Feed the Future Tajikistan Brief – March 8, 2014
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### Tajikistan Overview

**Focus Areas**

- **Zone of Influence: Feed the Future Baseline**

  **Goal: Sustainably Reduce Global Poverty and Hunger**

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**Objective: Inclusive Agriculture Sector Growth**

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**Objective: Improved Nutritional Status Especially of Women and Children**

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### Quick Facts

- 8 million total population; 1.4 million in ZOI
- 7 people is average household size
- ZOI has the largest agricultural output and largest amount of arable land; traditional cotton growing area
- Remittances represent more than 50% of GDP
- Poorest country former Soviet Union; civil war legacy
- Landlocked
- 800 mile border with Afghanistan
Feed the Future Tajikistan Multi-Year Strategy

Pillar 1: Assistance to farmers to improve production, income, and nutrition on household and small commercial farms

Pillar 2: Build capacity in local systems to develop effective agriculture and health extension to reach and assist target rural population; building capacity of farmer groups to aggregate demand for goods and services; water user associations (WUAs)

Pillar 3: Policy support to implement agriculture reforms on the ground (strengthening land rights; access to irrigation water)
Impact-level FTF Targets:
- Reduce the Prevalence of Poverty in the ZoI by 20% (under review)
- Reduce the Prevalence of Stunted Children in the ZoI by 20% (30.71 to 24.6%)

Population/sector-level Outcome Targets (through 2016)
1. Increase Women’s Dietary Diversity Score of 30% of women from 4.44 to 6.00
2. Increase prevalence of children 6-23 months receiving a minimum acceptable diet 30% (from 7.74% to 10%)
3. Increase prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding of children under 6 months of age by 30% (from 38.52% to 50%)

FTF Output and Immediate Outcome Targets keyed to Outcome Targets by 2016
- Number of children under five consuming sufficient vegetable servings high in Vitamin A
- Number of children under five consuming sufficient milk products
- Number of children exclusively breastfed until six months of age
• Potato Project to Improve Food Security in Khatlon (International Potato Center – CIP) Introduces iron and zinc fortified variety

• Flour fortification support (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition – GAIN) Partnerships with private sector flour mills; SUN initiative; Media campaign to build demand

• Winter wheat variety: Krasnodar-99 (Disease resistant and high quality flour for baking; 2008 to WUAs; Ministry of Agriculture credits USAID)

• Innovation Labs: IPM, Horticulture

• Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS)
Concept 1: Improved Dairy Feed Concentrates

- Develop better feed stocks, balanced rations for diary cows for increased milk production and consumption in households
- Complimented by engaging existing veterinarians as advocates for improved feed; compliments other fee for service

Concept 2: Extended Season Vegetable Production under Plastic

- Scaling use of plastic to protect agriculture production and expand the number of months fresh and affordable Vitamin-A-rich vegetables are available to children under five
- Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS) supporting ZOI-wide agriculture extension program to make educate smallholder farmers about the technology and working with the private sector to increase availability of inputs including plastic