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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Sughd Region

The agricultural sector development is considered one of the priority areas of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which constantly takes necessary measures to ensure food security of the country population, which is one of the strategic national goals.

From May 5 to 7, 2025, within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project, the World Bank Mission held meetings with executive bodies of the towns, districts, regions, with officials and beneficiaries in Sughd region to support the project implementation process.

On May 5, within the framework of its working visit to Sughd Region, the World Bank Mission held a working meeting with Anvar Yakubi, Deputy Chairman of the Region on Economy.

During the meeting, the Deputy Chairman of the region expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of project beneficiaries with quality and certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of needy and seed farms, drilling wells for irrigation of agricultural land, construction of agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region.

It was also noted that about 85 percent of agricultural land in the region have pump irrigation, some of the pumps are currently in need of major repairs. Also, in order to implement the orders and instructions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in particular the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country respected Emomali Rahmon, regarding the introduction of unused lands into agricultural turnover, the specialists in this field have developed new plans for their irrigation and

presented them to the World Bank Mission. The issues related to increasing crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region were among the key issues discussed during the meeting.

In the course of the meeting, one of the key issues considered was the increase of crop yields, their processing within the country, as well as the establishment of an agrologistic center in the free economic zone of the region at the initial stage.

During the meeting, gratitude was expressed to the representatives of the World Bank and the head of the State Institution "Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture" for the continuous cooperation in the development of the agricultural sector.

In conclusion, the World Bank Mission expressed its gratitude for warm welcome to the Executive Body of the State Administration of Sughd Region.



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MICRONUTRIENTS AND VITAMINS EFFICIENCY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



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Visit of the World Bank Mission to Khatlon Region

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan pays great attention to the sustainable development of various sectors of the country, especially the agricultural sector, and constantly takes necessary measures to realize one of the national goals – “Ensuring Food Security”.

Within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector project”, according to the World Bank Mission Plan, from 28.04 to 08.05.2025, meetings will be held with ministries and agencies, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials implementing the project in order to support the project implementation process.

On May 1 of the current year, the World Bank Mission team made a working visit to the towns and districts of Khatlon region. During the working visit, a working meeting was held with the First Deputy Chairman of the region, Mr. Muzaffar Mirzozoda and the Chairman of Dusti district, Mr. Davron Nishonzoda.

During the meeting, Muzaffar Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the region, expressed his views on repair and reconstruction of agricultural facilities, provision of the project beneficiaries with mineral fertilizers, high-quality certified seeds of agricultural crops, strengthening the material and technical base of the needy and seed farms, construction of an agrologistic center in the region, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for continuous support, to the representative of the World Bank and to the Head of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” for continuous cooperation in the development of the agrarian sector.

Afterwards, during the trip, the working delegation visited the cooperative trading farm named after Safar Jumaev in J. Balkhi district and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries). During the meeting, farmers expressed their gratitude for the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the World Bank in the development

of the agricultural sector and discussed the ways to further increase crop yields with officials.

After the meeting, the World Bank Mission delegation, as planned, visited the farm named after Ergash Sulton and commercial cooperative named after Eshbek Sattor and held a meeting with farm managers (project beneficiaries).

During the meeting there was a conversation with the project beneficiaries, who expressed their opinion on the current problems of the sector (provision of farms with high-quality seeds, especially gourds seeds, construction of all-year-round cold storage facilities and greenhouses, small and large equipment, prevention of salinization of agricultural land).

The farmers expressed their deep gratitude for the support of the Government of the country, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the World Bank Mission.

In conclusion, the World Bank delegation expressed its gratitude for the warm welcome provided by the Khatlon region Government Executive Body and farmers (project beneficiaries).



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The World Bank mission got acquainted with the progress of repair and construction work in the soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the AAST

According to the plan, from 28.04.2025 to 08.05.2025 in order to support the project implementation process, the World Bank mission for the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project will hold meetings with ministries and departments, executive bodies of state power, beneficiaries and officials responsible for the project implementation.

Accordingly, on April 28 this year, the World Bank mission led by the respected Hazem Ibrohim Hambal and the director of the State Institution for the Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development, respected Daler Satori Abdumansur, met with the president of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan (AAST), respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo and the Director of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences Zebiniso Bobohoniyon, familiarized themselves with the progress of work

on the reconstruction of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the scientific institution, the museum and the assembly hall and highly appreciated the contractors' work.

During the meeting, the President of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan, respected Salimzoda Amonullo Faizullo, stated that repair and restoration work of scientific institutions of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences is being done through the support of some scientific institutions with laboratory equipment, computers, printers and other modern technology from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the World Bank and the State Institution for Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development – this is a very good and timely initiative that will improve the efficiency of scientists and specialists in this field, and introduce scientific achievements into practice.

The director of the institution further stated that after completion of the high-quality repair of 11 soil and plant laboratories of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry in the coming days, the laboratories of this scientific institution will be equipped with modern equipment and technologies within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project.



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EDUCATIONAL TRAINING “DOCTORS OF THE SOIL” IN L. MURODOV’S LLC

On April 28 this year, in the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project with the support of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in the Republic of Tajikistan a training session “Doctors of Soil” was held with participation of specialists in soil science.

The training was held in the hall of Latif Murodov’s CJSC in Hisor, where the scientists and specialists in the field of soil science discussed current problems of the sector.

Presentations on these issues in a series of presentations (profile) covered a wide range of topics important for implementation of training strategies and integrated soil conservation.

The training will last two days (28th and 29th), and according to the plan, scientists in the field will use modern equipment to determine various elements in the soil and the actual

condition of its composition, and then present the results to the participants.

The purpose of such educational trainings is to promptly train specialists of the industry to solve existing problems, use modern technologies in the current activities of the industry, and further increase crop yields.

The event is designed for specialists in soil science and agriculture, so that they can further improve their knowledge and skills using modern technologies and apply the achievements of science in practice in future.



Support to the seed farms within the project “Strengthening resilience of the Agriculture sector”

Specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” familiarized themselves with the actual situation of the “Yakkatut” seed farm in the J. Rasulov district, which is the project beneficiary.

This farm has 100 hectares of arable land on its balance sheet and uses it consistently and effectively.

As part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector” project, the institution has been supporting the seed-growing farms with mineral fertilizers, high-quality elite seeds, agricultural machinery and equipment, among other farms, since 2023.

By using high-quality seeds and following agronomic practices, this farm has gradually been able to increase the planted area, yields and along with irrigation and timely payment of wages, using the farm’s net income to build three modern houses for its employees, especially women.

The farm manager has decided to build and provide a modern warehouse to store agricultural products and seeds after this year’s harvest.

The employees are pleased with the continued support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and are determined to contribute to increasing the supply of high-quality seeds to the country and the development of the seed industry.



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Holding public awareness meetings in the Sughd region

On April 23, 2025, the social and environmental issues specialists from the state institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the public organization “Umedbakhsh” held awareness-raising meetings as planned in the Istaravshan and Konibodom districts of Sughd region within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture sector” project.

During the meeting, the project beneficiaries were actively involved and got acquainted with the effective activities of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture sector” project.

During this event, the sector officials noted that today, with the initiatives and continuous efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, President Emomali Rahmon, various sectors of the country, particularly agriculture, are developing day by day and achieving

significant results. Nowadays, each of us, the citizens of the country, primarily appreciate independence, prosperity and national unity and should strive for the further development and progress of our beloved country.

Subsequently, various pressing issues in the agricultural sector were raised during the event, and measures were taken to support farmers in the future.

At the end of the event, the project beneficiaries expressed their profound gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially to the esteemed Leader of the Nation, and the state institution " Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development," for their constant support.

After the event, the commission team reviewed the current status of the information boards, the boxes for complaints and requests directly intended for the project beneficiaries in the country.



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**ROUND TABLE ON THE TOPIC “CREATION OF A NATIONAL PREMIX
TURNOVER FUND IN TAJIKISTAN”**

Nutrition, being the most important factor in human health, well-being and vital activity, inextricably linking human life with food, is necessary for body development, formation of cells and tissues, body provision with the necessary substances, formation of hormones, enzymes and other metabolic processes.

In order to protect public health and prevent foodborne diseases by fortifying food products, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Providing the Population with Fortified Food Products” in 2019. In order to implement this law, today, April 22, a round table was held at the Ministry of Health and Social population of the Republic of Tajikistan on the topic of “Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan”, at which the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population Abdukholik Amirzoda had a speech, representatives of the country’s

relevant ministries and departments, a number of heads of food industry enterprises (flour and salt), as well as representatives of development partners in collaboration with the World Bank Group, the United Nations Children's Fund, and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) project manager participated.

During the round table opening, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population Abdukholik Amirzoda stated that improving the nutrition is important for strengthening the population health.

It should be noted that issues of arranging the public nutrition are considered ones of the main strategic areas of the country Government activity, and adoption of 2 laws, 2 strategies, 4 programs and 1 national plan in recent years is evidence of this issue importance.

Then the Director of the State Institution "Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture" Mr. Daler Satori spoke about the project "Strengthening the Sustainability of Agriculture" and the activities of "Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan", the issue was addressed by Hazem Ibrahim Hanbal, a Senior Agricultural Economist for the World Bank Group in Tajikistan, and other officials.

The round table also discussed a number of issues, including the provision of information on the topics "Creation of the National Fund for the Circulation of Premixes in Tajikistan", "Achievements in the implementation of the Program for prevention of micronutrient deficiency among the population of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2022-2027", "Problems related to food fortification in the Republic of Tajikistan", "Status of the regulatory framework for food fortification (Tajikstandard)", "Assessment of a potential host agency for NRFP" and "Discussion of the assessment and design of the Fund results with the private sector".

It is worth noting that the Republic of Tajikistan joined the Global Movement for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) in 2013, becoming the 42nd country. Since 2015, the country has had an intersectoral coordination Council on Nutrition, which includes representatives of all ministries and departments, development partners, non-governmental organizations and civil society, which develops strategies and programs to improve nutrition, including the following: “Strategy for Development of School Nutrition in the Republic of Tajikistan for the Period up to 2027”, “Multi-sectoral Plan for Improving Nutrition in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2021-2025”, “National Communication Program for the First 1000 Days of a Child’s Life in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2020-2024”.

During the round table, a number of participants expressed their thoughts and ideas on various aspects of the project.

