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TRAINING SEMINAR IN GORNO-BADAKHSHAN AUTONOMOUS OBLAST KHOROG TOWN WITHIN THE "SOIL DOCTOR" PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

This year, within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in the Republic of Tajikistan conducts a training seminar "Soil doctor" throughout the country.

This time the training seminar was held in the GBAO Khorog town Executive Body of State Authority hall; during this seminar the scientists and specialists in the field of soil science discussed current issues of the sector.

The seminar with the participation of specialists in agriculture, particularly soil science, lasted two days (July 15 and 16). According to the plan, scientists working in this field, using modern equipment, identified the content of various elements in the soil and the actual condition of its structure, and presented the results to the participants afterwards.

Deliverables on identifying the chemical and physical composition of soil, the status of soil structure and composition improvement covered a wide range of important topics through a series of presentations to implement strategies for training and integrated soil conservation.

The purpose of such training seminars is timely training of specialists in this field to solve existing problems, use modern technologies in the sector current activities, use the land efficiently, identify soil composition elements by modern equipment and further increase crop yields.

This event is intended for specialists in the field of soil science, who, using modern technologies, will be able to further improve their knowledge and skills, as well as to

apply scientific achievements in practice.

During the workshop, participants offered effective solutions to key sector issues and explored the nuances of soil science and agrochemistry.

The end of the seminar was an interesting and memorable event for each participant. As a result of mastering the nuances of soil testing, the participants received a "Soil doctor" certificate.



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PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH PROJECT BENEFICIARIES IN GBAO TOWNS AND DISTRICTS ON THE GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” pays special attention to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan instructions and directives’ implementation and constantly takes necessary measures for the agricultural sector development.

The Institution specialists on social and environmental issues together with the staff of the public organization “Umedbakhsh” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” work on ensuring transparency of the project activities and interaction with beneficiaries, as well as the grievance redress mechanism at the local and regional levels in the towns and districts of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast.

During the working visit to GBAO, in order to implement the Republic of Tajikistan Law “On appeals of individuals and legal entities”, the official document on environmental and

social issues, as well as grievance redress mechanism within this project framework, the executive bodies of state authorities of GBAO towns and districts established a commission, and the work in this direction continues with enthusiasm.

During the public hearings, experts on social and environmental issues of the Institution and employees of "Umedbakhsh" NGO address transparency issues of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" activities, the Grievance Redress Mechanism, as well as other current issues of the sector.

After the public hearings, the committee inspected information stands and boxes for beneficiary appeals, permanently active greenhouses, crop demonstration plots, wells and other facilities.

Farmers of GBAO towns and districts took active part in the public hearings and expressed satisfaction and gratitude to the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the country esteemed Emomali Rahmon for the continuous support in the agricultural sector development.



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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.



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

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.



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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" 3rd 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 implementing 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 m²), wall leveling (410 m²), interior painting (480 m²), flooring (156 m²) and ceilings (30 m²). 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.

