

 Early Warning System

ADB-58181-001

Precision Agriculture for Resilient Commercial Horticulture Sector  
Project



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Uzbekistan
<b>Specific Location</b>	Jizzakh
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Borrower</b>	Government of Uzbekistan - Ministry of Agriculture
<b>Sectors</b>	Agriculture and Forestry
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Grant
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 4.90 million



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Precision Agriculture for Resilient Commercial Horticulture Sector Project will promote horticulture commercialization, by (i) catalyzing formation of producer groups and (ii) strengthening vertical market linkages between producer groups and downstream agribusiness. The project location is in Bakhmal district, Jizzakh region, directly benefiting at least 170 small-scale farmers, indirectly at least 85 agricultural workers, and their families.

Agriculture in Uzbekistan faces significant vulnerability to climate change. Rising temperatures lead to increased evapotranspiration rates and greater water demand for crops. Land degradation and desertification are eroding arable land and soil fertility. Reduced snowmelt and rainfall exacerbate water scarcity. Over the past 15 years, per capita yearly water availability has declined from 3,048 m<sup>3</sup> to 1,589 m<sup>3</sup>. By 2030, water scarcity is projected to increase from 2 billion m<sup>3</sup> to 7 billion m<sup>3</sup>, and further to 13 billion m<sup>3</sup> by 2050. These combined forces pose a serious threat to agricultural production and food security in Uzbekistan. Urgent adoption of new technologies is essential to enhance the resilience of the country's food system.

About 4.7 million rural households operate small-scale farms. The small-scale farmers (dehkans) have landholdings between 1 to 5 hectares (ha) in size, operate independently of government support, and account for the production of 66% of vegetables and 54% of fruits. Dehkans possess about 12% of total agricultural land out of 4.5 million ha. While the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been supporting horticulture in Uzbekistan, further support is needed to promote horticulture commercialization.



### Early Warning System Project Analysis

The sub-projects under this loan are classified as Category B or C for environment under ADB Safeguard Policy Statement 2009. This is due to the proposed subprojects' anticipated environmental impacts which are largely concentrated during construction and operation phases.

Each subproject will be individually categorized at the beginning of the environmental planning process, based on the Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) checklist. Only subprojects classified as category B or category C for environment as per ADB's SPS 2009 will be selected.

Environment: B

Involuntary Resettlement: C

Indigenous Peoples: C



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### Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

According to the Initial Environmental Examination Report (page 1), the implementation period is 3 years and indicative project cost is \$4.9 million.



### Contact Information

*No contacts available at the time of disclosure.*

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### Bank Documents

- [Precision Agriculture for Resilient Commercial Horticulture Sector Project: Environmental Assessment](#)
- [Precision Agriculture for Resilient Commercial Horticulture Sector Project: Initial Environmental Ex](#)
- [Precision Agriculture for Resilient Commercial Horticulture Sector Project: Safeguards Due Diligence](#)