbols and anthem, is one of the main shrines and symbols of state sovereignty, state independence, friendship and brotherhood of the dear people of Tajikistan and is considered the best means of educating the younger generation in the spirit of national pride and protection of the highest historical and cultural values of the glorious Tajik nation.

Our national flag has a colorful thousand-year history, and Tajiks, as the proud heirs of the great Aryans, are in fact one of the first flag bearers of the planet.

The national flag is a bright light in a clear sky, it is a sacred source of our pride and a beautiful, unique sign, famous throughout the world for its attractiveness and charm.

The state flag of independent Tajikistan, within the framework of the policy of the state and the Government of Tajikistan under the leadership of the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Honorable Emomali Rahmon, representing the people of Tajikistan in the international arena, became a sign of the independence of the state, was presented along with the official flags of the countries peace in the UN building and other international and regional organizations and institutions, thereby confirming the independent spirit of Tajikistan.

In these happy moments, I congratulate all of you and the entire people of the country on the Day of the National Flag of the Republic of Tajikistan and wish you good luck, aspirations, as well as further success in your future activities.

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**Meeting of the World Bank mission to assess the progress of the project**

On November 22 of this year, within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, the World Bank Mission team held a working meeting with employees of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”.

At the meeting, the achievements and progress of work carried out by the institution’s specialists within the framework of the project were discussed, and specific tasks were set for the timely fulfillment of obligations. Having analyzed and reviewed the implementation of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, World Bank Mission expressed gratitude to the management, specialists of the institution



and work partners for the effective and timely implementation of the project's activities.

At the same time, a specific work plan was developed until the next World Bank mission and exact tasks and goals were set for its implementation.



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**Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme**

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", together with the Food Agriculture Organization FAO, within the framework of Subcomponent 3.2 of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project organized a five-day (from 14 to 18.11.23.) scientific and practical workshop on the implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme, and summed up the final results.

This seminar was attended by specialists in the field of soil science, attracted from 24 farms of the republic and the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of AAST, during which the intricacies of soil science and soil fertility management using modern methods in the field were studied.

From December 5 of this year, the participants of this seminar will use their experience to improve the reclamation state of the republic's soils, increase agricultural productivity and obtain the desired yield in subsequent activities, as well as provide useful scientific recommendations to farmers in various parts of the country.



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**Familiarization of the World Bank mission with the progress of scientific and project works of agro-logistics centers**

On November 17 of the current year within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project the delegation of the World Bank mission together with representatives of the state institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" held a working meeting with representatives of the International Consulting Company "Sofreko" in France and local consulting company "Bars Consulting".

During the discussion, the implementation of scientific and design works of agrologistic centers in Khatlon and Sughd regions and Dushanbe city was analyzed and reviewed, and specific tasks on timely fulfillment of obligations were set. Environmental, social and market sectors were also discussed during the review.

