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Repair work at the project sites continues apace

25.10.2023 specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" reviewed the process of construction and repair works carried out in scientific institutions of the agricultural sector within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

During the meeting with the employees of the contracting companies and their designers, explanatory work was carried out on the issues of safety, compliance with the norms of construction requirements of the projects, fulfillment of the requirements of environmental and social standards of the World Bank, as well as timely and qualitative fulfillment of the planned works.



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QUALITY SEEDS IS A GUARANTEE OF FERTILITY

As in the previous year, State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project for the development of seed production sector started distribution of mineral fertilizers (Urea, ammonium nitrate, Superphosphate) and seeds of 3 types of high quality wheat of elite group (Temiryazevka-150, Alekseich and Grom) for seed farms of cities and Districts of republican subordination, GBAO, Sogd and Khatlon regions.

Farmers were motivated by the continuous support of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and started the fall sowing of grain crops in a timely manner. At present, in some parts of the Republic, wheat seeds are completely out of the ground and growing well. In other parts of the country, autumn wheat planting continues at a high pace, with farmers trying to make the most of the favorable autumn weather and complete planting in the coming days.

High quality elite group wheat is certified and adapted to weather and climatic conditions of Tajikistan.



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Farmers are satisfied with the received seeds of the strengthening resilience of the agriculture sector project

This year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project provided seed farms of cities and districts of Sughd region with three types of high-quality seeds of the elite group Lodos, Perla-S and Arya with the addition of mineral fertilizers.

Farmers highly appreciated this support of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and this year began sowing cotton on an area of 1080 hectares (Lodos 876 hectares, Perla-With 72 hectares and Arya-132 hectares).

The obtained varieties have proven themselves and meet agrotechnical requirements of cultivation, are high-yielding and adapted to climatic conditions and changes. These

varieties have many advantages over local varieties, with yields ranging from 21 to 35 c/ha.

Today, farmers carry out the first cotton harvest, from statistical data it turns out that the yield corresponding to the varieties: Lodos-21-35 S/ha, Perla-S is from 21 to 28 S/ha, and Arya-from 20 to 26 s/ha.

Currently, cotton harvesting continues. Farmers intend to effectively use the favorable autumn weather for harvesting without losses.



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Implementation of planned activities under the 3rd component of the project

On October 16 of the current year specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the 3rd component of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project reviewed reconstruction work of infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, including the State Unitary Enterprise "Center for Digital Development and Advanced Training of Agricultural Sector" and the State Institution of "Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture".

Specialists of the institution held meetings and discussions with the management of construction companies engaged in repair of buildings of the mentioned institutions on timely and qualitative completion of construction works of the facilities. At the same time, the machines for treatment against crop pests, which were procured on the initiative of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", are prepared for distribution to the infrastructure institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially to institutions in the field of plant protection.



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Monitoring the progress of repair work at project sites

Engineers and specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” got acquainted with the progress of repair work in the premises of educational and scientific institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, repaired by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

During the inspection, engineers and specialists together with the workers involved in the repair works provided useful recommendations on safety conditions, compliance with the norms of construction requirements of the projects, fulfillment of the requirements of environmental and social standards of the World Bank, as well as qualitative and timely completion of the planned works.



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SUPPORT FOR FARMERS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE

Development of the sphere of agriculture is one of the priority directions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan which provides the population with food, industry, raw materials and improvement of the economic situation of the population. With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project to improve the material and technical base of seed farms of the Republic a number of agricultural machinery was procured such as: 20 units of plow, 15 units of cultivator, 13 units of Pneumatic Precision Planter, 13 units of Grain seeder, 4 units of Cotton seed and grain cleaner machine, 15 units of potato planters, 15 units of potato harvester, 2 units of Laser Land Leveler, 4 units of Cotton gin machine, 4 units of Cotton Waste Press. On October 10 of the current year this equipment was handed over to farms.

Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan

respected Hakimzoda Kurbon, Director of the World Bank Office in the Republic of Tajikistan Ozan Sevimli, Head of the World Bank Project Working Group Hazem Ibrahim Hammal, Deputy Director of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" Kurbonov Boymurod and representatives of other relevant organizations and institutions took part in the ceremony of handing over agricultural machinery.

During his speech, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Hakimzoda Kurbon told about the constant support of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon on the development of the sphere and logistical support of farms, and also gave useful advice for the timely implementation of instructions and assignments of the Honorable Leader of the Nation on the efficient use of water and land, increasing crop yields, growing crops with the use of modern technologies.

Mr. Ozan Sevimli, Director of the World Bank Office in the Republic of Tajikistan, expressed gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the country for the support provided to the sector.

It should be noted that agricultural machinery was procured by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project, and was transferred to seed farms in the form of 70% grant funds and 30% payment funds by leasing. These 30% funds are interest free and will be repaid from farm income in three years.

During the transfer of agricultural machinery, it was emphasized that in the next stage, agricultural equipment will also be transferred to these farms in order to further improve their material and technical base.

Farmers also expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" for their constant support and care, and in response to this support expressed their interest in promoting the development of the sector to ensure food security of the country.

In order to increase yields in 2023 the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project on the basis of mutual agreement procured and transferred to seed farms 280 tons of seeds of wheat of elite group of "Grom" (100 tons), "Alekseich" (120 tons) and "Bezostaya 100" (60 tons) plus 381.8 tons of mineral fertilizers, 150 tons of elite group seeds of "Lodos" (105 tons), "Perla" (50 tons), Aria (10 tons), elite group seed potatoes of varieties "Gala" (400 tons), "Krone" (130 tons) plus 3507.4 tons of mineral fertilizers in 2022. As a result there has been a good harvesting this year.

It should be noted that 150 tons of elite group wheat seeds, 200 tons of "Alekseich", 150 tons of "Timiryazevka 150", as well as 1250 tons of mineral fertilizers were procured for sowing in 2024 for the beneficiaries under the project.

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Soil fertility management

In order to support the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) completed a business trip to the city of Bokhtar, Khatlon region, on October 6 this year.

During the visit, the delegation got familiarized with the actual state of the soil analysis laboratory and met with specialists and employees of the Experimental Soil Reclamation Station of Vakhsh under the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of TAAS.

Support for this station is provided to implement the objectives of the project to improve the management of soil fertility and precision agriculture. The implementation of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

will contribute to the development of soil science and agrochemistry.



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**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTION IN HONOR OF
THE STATE LANGUAGE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

***The Tajik nation is proud of its culture and centuries-old
civilization, and accordingly all cultural values have been***

preserved and are recognizable through language.

Emomali Rahmon

The celebration of Language Day is one of the blessed phenomena of the state independence of Tajikistan, which, like our other ancient national traditions, is solemnly celebrated every year.

State independence not only contributed to the preservation of the originality of the Tajik language, but also created the necessary conditions for the development, improvement, expansion and enhancement of its status. In particular, the merits and efforts of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country, the Honorable Emomali Rahmon in maintaining the purity and integrity of the state language are unrivaled.

Today there are 7,100 different languages in the world, and only 100 have been given official status.

Although Tajik language is ranked 23rd among 7100 different languages of the world, its importance, value and status are increasing day by day.

Therefore, each of us needs to protect this national shrine, which is the expression of our destiny, the source of pride and honor, the basis of eternal unity of our people, the proud guardian of the treasures and riches of our culture – our native language, the language of the civilized and ancient people of Tajikistan.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to sincerely congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, as well as all noble people of our country on the State Language Day. I wish you health and pride, productive work, happiness in life and unique achievements.

Sincerely,

Director Satori D. A.