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Leaving no one behind: Greater involvement and empowerment of rural women in Türkiye and Central Asia (LNOB)

Uzbekistan



Rural women make up 43.7 percent of Uzbekistan’s agricultural workforce. Not only are they key contributors to agriculture and food production, they also balance vital farming roles with household responsibilities. Despite their contributions, they often work informally, have limited access to decent jobs outside agriculture and face barriers in access to resources, including technical knowledge and skills.

Project at a glance

Target Countries: Tajikistan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan

Duration: 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2024

Budget: USD 950 000

The LNOB project was implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF) of Türkiye under the framework of the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programme (FTPP II).

Project objective:

The project's objective was to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women by improving their access to knowledge and skills, and strengthening capacities of agricultural and forestry policy institutions to formulate and implement gender-responsive policies and programmes in Tajikistan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan.

- Improving institutional mechanisms and enhancing capacities

- Empowering rural women

- Promoting regional dialogue and knowledge sharing



Final conference, December 2024 – Ankara



Project timeline:

- Value Chain Survey:** 2024
- Women's training:** May-June 2024
– Bo'stonliq District, Uzbekistan
- Visit of the delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye to Uzbekistan:** November 2024 –
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Equipment distribution:** November 2024 - Bo'stonliq District, Uzbekistan
- Launch of the Country Gender Assessment of Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods in Uzbekistan:**
December 2024

Project's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

The LNOB project was aligned with the Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals by committing to “Leave no one behind” principle critical for eliminating hunger, reducing poverty, creating sustainable food systems and fostering inclusive rural development. The project specifically contributed to the achievement of the SDGs 1, 2 and 5.



Project's results in Uzbekistan

The LNOB project supported rural women by improving their access to knowledge, skills and economic opportunities. Rural women in need received training, technical consultations and equipment to improve their income generating opportunities.

Bo'stonliq District

Value chain:

Dairy production and beekeeping

Training:

Milk production and processing –
beekeeping practices

Beneficiary women trained:

48 rural women

Equipment beneficiaries:

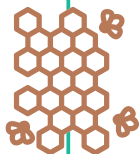
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Workshop: "Marketing and

Beekeeping: Strategies for Enhancing Profitability and Market Integration"
Held as part of the Honey Festival, the workshop brought together 50 women

Date: 2–3 December 2024

International Rural Women's Day: The Central Asian Forum on Women, Science, and Innovation for Food Security and Sustainable Future was organized by FAO and national counterparts in Tashkent with participation of rural women and policy makers in occasion of the International Rural Women's Day celebrated on 15 October 2024.





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Training in beekeeping, October 2024,
Bo'stonliq district, Uzbekistan



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Training in dairy production, May 2024, Uzbekistan



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Interview by the project beneficiary at the equipment handover ceremony in Bo'stonliq District, 19 November 2024



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