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TAJIKISTAN COUNTRY PROFILE

Bordering Afghanistan and China, Tajikistan is a key ally in promoting regional stability and security. The United States partners with Tajikistan to strengthen democratic governance, boost economic growth, improve education, health, food security, and bolster regional economic connectivity.

Since Tajikistan's independence after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, USAID has focused on strengthening Tajikistan's ability to plan, finance, and implement its own development solutions. Together with the regional USAID mission to Central Asia, USAID/Tajikistan works to increase connectivity between the peoples of South and Central Asia to foster greater regional stability and prosperity.

OUR WORK

Small and landlocked, Tajikistan faces many development challenges. Food insecurity, high rates of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), unemployment, and malign influences from neighboring countries all threaten Tajikistan's long-term growth and resilience. USAID helps overcome these challenges by increasing food security and nutrition, improving health and education outcomes, and promote the development of more inclusive government institutions in a volatile region.

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

USAID is addressing the root causes of poverty, hunger, and undernutrition by boosting agriculture-led growth. Through a market systems approach, USAID is increasing the productivity of Tajikistan’s farmers, strengthening the private sector, and improving laws and regulations. USAID improves the incomes of smallholder farmers, catalyzes women's economic empowerment, and increases the production and consumption of nutritious foods. USAID also promotes innovation and enhances the adoption of modern technologies. In addition, USAID empowers women and youth to fully participate in the economy.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Tajikistan has some of the highest rates of TB and MDR-TB in the world, which puts a tremendous strain on its health care system. USAID introduced a new TB treatment regimen that shortened treatment time and improved health outcomes. USAID also supports maternal and child health and nutrition, and fights against the spread of HIV and COVID-19. To build a more productive workforce, USAID is improving primary education by providing age-appropriate reading materials in local languages and facilitating evidence-based teacher professional development.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Tajikistan’s democratic growth is hindered by its authoritarian government, lack of basic services, human trafficking, and a restricted press and civil society. USAID works to boost government accountability and oversight by improving access to clean drinking water and providing migrant workers with information about their rights and the risks of human trafficking. USAID also provides learning and networking opportunities for civil society and independent media outlets to improve access to information.



In Feed the Future target districts, USAID has helped decrease stunting among children under-5 by seven percent by boosting nutrition.



With USAID assistance, students’ progress from “learning to read” to “reading to learn,” forging a strong, educated population.

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