IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited: Tajikistan

Dates of Travel: November 25 - December, 5, 2011

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Purpose of Trip: To develop a baseline survey to assess then the impact of IPM interventions in Tajikistan.

Sites Visited: Dushanbe; Khojent District Jajoyak Jamoat, Tajoyak Village; Hissor District, Dubad Jamoat, Turdi Village.

Description of Activities/Observations:

Met with in-country coordinator Dr. Nurali Saidov to discuss the focus of the project and the proposed baseline survey questionnaire and with Ms. Tanzila Eargasheva (Agricultural Economist) to discuss the design and implementation of the baseline survey—including the focus of the questionnaire, survey sampling strategy, survey budget, and timetable for implementation.

Traveled with Ms. Tanzila Eargasheva to the project's two farmer field school/demonstrations site located in Khojent District Jajoyak Jamoat, Tajoyak Village; Hissor District, Dubad Jamoat, Turdi Village, where we collected secondary data and pretested the baseline survey.

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

The project is on track in implementing farmer field schools/demonstrations. To increase the project's impact, it needs to establish more farmer field schools/demonstrations. Also, a key component of the IPM technology is the resistant wheat variety Orman. However, as there is a shortage of seed, only the 2 farmers in whose fields the demonstration plots were planted had access to this variety. To increase the impact of the project, the project needs to give priority to allocating additional funds to multiplying seed of this variety to insure that both all cooperating farmers and other farmers in the Jamoat have access to this variety.

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