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## **Fieldwork over the country**

Quality seeds and agricultural practices are followed is the key to high yield of agricultural crops, and every farmer can, as a result of timely seasonal field work, grow a high yield from each plot of land and contribute to the food security of the country.

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in the frame of "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" in the course of monitoring of field works visited Trade Cooperative "Avesta" of Kubodiyon district, Production Cooperative "Bakhor" of Kushoniyon district, farm enterprise "Farrukh" of Dusti district of Khatlon region, farm enterprise "Urunhujaev" of B. Gafurov district, "Islomsarkor" of Spitamen district, "Yakatut" of J. Rasulov district, "Purdil", "Shohjakhon" of Zafarabad district and "Ravshanbek" of Istaravshan city of Sughd region and reviewed the status of growth of crops, especially wheat, and field work.

Last year, farmers of the country (project beneficiaries) received high quality seeds, were able to effectively used favorable weather conditions of the current year and complete timely sowing of grain crops, especially wheat.

By this time, the fields had been properly weed free and nutrient rich fertilizers at different rates were apply in time for sowing wheat.

At present, the growing condition of cereal crops in the fields is good, and farmers following the cultivation technique have cleared the canals around the fields, in this favorable weather, everyone is busy with agricultural works.

Today, the farmers of the country satisfied the continuous support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in providing farmers with high quality crop seeds, modern

agricultural machinery and equipment, aim to maximize the efficient use of our country's fertile land, get the desired yield from them and contribute to providing the country's markets with its own products.



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### **Distribution of agricultural seeds throughout country**

Every year, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" provides to the country's seed and vulnerable farms high quality certified seeds before the crops are sowing so that farmers can sowing crops on time.

It is worth mentioning that this year, under the first component of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, the institution imported high-quality flax seeds 60 tones, peas 120 tones, sweet corns 130 tones, and beetroot 10.99 tones, provided to vulnerable farms

The imported seeds are high yielding and adapted to the country’s climatic conditions and farmers (project beneficiaries) if agricultural practices are follow, farmers can obtain the desired harvest.

Country’s farmers are satisfied with the constant support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity – Leader of the Nation, President of the country, respected Emomali Rahmon, in providing access to high-quality certified seeds adapted to climatic conditions, and decided to make a significant contribution to ensuring food security of the country.



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**Congratulations from the Director of the State Institution  
“Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture” Mr. Daler  
Satori Abdumansur in honor of the Sada holiday**

Our ancestors of great culture, science and knowledge lovers, celebrated the great holidays of Nowruz, Mehrgon and Sada with inimitable pomp and splendor, adhering to ancient customs and traditions.

The Garden holiday is among the most glorious celebrations of our ancestors, and its origins date back to antiquity.

Perfect state independence opened a new stage in the revival of national customs and ancient traditions, giving them a new life. It is a source of pride and honor that during the period of independence it is thanks to the initiative and constant efforts of 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, respected Emomali Rahmon, that national holidays and ancient traditional rites are being revived and preserved.

As the Leader of the Nation stated in one of his speeches: "The Tajik people have ancient customs, traditions and culture and have made a worthy contribution to world civilization. Our good traditions, rituals and national holidays such as Nowruz, Mehrgon and Sada have served to strengthen constructive morality and spirituality throughout history".

The history and origin of the Sada holiday was discussed by the thinkers of our ancestors, such as the Healer Abul Qasim Firdavsi in his "Shahnameh", Manuchehri Dangani in one of his "Qasid", Abu Rayhan Biruni in his "Osaru-l-Baqiyya", Omar Khayyam in his "Navruznama", Isfandier and Qayumars "Memories of the Sada holiday" and the 15th century poet Unsuri Balhi left behind valuable writings. The Sada holiday was considered a celebration of love and affection, friendship and camaraderie, unity and togetherness, love and loyalty.

According to historical sources, the Sada holiday falls on January 30 of the Gregorian calendar, and according to Manuchehri Domgoni, the Sada holiday is held on the decade of the month of Bahman, that is, 50 nights and 50 days before the beginning of Nowruz celebrations. Many historical and literary sources also indicate that the Sada holiday is most often associated with the number one hundred.

During this period, plant breeding farmers research all seed crop resources, prepare farm machinery and equipment for planting, fertilize and plow the land, clean drains and ditches, tidy orchards and vineyards, soften the soil around trees they fertilize the land. Protective measures including backup irrigation and frost protection are implemented to prevent diseases and pests.

Stock breeders focus all their efforts on the care and feeding of stock, getting healthy offspring and raising them.

During this period, scientists and experts conducted seminars and trainings with specialists and farmers based on the

analysis of agricultural production, gave useful advice on efficient use of water and land, obtaining high crop yields.

Let this great and joyful holiday bring health and honor, purity and abundance, sustenance and livelihood, happiness and joy to the families of every Tajik and the Tajik people, and may peace and stability remain forever in this paradise land.

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### **Training on Healthy nutrition in Khatlon Region**

Starting in December 2024, specialists of the State Institution “of Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Public organization “Avesta”, according to the schedule, conduct training throughout the country.

On January 30 of the current year in the hall of the “Parvozi Parastu” in the Bokhtar city, Khatlon region a training was held with the participation of family doctors, pediatric department, and reproductive health specialists of Khuroson, Kushoniyon, A. Jomi, Vaksh, J. Balkhi, Jayhun, Panj, Shahrituz, Nosiri Khusrav, Qubodiyon, Dusti districts, and Bokhtar, Levakant and Nurek cities.

At the training, scientists and experts in primary health care (PHC) presented issues related to micronutrient and vitamin supplementation of the target population, including pregnant women and children aged 6 to 59 months, through a presentation, as well as skills for their management, general information on basic nutritional indicators for pregnant women and newborns, assessment of physical development of pregnant women, new approaches to assessing intrauterine growth and fetal development in PHC institutions, information on 5 key ways of food security, health status of pregnant women in the Republic of Tajikistan, strategic documents adopted at the national level on health protection of pregnant women,

importance of iron sulfate and folic acid use during pregnancy, anemia, and experience of vitamin supplements use throughout the country and its results.

The aim of the training is to raise awareness of PHC's doctors about the best and correct use of vitamin supplements and micronutrients, to conduct information activities among target groups, about the need to use vitamin supplements and micronutrients by pregnant and lactating women.

At the end of the training, participants were awarded certificates for their active participation and valuable contribution to public health.



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## **Monitoring of complaints boxes across the country**

In accordance with the requirements of the complaints redress mechanism, the social and environmental specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" together with the Public Organization "Umedbakhsh" and under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" since the beginning of January of the current year implemented a review of information stands, monitoring of complaints boxes and complete replacement of information stands intended directly for complaints and suggestions from the project beneficiaries.

In the meantime, this initiative fully implemented in pilot cities, districts of Khatlon region, 10 cities, and districts of Sughd region, currently it is actively continuing in the districts of republican subordination and Sughd region and will be complete in the coming days.

The social and environmental specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the Public Organization "Umedbakhsh" decided in the coming days to implement information campaigns to inform the beneficiaries and stakeholders of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" about the suggestion mechanism in the implementation of the project, in order to implement the action plan in a timely manner.





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## **Training on healthy nutrition successfully continues across the country**

Nowadays, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly strives to improve and protect the health of the population and shows great interest in food security and healthy nutrition issues.

This year with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” vitamins and micronutrients have been imported from abroad to protect the health of mothers and children, and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection ensures the availability of these vitamins and micronutrients to medical centers in cities and districts.

Starting in December 2024, specialists of the State Institution “of Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development ” together with the organization “Avesta”, according to the

schedule, conduct training throughout the country.

On January 27 and 28 of the current year in the hall of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan a training was held with the participation of family doctors, pediatric department, reproductive health specialists of Tursunzade, Hissar, Vahdat, Rogun, cities, as well as from Ashgabat, Shahrinav, Rudaki, Tajikabad, Sangvor, Lakhsh, Rasht and Faizabad districts.

At the training, scientists and experts in primary health care (PHC) presented issues related to micronutrient and vitamin supplementation of the target population, including pregnant women and children aged 6 to 59 months, through a presentation, as well as skills for their management, general information on basic nutritional indicators for pregnant women and newborns, assessment of physical development of pregnant women, new approaches to assessing intrauterine growth and fetal development in PHC institutions, information on 5 key ways of food security, health status of pregnant women in the Republic of Tajikistan, strategic documents adopted at the national level on health protection of pregnant women, importance of iron sulfate and folic acid use during pregnancy, anemia, and experience of vitamin supplements use throughout the country and its results.

The aim of the training is to raise awareness of PHC's doctors about the best and correct use of vitamin supplements and micronutrients, to conduct information activities among target groups, about the need to use vitamin supplements and micronutrients by pregnant and lactating women, to study the issue of food fortification with vitamin and mineral powder for children aged 6 to 59 months.

Also, in accordance with the order of the Minister of Health and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, trainings will be held in the coming days in Khatlon, Sughd and GBAO regions.



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## **Digitalization of the pesticide management system for locust control**

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" uses reasonable efforts to improve locust control activities.

On January 23 of the current year, in order to improve locust control activities a working meeting was conducted by the staff of the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition", representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) together with the specialists of the Programme for National and Regional Strengthening of Locust Control in the Caucasus and Central Asia on the implementation of Locust Control Pesticides Management System (L-PMS). .

During the meeting, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) presented the Locust Pesticide Management System (L-PMS) to industry experts, which ensures the economical use of pesticides and improves their

effectiveness.

To be noted that from 2023 with the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" 6 large equipment (tractors), 6 tractor sprayers (AGROS), 1 passenger car (RAF), 6 off-road vehicles (Pickup), 11 units of vehicle spraying equipment, 300 small motorized vehicles, 300 small portable and battery-operated devices, 830 units of personal protective equipment, 35 thousand liters of pesticides were procured and provided to support the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition".

Currently, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the project intends to continue this initiative and , to purchase and provide pesticides for significant activities of the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition"for 2025 period.

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### **Training on integrated pest management for increasing crop yields**

State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" in cooperation with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) today (23.01.2025) under the implementation of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" organized a three-day training on integrated pest management.

Integrated pest management is an important strategy for sustainable agriculture and stability improvement of agricultural systems, which is recognized worldwide as an effective strategy for maintaining crop health, integrating a range of biological, mechanical and chemical methods, relying

on natural mechanisms to reduce pest damage, giving priority to health, safety and environment.

Agriculture is an important part of Tajikistan's economy, and the introduction of integrated plant protection methods is necessary to increase crop yields, reduce dependence on harmful chemical pesticides, and ensure long-term food security.

The training was held in the capital Dushanbe and consisted of a series of presentations covering a wide range of topics important for the implementation of integrated pest management strategies. Topics included the main components and principles, examples of successful implementation at the international level, systems approach and methods of implementation of integrated pest management on farms.

This training was organized specifically for plant protection specialists of State Institution for Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Agrarian University named after Shirinshokh Shotemur, in order to improve the knowledge and skills of specialists using modern technologies and to apply the achievements of science in practice in the future.

At the end of the training the participants were awarded certificates.

