





# UZBEKISTAN - Support to a modern and sustainable agri-food sector and resilient livelihoods

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### **TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL**









Sustainable development of the agri-food and rural development sector

Inclusive and green recovery of Aral Sea region

Sustainable economic development in rural areas

Inclusive and Climate-Wise
Development of the Livestock Sector

Support to the start-ups and MSMEs development

Improved access to drinking water

# **MODALITIES/TOOLS**

Budget support Blending and Guarantees

PPP, privatisation

**Blending** 

AFD

Blending

EIB

Green agri-business and rural development financing facility

- EBRD
- KfW
- EIB

## Joint financing

GIZ

## **KEY DELIVERABLES**

#### Agroforestry and food production

- 1. Establishment of "green belt" of 15,000 hectares protective forest in the Aral Sea region (estimate).
- 2. Planting of agroforestry crops such as rosehip and licorice to generate income and employment for the local population. Generally, the plants to be used are non-timber forest products (NTFPs), halophytes and fodder species. The varieties and species will be selected in order to maximise environmental, social and economic positive impacts.)
- 3. Support to 11,200 livestock farming households to increased income and sustainable production.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Inclusiveness and employment potential for vulnerable populations
- Fair, healthy and environment-friendly food system
- Energy

<sup>\*\*</sup>This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress







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## **NATIONAL CONTEXT**

#### **Policy priorities:**

- Poverty reduction
- Job Creation
- · Fight vs. Malnutrition

#### **Rural areas:**

- Host the majority of the increasing population
- Concentrates the highest rates of poverty
- Inequalities with urban and richer areas

#### **Reform priorities:**

- Water Sector Development Concept 2020-2030
- Strategy for Transition of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Green Economy
- 2020 State Program foresees improved green and improved connectivity
- 2030 Agri-Food Development Strategy
- National Food Security and Nutrition Strategy 2021-2030

#### Food system:

- Generates 25-30% of greenhouse gas emissions
- Land degradation
- Soil salinization
- Unsustainable management of water
- · Wind and water erosion
- Decrease in the productivity of arable land
- High development, employment and inclusiveness potential (production and processing)
- Energy consumption

# Agriculture sector's features in 2019:

- 26% of the GDP
- 24% of the workforce but 80% is
- informal
- Gender gap
- Bad management of the sector causes
- risk of food insecurity and sickness

## The Aral Sea disaster:

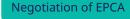
- Socio-economic and ecological
- consequences
- Unsanitary conditions
- Loss of traditional sectors (fishing)
- Lack of investments
- Respiratory diseases caused by pesticides and wastes at the bedrock of the sea
- Degraded soil for farming
- Lack of income

## **GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs**









EU's GSP+ opportunities



- Farm-to-Fork
- Green Deal
- Strategy for Central Asia







# **EU regional programmes:**

- Switch Asia
- DeSIRA
- GCCA+



## COVID-19 impact:

- Expected low growth rates
- High unemployment
- · Exacerbated inequalities