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RESIDENTS OF BARTANG VALLEY WERE TRAINED TO PROCESS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Training on fruit and vegetable processing and storage organized by CAMP Tabiat within the framework of the project "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA) took place on August 29 in the village of Darjomj, Bartang Valley, Rushan District, GBAO Republic of Tajikistan.

The trainer was Mutribsho Ismoilov, a specialist of the Pamir Biological Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan. The event was attended by more than 20 residents of Siponj and Darjomj, who are pilot villages of the EbA project.

In the course of the training, participants were introduced to natural methods of harvesting, drying and preserving fruits and vegetables. According to the local residents, now they will be able to use the methods studied without any problems, which do not require any special equipment and additives.

A significant part of the fruit harvest, in particular apricots, in the pilot villages is spoiled or eaten by cattle. Therefore, the use of natural methods of drying and preserving fruits and vegetables will allow villagers not only to provide for themselves, but also to sell dried fruits and canned fruits and vegetables in the markets of district and regional centers.

Thus, the development of small business in the pilot villages and improvement of living standards will contribute to the adaptation of local residents to climate change and mitigation of its consequences in this high mountainous region, said Kumriya Vafodorova, CAMP Tabiat's expert on adaptation to climate change.

The EbA project is implemented by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on behalf of the German government. In Tajikistan GIZ partner in the project implementation is CAMP Tabiat.

