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### IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER UNDER THE "STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECT"

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" framework is starting to implement new plans in various areas of agriculture development.

This year, within the project framework, the institution plans to drill 5 wells to irrigate the unused lands of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Tajikistan scientific institutions. To date, 3 wells have been fully put into operation and 2 are at the completion stage.

Besides, in order to provide vulnerable farms in the country with water, a project to drill another series of wells is currently at the stage of technical and economic assessment and costing, and drilling works are expected to be implemented this year.

At present, drilling a well to enrich the lands of the State Unitary Enterprise "Seed and Vegetable Varieties of Tajikistan" branch in Khujand and the State Enterprise "State Crop Variety Testing and Variety Protection Station" in Istaravshan district has been completed; installation of protected cables to transformers, electricity meters and well pumps is on time and will be completed in the coming days.

The institution specialists checked the works progress and gave useful recommendations to the workers engaged in installation and wiring works on compliance with safety rules, labor protection and sanitary norms in order to meet the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation and the World Bank requirements.

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#### MONITORING THE FIELD WORKS PROGRESS IN KHATLON REGION

This week, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" familiarized themselves with the farmers (project beneficiaries) seasonal work in Khatlon region.

The field work in the region towns and districts continues enthusiastically: farmers are collectively engaged in harvesting onions, inter-row cotton cultivation, irrigating corn, weeding and perching various crops, as well as watering and fertilizing.

It should be noted that this year, with the support of the Republic of Tajikistan Government, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" under the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" provided more than eight types of certified high-quality seeds of climate-adapted crops such as wheat, potatoes, cotton, onions, peas, maize, flax and beet to vulnerable and farming households, production cooperatives and other farms.

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

Within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", the Institution specialists visited J. Balkhi, Dusti, Jaihun and Shahritus districts, "Sadriddin", "Kholmatov", "Obshoron", "Navoi", "Maxim Gorky" and other jamoats, crops have given good growth; inter-row cultivation, fertilization, irrigation and protective measures (pest control) continue with enthusiasm and all farmers are busy working.

They have already started harvesting crops, especially wheat, vegetables, legumes and fruits, supplying agricultural products to the domestic market as well as seeking to export them.

In addition, the AED PMU specialists gave useful advices on timely and safe harvesting of these crops and sowing the other ones in their fields.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE STARTING THE INNOVATIVE GREENHOUSE CONSTRUCTION IN DANGARA DISTRICT

On June 9 this year, the sociologist and ecologist of the "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" State Institution within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" with participation of responsible persons from the executive body of the Dangara district state authority held public hearings with residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the construction site and the construction company "Abosiyon" LLC employees, who participated in the modern greenhouse construction.

The meeting was opened by Dangara district Deputy Chairman Amonullo Habibzoda, who appreciated the Republic of Tajikistan Government, especially the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, respected Emomali Rahmon, as well as the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and expressed gratitude for continuous support of farmers with agricultural machinery and equipment, high quality seeds, construction of modern greenhouse and other

necessary facilities.

Afterwards, Rano Rakhmatova, the Institution sociologist, spoke about the continuous support of the Republic of Tajikistan Government in the agricultural sector development, providing population with new jobs, construction of modern greenhouses and their effective use, as well as about the project implementation, considering the works peculiarities for timely and qualitative completion of this facility.

During the hearings, the "Abosiyon" LLC construction company director made a detailed presentation with their work plans to implement construction of the greenhouse, which will be built according to the new modern design and with high quality.

Besides, at the stage of starting the mobilization works, the Institution specialists presented the environmental management plan considering the stakeholders' opinions, proposals and results of environmental impact assessment according to the World Bank requirements of social and environmental standards and the detailed information on compliance with sanitary and hygienic rules, safety precautions, the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation requirements and norms, mechanism of considering the applications and proposals, as well as compliance with other applicable laws.

At the end of the public hearings, the authority's management gave specific assignments and instructions to the officials on the upcoming plans timely implementation.

In the afternoon, the Institution sociologist and ecologist together with the commission visited the information stands and the box for complaints and suggestions in Dangara district.

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# COMPLETION OF REPAIR AND RENOVATION WORKS IN THE ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE OF THE SOIL SCIENCE AND AGROCHEMISTRY 11 SOIL ANALYSIS LABORATORIES

The TAAS (Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences) Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry was founded during the Soviet period and since that time has been actively working for the agricultural sector development.

At the first stage, with the support of the Republic of Tajikistan Government and the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", the roof of the main building, assembly hall and facade of the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry were completely repaired; this year, the entrances, corridors and 11 laboratories of soil analysis in this scientific institution were overhauled.

High-quality repair and rehabilitation work implemented by the contractor organization on the scientific institution

territory has been ongoing for five months; this week, the work results were inspected by the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences President, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" management and other officials. During the inspection, useful recommendations were given to officials on quality installation and connection of modern laboratory equipment.

The specialists are making all possible efforts to install modern equipment in 11 soil analysis laboratories of the scientific institution in due time and put into operation within coming days.

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#### PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE STARTING AN AGROLOGISTICS CENTER CONSTRUCTION IN THE J. BALKHI DISTRICT

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The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan annually pays great attention to the sustainable development of the country various sectors and constantly takes necessary measures to implement the plans.

On June 3 this year, engineers and specialists on social and environmental issues from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" held public hearings with participation of officials from the Executive Body of the J. Balkhi district State Authority, residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the construction site, as well as "Stroy-Center" construction company employees involved in the agrologistic center construction.

During the meeting, Deputy Chairman of J. Balkhi district Kurbonzoda Kurbonali and the SI AED specialist on social issues Rano Rakhmatova spoke about the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constant support in development of the agricultural sector and providing the population with permanent jobs; the participants spoke about the benefits of agrologistic centers for population and project implementation, considering the work features for timely and quality completion of this facility.

Afterwards, the "Stroy-Center" Construction Company engineers made informative presentations and presented their work plans to implement the agrologistic center construction to the audience.

Besides, at the initial stage of mobilization, the works on implementation of environmental management plan will be done considering the stakeholders' opinions, proposals and results of the environmental impact assessment according to the World Bank requirements of social and environmental standards; the detailed information was provided on compliance with sanitary and hygienic rules, safety measures, fulfillment of requirements and norms of the Republic of Tajikistan current legislation, mechanism to consider applications and appeals, as well as implementation of other applicable laws.

At the end of the public hearings, the responsible persons were given specific instructions and tasks for timely implementation of upcoming plans.

In the afternoon, the SI AED engineers and specialists on social and environmental issues visited the site of this facility.

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### MEASURES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO WATER UNDER THE "STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECT"

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan constantly pays great attention to the sustainable development of the country various sectors and takes necessary measures to implement new plans for irrigation of rain-fed lands.

With the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development", as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", has begun drilling a well to irrigate the land of the "Sortsemovoshch" branch of the State Unitary Enterprise (SUE) in Sughd region.

On May 30, 2025, at the branch of the SUE "Sortsemovoshch" in the Sughd region, specialists from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" had a public meeting on planning and implementation of well drilling work to irrigate the land belonging to the SUE "Sortsemovsch" branch with participation of people involved in the well drilling work.

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#### PROGRESS OF TESTING THE GRAIN CROPS IN THE SUGHD REGION

Every year, agriculture specialists implement testing to determine the biological yield of agricultural crops.

Specialists from the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" together with specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Food Security Committee began testing the grain crops in the Sughd region.

During testing, the team determines the expected biological

yield and takes measures to implement the long-term plan.

Specialists started the testing work in the fields of the Sohibjon farm of J. Rasulov district and the Ravshanbek farm of Shahriston district.

It should be noted that this year, as part of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project", farm managers received high-quality certified seeds of the "elite" category from the institution, varieties Timiryazevka 150 and Alekseich distinguished by high yield and adapted to local climatic conditions.

During testing, it was determined that farmers (project beneficiaries) implemented agricultural work in a timely and high-quality manner, which will enable a high wheat yield of 60-65 c/ha in future

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#### PROGRESS OF APPROBATION WORKS IN KHATLON REGION

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" together with specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Safety Committee implement approbation in Khatlon oblast.

During the approbation, the team determines an expected harvest and takes measures to fulfill its plan.

The high-quality seeds provided to the farmers (beneficiaries) under the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" have a lot of advantages over local ones and have such quality as increased yield.

By using the high-quality seeds, farmers in the country (project beneficiaries) have proven that these seeds guarantee high yields, and as a result of following the agronomic cultivation practices, they have been able to significantly improve the quality of the obtained agricultural crops harvest.

At present, the agricultural industry specialists in Khatlon oblast are actively continuing approbation of agricultural crops, especially cereals (wheat), and determining their expected yields.

Analysis of the approbation results shows that the agricultural crops yield, especially cereals (wheat), is higher than last year, and the harvest quality has also improved.