### ACCESS OF FARMS TO AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ATTACHMENTS UNDER THE PROJECT

This year, in order to improve the material and technical base of vulnerable farms in the country, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", has allocated 150 small-sized tractors with trailers to vulnerable farms across the country.

Additionally, to further improve the material and technical base of vulnerable farms in the country, the following types of agricultural machinery attachments will be procured and distributed to vulnerable farms: double and five-hull ploughs, potato harvesters and potato diggers, boom and pneumatic sprayers, fertilizer spreaders, wheat harvester, disc harrow, grain and vegetable seeders, cultivators and semi-trailers for water transportation.

Currently, the distribution of agricultural machinery attachments has begun nationwide and initially 90 units of them were delivered to vulnerable farms in the GBAR (Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region) towns and districts, and more than 20 units — to the Sino, Firdavsi and Shohmansur areas of Dushanbe.

The handover ceremony of transferring the agricultural machinery attachments was attended by a commission comprising representatives from the towns and districts' executive bodies of state authorities, who, according to the plan, will gradually transfer the attachments to vulnerable farms in the coming days.

Today, the farmers (project beneficiaries) are grateful for the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan consistent support and determined to work diligently to increase crop yields, thereby contributing to food security of the country population.

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Working Meeting on the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" Implementation Progress

On July 10 this year, during the working visit for the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" implementation, the specialists on social and environmental issues of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" held a working meeting with the Deputy Chairman

of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region Amirbekzoda Habibullo.

During the meeting, the region deputy chairman paid special attention to agreeing and approving the action plan on raising awareness of the population, project beneficiaries and stakeholders, as well as to the issues of establishing the commissions on reviewing the complaints and suggestions mechanism in the field, repair and reconstruction of facilities, providing project beneficiaries with high quality certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of vulnerable seed farms, construction of modern and permanently operating greenhouse in Shugnan district and other relevant sector issues.

At the end of the meeting, the responsible persons expressed their views on the implementation of the orders and instructions from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country esteemed Emomali Rahmon on construction of modern agricultural facilities, efficient use of lands, strengthening of material and technical base of vulnerable farms.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTING A PERMANENTLY OPERATING INNOVATIVE GREENHOUSE IN SHUGNAN DISTRICT OF GBAO

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The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" takes necessary measures to implement the agriculture development project.

On July 11, within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" the institution engineers and specialists on social and environmental issues with the participation of responsible persons from the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region Shugnan district State Authority Executive Body held public hearings with residents of the neighborhoods adjacent to the facility and employees of the construction company "Sitoish" LLC, who are involved in the construction of a modern permanently operating greenhouse.

The hearings were opened by Shugnan district First Deputy Chairman, who expressed gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially to the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan esteemed Emomali Rahmon and the State

Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" for comprehensive support of farmers with agricultural machinery and its attachments, high-quality seeds, as well as construction of modern agricultural facilities.

Afterwards, Rano Rahmatova, the institution specialist on social issues, spoke about the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan continuous support in the sector development, providing the population with new jobs, construction and effective operation of modern greenhouses, as well as the project implementation, considering the nuances of work and timely and quality completion of this facility.

During the hearings, the institution engineer and the head of the "Sitoish" LLC construction company made informative presentations and presented their work plans to the audience for the implementation of the plan to build a permanently operating greenhouse, which will be of high quality and built according to the new modern design.

Besides, at the stage of beginning the mobilization works, the institution specialists provided detailed information on the environmental management plan considering the opinions, proposals of stakeholders and results of environmental impact assessment according to the World Bank social and environmental standards requirements, compliance with sanitary and epidemiological rules, safety, implementation of requirements and norms of the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation, mechanism of applications and proposals consideration and implementation of the plan.

At the end of the hearings, the authorities' management gave specific instructions to the officials on timely implementation of the forthcoming plans.

#### Assessment of obsolete hazardous chemicals

Since 2024, with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" 3<sup>rd</sup> component, started the work on neutralization of obsolete chemical materials and pesticides, as well as containers used for chemical solutions.

At the moment, the institution transfers such chemical materials for disposal to a special landfill for obsolete pesticides in Vakhsh district.

For this purpose, this week the institution specialists together with international environmental consultant Poltovets Alexey had monitoring in Sughd region to determine the condition of storing the expired chemical materials and containers for pesticides. The works were done in the State Institution for Plant Protection and Agrochemistry branches laboratories and warehouses, as well as in the Republic of

Tajikistan Academy of Agricultural Sciences Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry in Sughd region.

During the inspection, the international consultant, observing safety requirements, provided the specialists with valuable recommendations on identification of pesticides' names, their danger degree, as well as on the issues of their use, transportation, packaging and timely disposal.

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### SUPPORT FOR FARMERS TO DEVELOP THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

The agricultural sector development is one of the priority areas for the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan,

ensuring food security for the population, supplying raw materials to industries and improving the economic conditions of the country citizens.

This year, with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", has purchased 150 compact tractors with trailers provided to vulnerable farms across the country.

Additionally, to further improve the material and technical base of vulnerable farms, the various types of agricultural attachments have been bought, including two-row and five-row seeders, cultivators, potato planters, potato harvesters, boom and air-blast sprayers, fertilizer spreaders, grain seeders, grain harvesters, tractor rakes, chisels, harrows, disc harrows, grain and vegetable seeders, as well as irrigation pumps. All this equipment is being distributed to vulnerable farms.

Currently, the nationwide distribution of agricultural attachments has begun, aimed at strengthening the material and technical base of vulnerable farms (project beneficiaries).

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, esteemed Emomali Rahmon, consistently emphasizes the importance of sectoral development and the material-technical support of farms. He gives specific instructions on the efficient use of water and land resources, on increasing the agricultural productivity by modern technologies, on achieving two to three harvests per plot of land and ensuring farms have access to high-quality seeds.

Farmers express their gratitude to the Leader of the Nation for the continuous support and care, which contribute to the agricultural sector development.

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Repair and Restoration Works at the National Center for Genetic Resources under the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Every year, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays special attention to the plans implementation and takes necessary measures to ensure the sustainable development of various sectors in the country.

With the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", has been imp0lementing phased repairs and modernization of the scientific and educational buildings of institutions under the Republic of Tajikistan Ministry of Agriculture and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, which are subsequently put into operation.

It should be noted that the National Center for Genetic Resources under the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences started its activities in 2006 and plays a crucial role in

preserving local rare and high-quality seeds, fruit trees, as well as unique plant varieties and specimens.

Due to the need for repairs at this scientific center, this year the project includes major renovation works: the building roof (445 m $^2$ ), wall leveling (410 m $^2$ ), interior painting (480 m $^2$ ), flooring (156 m $^2$ ) and ceilings (30 m $^2$ ). Additionally, all small electrical appliances and lighting fixtures have been completely replaced, and the building entrance will be renovated in a modern style.

Currently, interior painting work is ongoing. Workers, considering the nuances of the repair process to ensure the building longevity, are performing their tasks to a high standard.

During the repair works, the institution engineers and specialists in social and environmental issues had detailed briefings for the hired workers at the initial stage. Topics covered included environmental management, ecology impact assessment, compliance with labor protection and sanitation standards, safety precautions, adherence to the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation and the World Bank requirements, the grievance and application review mechanism and other applicable regulations.

## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY OF INTEGRATED RICE-FISH CULTIVATION IN THE COUNTRY

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Rice is one of the main agricultural crops and is considered a promising high-income sector in Central Asian countries, including Tajikistan. Due to rice yields being 1.6 times higher than wheat yield, farmers are annually increasing its cultivation area.

This year, with support from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" launched integrated rice-fish cultivation under the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" to ensure national food security.

The institution specialists, together with this area scientists, examined the country rice-growing regions and selected 9 towns/districts and 20 rice farms as pilot sites for integrated rice-fish cultivation.

Currently, according to the plan, the fingerlings deliveries continue to these rice farms, with a standard stocking density

of 3,000 fingerlings per hectare. This provides farmers the access to 60,000 fingerlings across 20 hectares of land.

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# WORKING VISIT OF THE HEAD OF STATE, ESTEEMED EMOMALI RAHMON, TO PORSHINEV JAMOAT, SHUGHNAN DISTRICT, GBAO

On June 27, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, esteemed Emomali Rahmon, visited a demonstration plot of agricultural crops and farming machinery in Shugnan district Porshinev jamoat Pashor village.

During the visit, the Head of State was briefed on the

demonstration plot structure. The plot was arranged on 4 hectares of previously unused land. On 1.5 hectares, saplings of apricot, peach, plum, cherry plum, pear, sweet cherry, dwarf and semi-dwarf apple trees were planted, while the remaining area was allocated for walnut saplings.

Additionally, a project for a modern greenhouse, currently under construction by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" on an area of over one hectare adjacent to the demonstration plot was presented to the President.

This project objective is selecting and adapting crops to local climatic conditions, introducing modern and innovative land-use practices, ensuring local food production, and, overall, implementing measures to strengthen food security.

It was noted that the vegetable cultivation area in the modern greenhouse will cover 32 acres, with produce supplied to the market year-round.

Esteemed Leader of the Nation Emomali Rahmon highly appreciated this initiative and wished its initiators success and prosperity.

After getting familiar with the demonstration plot, the modern greenhouse project and the fish farm, esteemed Emomali Rahmon urged farmers to use arable land efficiently, involve unused plots into agricultural rotation, use high-yield seeds, expand orchard areas, actively use natural resources and thereby contribute to ensuring food security.

