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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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Meetings in the framework of the Mechanism for Complaints and Proposals Consideration at the regional level with the project beneficiaries

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” has established a mechanism for complaints and proposals consideration at the regional and national levels to ensure transparency of the project activities and relations with the beneficiaries.

In order to implement the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Appeals of Individuals and Legal Entities”, an official document on environmental and social issues, as well as to consider citizens’ appeals within the framework of this project, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, executive bodies of state authorities of towns and districts of the country have established commissions functioning in this direction with enthusiasm.

During the meetings, the experts on social and environmental

issues of the institution and employees of the public organization “Umedbakhsh” raise the issues related to the transparency of the activities of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” and effectiveness of the mechanism for consideration of complaints and appeals.



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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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Public awareness activities continue across the country

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in coordination with Public Organization “Umedbakhsh” and the commission under the implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” completed a review of the status of information stands, monitoring of complaints boxes and completed replacement of information stands intended directly for complaints and suggestions from the project beneficiaries.

Specialists in this sector have started implementing this initiative since the beginning of January this year in pilot cities and districts of Khatlon region, and in Sughd region they have completed it in due time.

Today, the social and environmental specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” and the Public Organization “Umedbakhsh” for timely implementation of the action plan in implementation of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” started an

awareness campaign on the grievance redress mechanism among project beneficiaries and stakeholders for this year.



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Inspection process and monitoring of the storage and disposal status of hazardous chemical waste

With the support of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” in the frame of the third component of “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” in the period of independence for the first time introduced a method of disposal of obsolete chemical materials and pesticides and containers that used chemical solutions in scientific and educational institutions of the

Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

This action is implemented on the basis of a contract between the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the Public Organization "Peshsaf".

According to the signed contract with this public organization, chemical materials and reagents, which are included in group A of hazardous waste and expired, empty containers, in which chemical solutions were used, were collected in accordance with the schedule, from the warehouses of the State Institution for Plant Protection and Chemicalization of Agriculture, Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of TAAS, Agrarian University of Tajikistan named after Sh. Shohtemur and the State Institution "Locust Control Expedition" and transported to a special warehouse "Vakhsh".

In this context, in the frame of the project was an official visit of specialists to the inspection process and monitoring of the storage status and disposal of hazardous chemical waste transported from the above-mentioned facilities to the special territory "Vakhsh".

During the monitoring it was found that the waste was placed in two containers of 3 m by 12 m, in accordance with the requirements of environmental and social norms and the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan "On placement of waste in special places", will be temporarily stored in this place, then it will be destroyed.



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Working visit of the institution's specialists to seed farms in Khatlon region

Farmers in Khatlon region are effectively using this year's favorable weather and are carefully caring for each plot of agricultural land in an effort to get the desired harvest.

Specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project this week monitored the progress of field work, crop growth and the actual condition of farm seed warehouses, which are used to store seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides.

Today farmers (beneficiaries of the project) are working hard to achieve abundant harvest, timely carry out agro-technical measures on cotton and other crop fields.

At present, the fields of grain crops (elite group wheat of varieties "Timiryazovka-150", "Alikseich" and "Grom") are completely cleaned of weeds and are growing well after the completion of fertilization.

Cotton seed fields have already sprouted, and farm workers collectively carried out inter-row processing and cultivation.

In addition, during the field work, specialists discussed with the heads of farms of cities and regions the issues of compliance with social and environmental standards set by the project and the World Bank, in particular, working conditions of employees, agrotechnical requirements and proper storage of crop seeds, mineral fertilizers and pesticides in warehouses. As part of the work meeting, recommendations were developed for each farm on the proper storage and use of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides in their warehouses.



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Communication of the Institution with public

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project has established a grievance redress mechanism at local and regional level to ensure transparency of project activities and to establish good relations with beneficiaries.

It is worth mentioning that in order to ensure transparency of the project activities and communication with beneficiaries and people affected by the project, this year, boxes for collecting complaints and suggestions were installed in 46 cities and districts of the republic.

The installed boxes are checked and within 15 days, the received complaints and requests are reviewed by local and regional commissions specially organized within the framework of Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project. The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” then sends written answers to the submitted complaints and suggestions.

Last week, specialists of the social affairs department of the Institution together with the NGO “Umedbakhsh” and the project coordinator conducted a commission opening of the boxes in the subordinate Cities and Districts of the republican subordination, as a result of which proposals of citizens (beneficiaries) were received, to which the Institution will provide detailed answers.

