

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

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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

Green agri-business and rural development financing facility

Blending

- AFD

- EBRD
- KfW
- EIB

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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

**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

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Negotiation of EPCA

EU's GSP+ opportunities

EU strategies

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

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



13 CLIMATE ACTION



EU regional programmes:

- Switch Asia
- DeSIRA
- GCCA+

COVID-19 impact:

- Expected low growth rates
- High unemployment
- Exacerbated inequalities

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