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## **MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF FIELD WORKS IN SUGHD REGION**

On May 21 this year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" familiarized themselves with seasonal works of farmers (project beneficiaries) in Sughd region.

Field works in the region towns and districts continue with enthusiasm: farmers are collectively engaged in inter-row cultivation of cotton, loosening and weeding of various crops, irrigation and fertilizer application, as well as harvesting of potatoes.

It should be noted that 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 a number of seed-growing, farming and other farms with more than 8 varieties of high-quality certified seeds, zoned to climatic conditions, such as wheat, potatoes, cotton, onions, peas, corn, flax and beets.

Farmers (project beneficiaries) were able to sow these crops on time and ensure good growth by following proper agronomic practices.

It should be noted that potato harvesting has started in B. Gafurov district and the harvest is very high. At present, all crops are growing well in the field, inter-row cultivation, fertilization, irrigation and protective measures (pest control) continue.

Farmers are determined to harvest a good crop this year, as they did last year, to supply markets inside and outside the country and get good income by selling the agricultural products.

In the atmosphere of peace and stability, the honest work of every farmer with good intentions to ensure food security of the country is a source of pride, honor and praise.



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**SEMINAR BY THE “SOIL DOCTOR” PROGRAM**

With the support of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the Republic of Tajikistan (FAO), theoretical and practical training seminars by the program “Soil Doctor” have been held since April 28 this year.

The purpose of such training seminars is to train soil specialists to test the composition of soil elements using modern technologies and to implement the necessary measures to restore microelements in the soil, thereby increasing the yield of agricultural crops.

The training seminar "Soil Doctor" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" is planned to be periodically held throughout the country for soil specialists, and currently this event is being held in Vahdat town.

During the training workshop, reports on the above issues were presented by a series of presentations covering a wide range of topics important for soil testing and integrated soil protection.

The next seminar is held for two days (May 20 and 21), and in the section of field soil testing, specialists in this field, according to the plan, determined various elements of soil and the actual state of its composition with the use of modern equipment.

This event is intended for specialists in soil science and agriculture to improve their knowledge and skills in the field of soil science and the use of modern technologies in practice.

At the end of the seminar, an interesting discussion on soil science was held, during which the participants received comprehensive answers to their questions.



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## **PROGRESS OF FIELD WORK IN KHATLON REGION**

This week, the specialists from the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” familiarized themselves with the progress of the seasonal work by the farmers (project beneficiaries) in Khatlon oblast.

In the oblast towns and districts, fieldwork continues enthusiastically: farmers are collectively engaged in harvesting onions, inter-row cultivation of cotton, loosening and weeding various crops, as well as watering and fertilizing.

It should be noted that this year as well, 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 a number of seed-growing, vulnerable and farming enterprises, production cooperatives and other farms with more than 8 types of high-quality certified climate-zoned seeds, such as wheat, potatoes,

cotton, onions, peas, corn, flax and beets.

The farmers (project beneficiaries) were able to organize sowing of these crops in a timely manner and ensure their good growth by following proper agronomic standards.

Currently, good growth of all crops is observed in the fields, inter-row cultivation, fertilizing, watering and protective measures (pest control) are ongoing. Some farmers have already started harvesting vegetables, legumes and fruits, preparing to supply them to the domestic market and for export.



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**ONION HARVESTING IN THE KHATLON OBLAST BOKHTAR REGION**

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" annually provides quality certified seeds, both locally produced and from abroad, to vulnerable farms and seed growers in the country to increase crop yields, develop seed production and ensure food supply to the country.

This year, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development " within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project " provided quality onion seeds of Hazar, Seyhan and Albeni varieties from Turkey, which, according to the Republic of Tajikistan Ministry of Agriculture plan, were provided to 12809 vulnerable farms of the country.

The imported seeds are certified, zoned to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan and high-yielding.

Farmers of the country (project beneficiaries) effectively used autumn season favorable weather conditions and sowed onions in due time.

It should be noted that the institution provided 4,416 kg of quality onion seeds of Hazar and Seyhan varieties to 736 vulnerable farms in the towns and districts of Khatlon region under the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project".

Compliance with agrotechnical norms allowed the farmers in the region (project beneficiaries) to obtain high onion yields and start harvesting.

At present, onion harvesting in Panj, Jaihun, N. Khusrav, Shartuz, Kabadiyan and Dusti districts continues, and farmers provide the crop for the domestic market and leave some for export as well.

The farmers expressed their gratitude to the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”.



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**Meetings in the framework of the Mechanism for Complaints and Proposals Consideration at the regional level with the project beneficiaries**

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship

Development” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” has established a mechanism for complaints and proposals consideration at the regional and national levels to ensure transparency of the project activities and relations with the beneficiaries.

In order to implement the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Appeals of Individuals and Legal Entities”, an official document on environmental and social issues, as well as to consider citizens’ appeals within the framework of this project, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, executive bodies of state authorities of towns and districts of the country have established commissions functioning in this direction with enthusiasm.

During the meetings, the experts on social and environmental issues of the institution and employees of the public organization “Umedbakhsh” raise the issues related to the transparency of the activities of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” and effectiveness of the mechanism for consideration of complaints and appeals.

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**Support for scientific and educational institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Tajikistan Academy of Agricultural Sciences within the project framework**

Over the years of independence, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, various sectors of the country have gradually developed and achieved significant success.

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project constantly takes the necessary measures to improve the efficiency of specialists in this area.

Last week, within the framework of this project, the institution purchased and transferred a set of modern furniture for the assembly hall of the Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh. Shohtemur, as well as more than 30 units of modern office equipment, such as printers, desktop computers, laptops, tablets, photographic equipment and others in various quantities to the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan and the State Institution "Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture", which have been necessary for specialists in the field for many years.

New and modern equipment is of high quality, and specialists can troubleshoot during operation, increase the efficiency of their work and achieve good results.



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### **Outcomes of the World Bank Mission Visit to Sughd region**

On the third day of the working visit, the World Bank Mission went to the seed-growing farm of Gaffor Alimatov.

This seed-growing farm has 85 hectares of arable land and is engaged in cultivation of various crops. This farm successfully works in the area of seed production, having received a series of high-quality seeds with a certificate of Elite category group from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project.

The World Bank Mission familiarised and highly appreciated the effective work of Gaffor Alimatov's seed-growing farm.

Then, the Mission held a working meeting with the Mayor of Istaravshan town Atam Mamurzoda in the hall of the Executive Body of the town State Authority.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the issues of repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries with high-quality certified seeds,

strengthening of material and technical base of vulnerable and seed-growing farms, involvement of unused lands into agricultural turnover, construction of wells for irrigation of agricultural lands.

A meeting with the heads of vulnerable farms of Istaravshan town was held in the administration hall as well.

At the meeting, farm managers reported on the progress of field work and achievements, as well as made a lot of suggestions on further increasing crop yields, improving the situation with land reclamation, timely harvesting, packaging and export-orientation of agricultural products.

In the end, the project beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank Mission for their continued support to farmers.



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**CONTINUATION OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION WORKING VISIT TO THE  
SUGHD REGION**

On the second day of its working trip, the delegation of the World Bank Mission visited the facilities of the state institution 'State Commission for Testing Agricultural Crops and Protection of Varieties in the B. Gafurov district and Kanibadam town.

Initially, they visited the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district for the ceremonial opening of a well for water supply and irrigation, as well as inspected the variety testing plots in the area.

Then, the head of the World Bank Mission, Mr. Hazem Ibrahim Khambal, ceremoniously launched the irrigation system, and the first irrigation of the year using water from the well began.

It should be noted that the State Variety Testing Station in the B. Gafurov district has 26.63 hectares of agricultural land for conducting scientific research and testing agricultural crop varieties and experienced a lack of water

for irrigation for many years.

This year, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector" project drilled a well with a capacity of 25 liters per second using modern technology for irrigating the station lands.

It should be noted that as part of the project, to strengthen the material and technical base and develop the seed production sector, the SRASP PMU provided an MTZ-82 tractor with attached equipment and high-quality certified seeds of Elite category for 10 hectares (5 hectares of cotton seeds and 5 hectares of wheat).

Subsequently, the World Bank Mission visited the variety testing station in Kanibadam town and highly praised the work of the specialists. The state variety testing station in Kanibadam town has 24 hectares of irrigated land, and its activities are aimed at testing new, climate-resistant and high-yielding varieties of crops, as well as developing seed production.

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the SRASP PMU completed a full external and internal renovation and painting of the warehouse intended for storing various seeds of agricultural crops and scientific materials, covering an area of 217 square meters, and put it into operation as part of the first component of the project "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector".

The old and dilapidated roof of the warehouse was fully and qualitatively repaired, with the repair area of 174 square meters.

Alongside the major renovation of the warehouse, a concrete wall 58 meters long and 3 meters high was built around the area of the station unprotected for many years; it was painted and covered with a roof, and gates were installed at the

entrance. A toilet was also built and put into operation.

Additionally, within the project framework, another MTZ-80 tractor, cotton-cleaning equipment and high-quality Elite category seeds (for wheat and cotton) were provided.

Next, the World Bank Mission inspected the agricultural equipment of the OJSC named after Enajon Boymatova. It should be noted that the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" provided the OJSC named after E. Boymatova with an MTZ-80 tractor and other agricultural machinery (precision seeder, inter-row cultivators, and plowing equipment), which made the labor easier for the farmers.

The farmers and specialists expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank delegation for their continuous support.

In the end, the World Bank Mission thanked the farmers (project beneficiaries) for their warm welcome.

