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Regional Initiative: Empowering Smallholders and Family Farms for Improved Rural Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction

Country Report - Tajikistan

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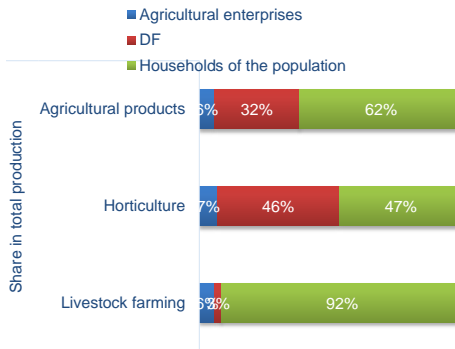
- Lack of agreed-upon definitions for SHFF;
- Lack of separate statistical information on SHFF;
- Smallholders and family farms are the form of the Dehkan farms;
- Key criteria to define a SHFF is **acreage** (in hectares), used for agricultural purposes, and **number of shareholders** listed in land use right certificate
- The total number of Dehkan farms is 145107; Sughd Oblast (40%), Khatlon Oblast (39%) and DRS (21%);

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- 32% – share of DFs in the total output of agricultural production;
- 3% – share of DFs in the total output of the livestock sector;
- 46% – share of DFs in the total output of the crop production sector;
- The main types of crops produced by the DFs: cereals and pulse crops, cotton, potatoes, vegetables and cucurbits crop.



Conclusions

- Access to finance
 - The credit interest rates higher than 32%;
 - No system of agricultural insurance
- Access to inputs
 - The presence of low-quality seeds, pesticides and fertilizers on the market;
- Lack of own capacities for storage
 - DFs including SHFF have to sell the agriculture products on any terms to intermediaries;



Conclusions

- Outdated equipment
 - most often rented; manual labor is used
- Lack of technical knowledge and financial literacy
 - Lack of a widespread system of advisory services
- Limited access to water resources, including lack of equipment for the cleaning of drainage systems
- The taxes as as barrier for expanding DF
 - In case of diversification of farm activities towards processing



Conclusions

- Rural areas
 - The 74% of total population is rural;
 - The share of the agriculture in total employment is 65% ;
 - The number of registered and formally employed in the agricultural sector – 495.400 persons; employees in this sector mainly classified as informal;
 - As informal employees they will not receive the labor pension;
 - Women as an informal employees do not receive any maternity support;
 - The poverty rate in rural area in 2015 was 35%, of which 18% were extremely poor;



Conclusions

Two National Policy documents: NDS 2030 and ARP

- Policy framework:
 - The main goal of the NDS 2030 is the transition of the country's economy from agrarian-industrial to industrial-agrarian,
 - gradual reduction in the share of the agricultural sector in the country's GDP structure to 17-18%;



Conclusions

- Based on ARP several programs were developed, and three of them currently are implementing:
 - Development Program of horticulture and viticulture in the RT for 2016-2020;
 - The State Program for Export and Import Substitution in the RT for 2016-2020;
 - Program for the development of silkworm breeding and processing cocoons of the silkworm in the RT for 2012-2020.



Recommendations

- **Strengthening the quality control system** for imported seeds, pesticides and fertilizers
 - a coalition of the state and the private sector can be created, in which the state has a regulative role;
- **Stimulating cooperation among farmers**
 - The creation of conditions for cooperation; strengthening the lobbying capacity of DFs, access to agricultural equipment and machinery, processing and storage facilities;



Recommendations

- **Strengthening of value chain**
 - The establishment of a sustainable links between the wholesale buyer, supermarkets and the manufacturer will allow farmers to resolve issues with the sale of products
- **Developing knowledge transfer system, improving the skills of specialized consultants, students and farmers:**
 - Creation of a single, publicly available advisory and information platform
 - Developing a tailor made courses on specific topics can be created on the basis of the existing Adult Education Center (AEC);



Recommendations

- **Regulatory improvements**
 - The creation of an insurance product for agricultural activities;
 - Remove the phrase "without further processing" from Article 298 "General Provisions" of Chapter 44 "Simplified taxation regime for producers of agricultural products (single tax)"



Thank you!