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## **RESIDENTS OF BARTANG WERE TRAINED IN SUSTAINABLE METHODS OF HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Residents of Siponj and Darjom villages of Bartang valley of Rushan district, GBAO Tajikistan were introduced to new approaches to the development of horticulture in a changing climate during a seminar held in mid-January in Siponj village.

Mutribsho Ismoilov, a specialist of the Pamir Biological Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, presented in detail effective methods of growing fruit and forest seedlings and various methods of planting and caring for them.

During the event there were also discussed the influence of external factors on the growth, development and yield of fruit trees, as well as the creation of nurseries for the cultivation of tree seedlings and shrubs. The participants were particularly interested in such an important topic as adaptation of horticulture to climate change. In particular, the expert explained the advantages of mixed gardens, which are more resistant to the impacts of climate change.

According to Shodikhon Mirzokhasanov, CAMP Tabiat project assistant, climate-resilient horticulture can become one of the important sources of income for the local population. Environmentally friendly fruits and berries are in good demand both in our region and beyond, he said.

The workshop was organized by CAMP Tabiat within the framework of the project "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA). 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, the GIZ partner in the project implementation is CAMP Tabiat.

