



THRIVE TAJIKISTAN: PARTNERSHIP FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This five-year, \$20 million program expands the partnership between the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) to improve the quality of life for people in 16 districts of Tajikistan.

OBJECTIVES

The Thrive project strengthens the ability of local governance institutions in resource management and effective social service delivery; and improves the performance of small-scale farmers and entrepreneurs.

STRATEGY

The Thrive project uses an integrated, holistic, and locally driven approach to address economic and social challenges across Khatlon and GBAO regions. To improve quality of life, *Thrive* will increase access to fresh water and sanitation, health, education, and energy services; develop the agriculture sector and catalyze small and growing businesses; and improve financial services and local governance. The Thrive project works directly through its beneficiaries – communities and local governance institutions, exploring options for private sector engagement and drawing

on previous experiences, lessons learned, and best practices of USAID programs and other donor organizations in Tajikistan.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Governance and Community Self-Help Activities

- To date, the project formed 126 new mahalla committees in the south of Tajikistan and provided on-going support to another 110 existing mahalla committees.
- Established 256 Community Based Saving Groups in Khatlon, with a total of 4,134 members, 94 percent of whom are women. To date, the group have saved reported TJS 2,425,265 (\$214,625)

Agriculture and Economic Activities

- Established 165 producer groups in Khatlon and GBAO to improve agricultural technologies and infrastructure, and promote management practices
- Established 4 common interest groups in Khatlon to implement economies of scale in production, marketing, and sales. Five of the groups in GBAO received co-investment support to improve income generation, production, and business acumen.
- Established 27 seasonal greenhouses and 20 demonstration plots in Khatlon and GBAO.
- Completed construction/rehabilitation of 3 irrigation systems and construction of 2 storage facilities in Khatlon and GBAO.

Investment Activities

- 86 prospective entrepreneurs completed entrepreneurship training, and 40 businesses completed business acceleration stages in Khatlon and GBAO. Fifteen businesses received innovation capital from the project funds.

Health Activities

- Established 56 new community-based health financing schemes in Khatlon and GBAO, bringing the total number to 274 schemes supported under the program. They have a total of 91,413 members, who saved TJS 3,483,578 (\$308,281) to support families in need of emergency funds for health treatment.

Education Activities

- Established 57 student councils and 51 early childhood development support groups in Khatlon and GBAO.

Energy Activities

- Constructed a 450-kilowatt hydropower plant in GBAO.

PROGRAM DURATION

October 2018 - September 2023

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Aga Khan Foundation, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, Accelerate Prosperity, University of Central Asia, Aga Khan Health Services, Pamir Energy, and Branch Republican Institute for Professional Development in Education

PROGRAM AREA

Khatlon districts: Nosiri Khisrav, Shahritus, Qubodiyon, Dusti, Jayhun, Panj, Farkhor, Hamadoni, Shamsiddin Shohin

GBAO districts: Darvoz, Vanj, Rushon, Shughnon, Roshtqala, Ishkashim, Murghob

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