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low-income groups of the population, especially pregnant women, as well as children and adolescents suffering from malnutrition.

This was followed by a question and answer session on availability of premixes, setting up a micronutrient production line in the country and other issues that need to be addressed locally. Relevant experts provided detailed answers to these questions.

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The enterprises of “Zernovaya Kompaniya” LLC started their activities in the era of independence and produce flour of the highest, first and second grades, as well as breadcrumbs for animal feed.

The total production volume of the enterprise is 500 tones per day and the enterprise provides permanent jobs for more than 150 employees.

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well as flour for animal feed. The total production volume of the products is 200 tones per day. This enterprise provides permanent employment for more than 50 employees.

It should be noted that all flour production enterprises import raw material (wheat) from the Republic of Kazakhstan, process it and provide it to the population of the country.

These enterprises operate in the Republic in accordance with the requirements of the standard of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the finished products are divided into groups with different quality. They are also packaged according to international standards and provided to the population of the country.



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Examination of the Republic of the Philippines experience on the importance of food fortification

Delegation of the working group of the Republic of Tajikistan on December 11 of the current year held a working meeting with the head of the World Food Program (WFP) office in the Republic of the Philippines in order to study the experience of the Republic of the Philippines on the importance of food fortification.

During the meeting there was an exchange of views on the importance of food fortification, preparation of normative and technical documents of the technological process, taking control samples, observing the quality of fortified products and other methods.

Then, the officials of the representative office presented information on the existence of legal regulations in force in this direction, as well as the responsible structures, including the National Food Administration of the Agricultural Department and Food and Nutrition Research Institute,

implementing policies for the realization of the fortification process.

After finalizing the reports of the above-mentioned bodies, the exchange of experience of this country was discussed by the ministries and departments. It was found that in order to realize the process of fortification on selection of products, prevention of diseases related to micronutrient deficiency (minerals and vitamins), monitoring on identification of the group of diseases is carried out by Food and Nutrition Research Institute.

Its director stated that the fortification process could prevent diseases related to micronutrient deficiencies. According to research conducted by the Center, and in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of the Philippines, the following products are mandatorily fortified: rice, oil, salt and sugar.

This institute is responsible for implementing the product enrichment process in manufacturing plants through preventive and educational activities.

Following the results of the working meeting, the working group presented memorable gifts to the heads of these structures for the development of further cooperation.



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On July 12, 2023, a round table on “Promotion of Wheat Flour Fortification Initiative and establishment of the National Premix Revolving Fund” was held in the hall of the National Library. The event included a presentation of sub-component 3.4 of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project on “Improving Nutrition”, with the participation of Project development partners and nutrition specialists.

The director of SI “Agricultural Entrepreneurship Development” Mr. Daler Satori highlighted in his introductory speech that the round table was being held as part of additional funding of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project which included support for food fortification measures.

Then, according to the program of the event, the participants of the round table – representatives of interested ministries and sectoral agencies, discussed and presented their recommendations on the main directions of activity of the National Premix Revolving Fund and food fortification.

The Multisectoral Plan of Action for Nutrition in the Republic

of Tajikistan for 2021-2025, which is aimed at the practical implementation of health, food security, social protection, school nutrition strategies, as well as the Law “On Providing the Population with Fortified Foods” and the National Communication Program for the “First 1000 Days of a Child’s life in the Republic of Tajikistan for the period 2020-2024” and a number of programs, provides for specific tasks and activities aimed at improving the nutrition of the population, especially mothers.

The round table, where priority problems of supplies of fortified flour and iodized salt were discussed, was productive. As a result of this event, it was decided to hold regular meetings of the working group on healthy nutrition in the Republic of Tajikistan in the future.



