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**Report on progress of works in  
"Public Employment for Sustainable  
Agriculture and Water Management Project,  
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up to November 30, 2011**

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## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Project is financed by International Development Association of World Bank- the Manager of Grant trust fund of European Union for emergency prevention of crisis in food prices. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and International Development Association was signed on September 03, 2010 and was endorsed by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on October 22, 2010, Order No. 949. Total Grant amount is 7 416 750 EURO (or equivalent of 10 012 612 USD).

Commencement date of Project: November 24, 2010 and Completion Date is December 31, 2011.

## **2. Project objectives:**

Generating temporary employment, renovating irrigation and drainage infrastructure in selected districts in Khatlon Oblast as means to increase household food security. Food security will be strengthened immediately in the short term by revenue, received by households with low food security in the public works performance (food access) in medium term by increasing the production of agriculture as a result of improving irrigation and drainage (food availability), and in the long term perspective due to the project's contribution in improving policies on water resources management. These measures complement and extend Government's efforts to mitigate the effects of the financial crisis and concomitant reduction in cash income on the rural poor.

## **3. Implementation areas of the Project**

The Project is being implemented in Farkhor, Kabadiyan, Kumsangir, Shahritus and Vakhsh districts of Khatlon oblast within 32 Jamoats (Local village Administration).

## **4. Project's components**

Project consists of three components:

*Component 1: Public Works to Renovate Irrigation and Drainage Infrastructure (\$ 8 867 923 USD)* to finance minor renovation of on-farm irrigation canals and off-farm drainage infrastructure. These public works will be targeted to areas with high food insecurity and good agricultural potential in order to make the best contribution to sustainable economic development and rural livelihoods. In addition to the public works, renovation and rehabilitation will involve the

rental and/or import of auxiliary equipment (excavators, bulldozers, etc.); and the procurement of low-cost, locally available tools such as shovels, wheelbarrows, picks, and other tools.

Component 1 comprises of the following four subcomponents:

Selection of subproject; Employment of workers for manual works; Execution of mechanized works; Procurement of materials, tools, equipment and machinery.

Component 2: Technical Assistance (\$599 993 USD)

This component will finance preparatory work for the introduction of a Water Basin Management System including: the delineation of water basins, an outline of the new roles and responsibilities and the institutional infrastructure needed to manage these water basins, and recommendations on how to move from the current institutional structure to the new one.

Component 3: Implementation Support, Monitoring & Evaluation (\$532 083 USD)

**5. Implementation of the Project on component wise.**

5.1 Component 1: Public Works to Renovate Irrigation and Drainage Infrastructure

NGOs on mobilization of population, monitoring, awareness and informing, environment protection and designing companies have been involved are being working within the Project.

More than 15 thousand tools (shovels, wheelbarrows etc.) for manual works have been procured and distributed.

In the 1 st phase of implementation in (February, March and April, 2011) 10 086 workers have been employed to the works. The volume of manual works made 662 thousand m<sup>3</sup> and 1652 km of irrigation systems have been cleaned from silts.

Workers salary (without taxes) made up 11,4 mln. somoni which fully has been paid.

Preparation of Project papers for implementation of mechanical works (cleaning of collectors/drainage and rehabilitation of structures) is finished.

Documents for procurement of excavating machinery have been prepared

From May-July 14 contracts have been signed for cleaning of collectors/drainage in Project districts. Up to December 1, 2011 from 295 km of collectors/drainage 259 km (88%) have been cleaned from silts. Works are being continued.

Documents for procurement of excavating machinery have been prepared.

For procurement of machinery 2 contracts signed in July, 2011. Procurement is being continued.

## 5.2. Component 2. Technical assistance

On July, 2011 a contract have been signed with an International Company for rendering of technical assistance on reforms of Water Management. The Company is continuing it's activities.

## 5.3 Component 3. Support of monitoring and evaluation of the Project

Both the staff of Project Management Unit in Dushanbe and Project Coordination Center in Khatlon oblast is continuing their activities.

According to reports, since the beginning of the Project up to November 30, 2011, 7 798 578 USD or 78% of funds has been developed.

### **Expected results:**

- Employment: about 423,000 man-days;
- Rehabilitation: more than 1600 km of irrigation system and 400 km of collector/drainage systems;
- Repair of 420 water intake structures;
- Repair of 5 in farm pump stations;
- Increase of food production: 6,5 thousand tons of grains and nearly 10 thousand tons of vegetables in the area of 49 thousand hectares.
- Development of a new policy on irrigation systems management based on basin management principles.