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ENVIRONMENTAL MOVIES WERE SHOWN TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN BARTANG VALLEY, GBAO.

At the end of October, the Public Foundation “CAMP Tabiat” organized a screening of movies on prevention of desertification and adaptation to climate change in the village of Siponj in the Bartang Valley of the Rushan District of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region of Tajikistan.

Residents of the village of Siponj watched the documentary “Losing ground”, which describes how people from different countries of the world, including Central Asia, are struggling with land degradation and the effects of climate change. The movie was shot by Along Mekong Productions, Heidelberg for the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) on behalf of the German government.

Local people watched the film with great interest, since, in their opinion, these problems are very relevant for Gorno-Badakhshan. At the end of the review, a discussion on the topic of preventing desertification considering current circumstances of climate change was held. The aim of the movie was to familiarize local residents with successful examples and experiences in solving problems related to land degradation and climate change in different regions of the world. Moreover, a cognitive film on the theme “Ecosystem services” which tells about the gifts of the nature to people was shown to high school students of the school No. 12 in the village of Sipondzh. After viewing, the CAMP Tabiat specialists talked with children about the importance of preserving the region’s natural wealth, on which the well-being, development and prosperity of the people in rural areas directly depend. “A film on ecosystem services was shown with the aim of raising the level of environmental education of local schoolchildren,” said CAMP Tabiat project assistant Shodihon Mirzohasanov.

Children's film from the series “Eco? Logically!” prepared in Kyrgyzstan with the support of the Regional Program of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) on the sustainable use of natural resources in Central Asia from funds of the Government of Germany.

The films were shown within the framework of the project "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA), which is being implemented by GIZ in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on behalf of the German government. In Tajikistan, CAMP Tabiat, a subsidiary of the Public Fund CAMP Alattoo, is a partner of GIZ in the project implementation.

