

FEED THE FUTURE TAJIKISTAN AGRICULTURE AND LAND GOVERNANCE ACTIVITY

Objective

As part of the U.S. government's global hunger and food security initiative, the Feed the Future Tajikistan Agriculture and Land Governance Activity will address the root causes of poverty, hunger, and undernutrition by accelerating agriculture-led growth, resilience, and nutrition in rural communities of Tajikistan.

Situation and Solution

Nearly 33 percent of Tajiks are food insecure. Food insecurity can have a long-term impact on the ability of families, communities and countries to develop and prosper. Prolonged undernourishment stunts growth, slows cognitive development, and increases susceptibility to illness, such as COVID-19.

Using an inclusive market systems approach, the Feed the Future Tajikistan Agriculture and Land Governance Activity will draw on the expertise, resources, talents, and the dedication of numerous local organizations, companies, and individuals to tackle food insecurity. The Activity will strengthen agriculture systems, local institutions and private sector partners, and improve the enabling environment to increase household access to nutritious fruits and vegetables, particularly through the lean season.

Building on previous achievements, the Activity will help smallholder farmers increase incomes, promote women's economic empowerment, and boost the production and consumption of nutritious foods while also helping to diversify their sources of income for increased resilience to shocks and stressors. Working with the government and civil society, the Activity will support reforms that encourage private sector growth, innovation, and technology transfer. Women and youth in remote areas will be integrated into agriculture market systems such as agro-processing, extension services, and livelihood diversification, while deepening resilience through nutrition-sensitive agriculture production and behavior change.

The Feed the Future Tajikistan Agriculture and Land Governance Activity will focus on the 12 districts of the Khatlon Province (Balkhi, Dusti, Jaihun, Jomi, Khuroson, Kushoniyon, Nosiri Khusrav, Qubodiyon, Levakand, Shahritus, Vakhsh, and Yovon).

Expected Results

- 100,000 individuals participating in food security programs;
- 70,000 individuals participating in short-term agricultural productivity or food security training;
- 50,000 individuals in the agriculture system will apply improved management practices or technologies with
- 50,000 hectares under improved management practices;
- 25,000 individuals will participate in group-based savings, microfinance, or lending programs;
- 2,800 women and youth will receive vocational and business training;
- 15 pieces of land tenure/property rights legislation proposed and/or adopted to positively affect property rights;
- \$3 million in investment leveraged from the private sector to support food security and nutrition.

Budget: \$36,300,151

Duration: Oct 2020 – Jul 2025

Implementation Area: Khatlon Province

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