

**Grant Amount:** \$74,275

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**Country:** Tajikistan

### GOAL

To improve the sustainability of water resources management in rural communities of the Kofarnigan River in Tajikistan.

### OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness among communities, farmers, rural women, and young people about more efficient water use for agriculture and households.
- To promote positive social and behavioral change in water use at community and village levels.
- To improve knowledge sharing on affordable water saving solutions in rural communities at national and regional levels.



### RESULTS

- Developed training modules on affordable sustainable water use and water saving technologies.
- Developed a reference manual on available and affordable technologies and practices of effective water use and water conservation, which was distributed to farmers .
- Held 23 trainings on affordable water saving technologies for sustainable water use in 10 villages of 2 districts (i.e., Gissar, Kabodien); 410 community members took part in trainings, including 285 women and 125 men.
- Created a community demonstration site on effective water use technologies, water conservation, and local practical approaches in Kabodien district.
- Conducted water use needs assessments in 10 villages using the Participatory Rural Appraisal methodology.
- Developed 10 Community Action Plans (CAPs) to introduce inexpensive, scalable practical technologies and solutions for improving sustainable water use in rural areas
- Engaged 1,186 people (571 women) to develop the CAPs.
- Provided 120 examples of innovative technologies, practices, and experiences that can be used in local area.
- Created 10 videos for local communities to demonstrate best practices for efficient water use on rural farms.
- Developed 22 case studies that have been shared online at the Central Asian Climate Portal: <https://centralasiacclimateportal.org>
- Organized a roundtable in Dushanbe for 27 representatives from beneficiary groups, water sector experts, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to exchange information on best practices and discuss the project results.

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