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AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TAJIKISTAN

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN FOR THE PERIOD OF 2015

MAIN GOALS:

- TO REDUCE POVERTY AND ENSURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVE NUTRITION
- TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND EDUCATION
- TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

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MAIN MECHANISMS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS:

- MAJOR ECONOMIC REFORMS
- INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING
- SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS
- AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECTOR REFORMS

SITUATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

- Agriculture is the second largest economic sector, after services. In 2006 it accounted for 25% of GDP, 55% of the employment.
- 70% of the population live in rural areas, the majority involved in agriculture.
- Tajikistan has good climatic conditions for growing a wide range of crops: continental climate with hot dry summers in lowland areas, and cooler and wetter weather in the mountain valleys and foothills.
- Low precipitation levels necessitate heavy reliance on irrigation. Water resources are abundant and 85% of arable land is located within coverage area of irrigation systems.

Sector Reforms

- About 75% of former collective/state farms reorganized into more than 30,000 privately-owned “Dehqan farms”
- All processing/input-supply enterprises privatized
- Banking sector growing stronger
- Government resolution 111 (March 5, 2007) commits Tajikistan to comprehensive sectoral reforms to give new impetus to market-oriented agriculture
- Adopted Laws

Some Current Issues

- Resolve farm and processing industry debt
- Attract foreign private investment
- Raise farm profitability, reduce input costs
- Revive processing industries
- Improve livestock and pastures
- Improve packaging and presentation of products
- Make better use of country’s climate, location

FAO in Tajikistan

- During the last 10 years FAO has provided a great variety of crucial emergency assistance
- Total project value of about USD 22 million since 1996
- Almost half of that total is in current projects

FAO is now providing assistance to Tajikistan for

- Agricultural Policy Advice
- Food security policy development and monitoring, including crop assessments
- Land Reform Monitoring
- Institutionalization of privatized veterinary services
- Rural livelihoods (with EU), including livestock and pasture improvement
- Brucellosis control
- Agricultural development and Watershed Management Project in Toirsu Watershed
- Potato seed improvement
- National and Regional Avian Influenza Control
- National and Regional locust control

FAO and the GoT are now carrying out a participatory planning exercise

Requests for assistance are likely to include:

- Agricultural policy
- Grain sector improvement
- Food safety, grades and standards
- Support in Reforestation and Forestry Conservation
- Support to Inland Fishery and Aquaculture Rehabilitation (production and Marketing)
- Modernizing laboratories and processing
- Veterinary and phytosanitary training
- WTO accession assistance
- Attracting private investment

OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS IN AGRICULTURE

- United Nations Agencies
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - World Food Program (WFP)
 - UN Development Program (UNDP)
 - UNICEF
 - World Health Organization (WHO)
 - UN Environmental Fund (UNEP)
- World Bank Group
 - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 - International Development Association (IDA)
 - International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Asian Development Bank
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- European Union (European Commission, EuropeAID, ECHO)
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
- Department for International Development - United Kingdom (DFID)
- German Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
- Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TICA)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Aga Khan Foundation

THANK YOU!

