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USAID's Trade Central Asia Activity - TCA

# Enhancing Phytosanitary Measures for Trade

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# USAID Trade Central Asia activity

The goal of USAID's Trade Central Asia activity is to improve region-wide trade connectivity to accelerate economic growth and increase economic opportunity in Central Asia through:

- 1) harmonization of customs and border procedures,
- 2) increasing public-private dialogue on trade and investment,
- 3) improving cross-border firm-to-firm connectivity.

# Harmonization of customs and border procedures through:

- Exchange of pre-arrival information among all countries of Central Asia
- Pilot project on eCMR between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- Reviews: time release study, phytosanitary system analysis, assess the application of international standards etc.
- Technical assistance to border agencies:
  - customs and SPS legislation
  - optimization and automation of business processes
  - training on different aspects of trade facilitation procedures



# Increasing public-private dialogue on trade and investment involves:

- The role of Public Sector Association in promotion of trade-reforms
- The role of National Trade Facilitation Committees as the main coordinating body for any trade facilitation reforms
- Increased importance of new transport and transit corridors considering the recent disruptions in supply chains caused by COVID-19 outbreak and geopolitical crisis in Ukraine



# Improving cross-border firm- to-firm connectivity through:

- **Trade Promotion Service Providers (TPSP) initiative**
  - Value chain cooperation via TPSP
  - Cost-share program for consultancy services
  - Export support mentoring to facilitate trade transactions by providing market linkage
- **Support to Trade Promotion Organizations (TPO)**
  - Increased access to trade information
  - Regional TPO cooperation



# USAID CTJ and TCA support to NPPOs includes:

- Review of institutional and legislation arrangements
- Pilot projects to implement the provisions of international standards and treaties
- Building the capacity of NPPOs

## Key Accomplishments:

- ✓ KZ: ePhyto Road Map
- ✓ UZ: IPPC membership, PFA pilot, PCE
- ✓ CA: Improved competence of more 250 NPPO staff

Biosecurity vs Trade Facilitation



# Review of institutional and legislation arrangements

- 2018: Review of phytosanitary legislation in Uzbekistan
- 2019-20: Adherence of Uzbekistan to the IPPC
- 2021: Assessment of national phytosanitary system in Kazakhstan
- 2022-23: Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) in Uzbekistan



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# Pilot projects to implement the provisions of international standards and treaties

- 2019: Pest-free zones in Ferghana oblast of Uzbekistan
- 2022: ePhyto Road Map for Kazakhstan





# Building the capacity of NPPOs

- 2019: Training on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) in Dushanbe and Tashkent
- 2019: Border Agencies' Study Tour to Poland-Ukraine border check points
- 2020: Workshop on Regional Pest Surveillance (online)
- 2021: Training on Establishing Pest-Free Area (online)
- 2021: Study Tour of UZ NPPO to Kazakhstan



# Thank you for attention!

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