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## **IN THE BARTANG VALLEY, FOREST RESTORATION ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED**

In the villages of Siponj and Darjomj in the Bartang valley of the Rushansk district, GBAO in November, work on the restoration of forest areas and rural infrastructure was completed. The forest restoration activities will continue next spring.

In Siponj, 5 hectares of degraded forest area have been fenced off, and in Darjomj, about 8 hectares of desert forest area have been fenced off for afforestation. To this end, within the framework of the "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA) project, Public foundation CAMP Tabiat has provided over 2.3 thousand meters of metal mesh to villagers.

About 3 thousand willow saplings in Siponj and almost 3 thousand barberry, rosehip, apricot and cherry saplings in Darjomj are planted in the forest areas.

In addition, an irrigation canal of about 1 km long was cleaned and concreted in Siponj. In Darjomj, the work on deepening and strengthening the banks of the mountain streambed with a length of over 1 km was completed.

More than 100 local people took part in the work and received food aid from the UN World Food Program (WFP) - 19.1 tons of flour, more than 700 kg of vegetable oil, more than 1.9 tons of legumes and about 240 kg of salt.

Rural organizations and local authorities in Siponj and Darjomj villages took an active part in involving local residents in the rehabilitation works.

Creation and restoration of forest areas and rural infrastructure will contribute to the protection of villages from floods and mudflows, as well as the provision of forest products to local residents. These activities are aimed at improving the living conditions of local residents and reducing their vulnerability to the effects of climate change.

The activities were carried out within the framework of the regional project of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) EbA, which is funded by the German Government in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. In Tajikistan, GIZ's partner in the project implementation is the CAMP Tabiat, a branch of the Public Foundation CAMP Alattoo.



