

Sustainable and Climate Sensitive Land Use for Economic Development in Central Asia

Challenges

Central Asia is suffering significantly from the consequences of climate change. Scientists predict the continued expansion of deserts and arid areas, along with above-average increases in temperature and water shortages. Due to inappropriate use pastures and forests are becoming degraded in the short- and medium- term and biodiversity is being lost. Land users, government organizations and the private sector have not yet been able to coordinate land use management efficiently. All these factors lead to aggravated poverty in rural areas. For developing new adapted approaches for land use management the regional programme «Sustainable and Climate Sensitive Land Use for Economic Development in Central Asia» was initiated on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in 2018, with a total budget of €5.1 mln. It partly continues the activities of a predecessor programme.

Objective

Strengthening land user groups, state organizations and the private sector in Central Asia in their efforts to implement integrative, climate-sensitive and economically viable land use approaches.

Services and Modes of Delivery



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Sectoral policy



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Dissemination of land
use approaches



3

Competency development
of key partners

Selected Results and Impacts in Tajikistan

Tajik experiences in building up climate finance related capacity and setting up of a functioning 'no-objection' and climate change coordination mechanisms are shared in **3** Central Asian countries



89 female forest users increased their capacity in joint forest management (JFM) and **28** JFM contracts concluded



Microfinance product for sustainable land management dissemination developed and tested by **11** local land users



Training modules on integration of climate change, disaster risk reduction and pasture management developed and tested in **4** villages and electronically available for everyone



National NGO working on integrative land management improved their organizational development

National pasture networking platform is enhancing intersectoral dialogue on land use



Up to **50** experts from Tajikistan joined the Regional Pasture Information Exchange Platform