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TRAINING IN SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN THE BARTANG VALLEY, GBAO

On July 19, a training seminar on the rational use of water resources was held in the village of Siponj, Bartang valley, Rushan district, GBAO.

Residents of Siponj and Darjomjh villages of Bartang valley took part in the workshop organized by the Public Foundation (PF) CAMP Tabiat in partnership with the Water Users Association (WUA) "Water Umed" from Shugnan district.

Shaftolu Saidmirzoev, a WUA "Water Umed" specialist, spoke as a trainer of the seminar, who touched upon actual problems of water use in the region and ways of their solution. In particular, he noted the need to draw up a clear schedule of priorities for the use of irrigation water by farmers to address the problem of its shortage. According to him, the efficiency of water use depends largely on the motivation and responsibility of the irrigation water distributor, which is chosen by local residents, as well as the condition of irrigation networks.

During the discussions such issues as rational use of water resources of the region, efficient water distribution, irrigation technologies of agricultural lands, traditional methods of irrigation, etc. were discussed. Besides, the participants considered the issues of establishing the Water Users Association and the benefits of its activities for the villagers.

According to Shodikhon Mirzohasanov, project assistant of PF CAMP Tabiat, the welfare of people in rural areas depends on irrigation water and its effective use. Therefore, workshops and exchange of experience on this topic are very relevant, he said.

The seminar was held 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.

