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Strengthening current partnerships and starting new cooperations

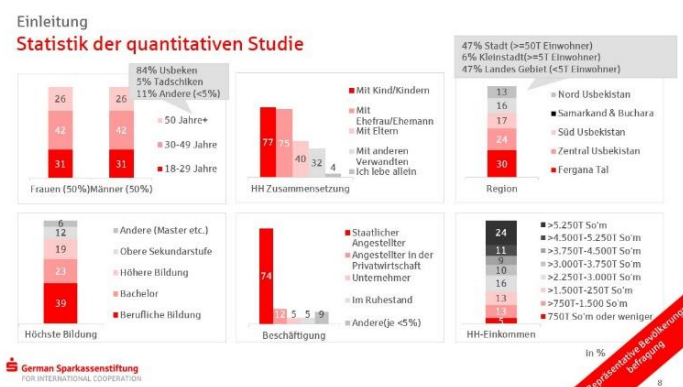
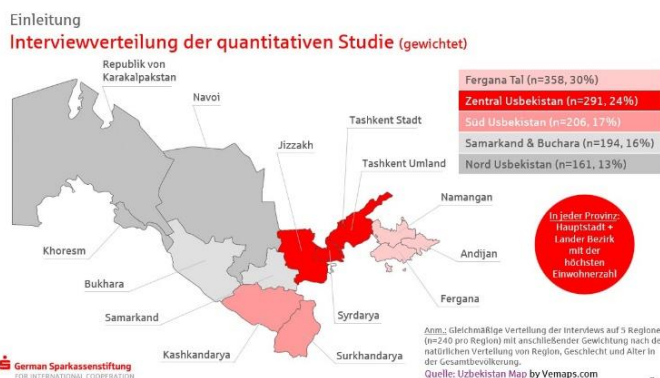
Busy weeks in the project office of German Sparkassenstiftung Uzbekistan

The month June was characterized by many different activities that took place between our project office here in Tashkent, our partners as well as important guests from Germany. These events could not only strengthen and deepen our already existing partnerships, but at the same time the first steps for new cooperation were also being taken.

Thursday, 09.06.2022 – Publishing our market research in the banking sector

The results of the market research on **Trust in Banks & Access to Financial Services in Uzbekistan** were presented in a huge event in Tashkent.

The study was laboriously prepared over months by the project “Responsible Finance” in cooperation with the short-term expert Nadine Wojahn and a local agency. Within the study, respondents in all regions of Uzbekistan and of every age (18 years and older) were asked various questions about the financial products and services there are currently using as well as about their personal impression of the work processes in banks. The answers were evaluated in terms of existing trust and satisfaction about the access to products and services. Overall, the market research shows a positive development of the population’s financial situation with a moderate up to high trust in the banking sector. Criticism is related to a lack in customer services and productivity as well as unnecessary bureaucracy in the banks. For further information on the results of the study please contact the project office of German Sparkassenstiftung Uzbekistan.



Extract from the presentation of the survey, available in German and Uzbek

Monday, 20.06.2022 – A 10-day delegation visit from the headquarters in Germany



Picture of all team members in the Tashkent project office, together with Mr. Bergmann and Mr. Fohs

On Monday, our managing director, Ni Claus Bergmann, and the Head of Division Europe and Central Asia, Matthias Fohs, travelled from our German headquarters in Bonn to our project office in Tashkent. The agenda of this visit included meetings with our partner organizations to discuss about future activities and their wishes that can be implemented in our joint project work in the future.

From Monday, 27.06.2022 to 30.06.2022 – Hochschule Weihenstephan-Triesdorf (HSWT) as our guest

Together with Mr. Matthias Fohs, we welcomed a delegation from the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences. HSWT is one of the leading academic institutions in Germany for agricultural and environmental studies and was represented by Prof. Dr. habil. Carsten Lorz, Dr. Aram Aristakesyan and their colleague Prof. Dr. Paul Michels. The visit was an opportunity to get to know each other better. Elements of a potential cooperation were explored and worked out.



Meeting at the Samarkand Branch of Tashkent State University of Economics

Therefore, we did not only stay in Tashkent. We accompanied the delegation from HSWT to Jizzax and Samarkand to meet with different partners, academic organizations, and their representatives:

- Deputy Rector of the Tashkent State Agrarian University and the Minister of Agriculture
- Deputy mayor of the Regional Government Jizzax and the Head of the Jizzax Regional Department of the Youth Affairs Agency
- Vice Rector of the Vocational Education Center for Agriculture in Gallaorol (Jizzax region)
- Vice Director of the Samarkand Branch of Tashkent State University of Economics



The goal is to implement “dual education” for young agricultural students. Through this concept the students gain, beside the theoretical knowledge, practical skills in vegetable and fruit cultivation, cattle breeding, and many other areas of farming. Combined with the business and financial trainings of German Sparkassenstiftung this training model will become a “lighthouse project” for many other institutions in Uzbekistan. Further steps and necessary content will be developed together with HSWT in the following months.



Some impressions from the delegation trip and their visit to different institutions, organizations, and their representatives

Monday, 27.06.2022 – Signing a MoU with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

We are happy to announce that also on Monday, German Sparkassenstiftung signed a **Memorandum of Understanding on “Green Entrepreneurial Education and Development of the Agribusiness Sector in the Republic of Uzbekistan”** with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) supports developing country governments’ transition worldwide to a model of economic growth that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive.



The MoU sets the foundation for future cooperation in the Aral Sea Region. The GGGI project “*Green Rehabilitation Investment Project for Karakalpakstan Republic to Address Impacts of the Aral Sea Crisis*” (Aral Sea GRIP) works on viable measures for communities in the Aral Sea Region to pursue sustainable livelihoods through climate-resilient agri-business models.



DSIK and GGGI will work together on strengthening the capacity building of entrepreneurs in the agri-business sector. One part of this program will be the participation of these young people in the special seminars of German Sparkassenstiftung on “How to Develop a Green Business Plan”. By this, they will not only learn how to start a successful and environmentally friendly agri-business, but they will also get easier access to finance

through our already implemented Rotating Credit Funds.

The joint efforts between GGGI and DSIK will enable more agri-businesses in the regions of Karakalpakstan to flourish and invest in sustainable measures and technologies.

Wednesday, 29.06.2022 – Handing over the sixth education vehicle to the Youth Union in Samarkand



Efficiency as a key factor of sustainability – We could also use the delegation trip to Samarkand to visit the education center of the Youth Union in Uzbekistan.

As already in other regions in Uzbekistan, we handed over one more Chevrolet DAMAS as an “education vehicle” to the trainers of our partners. These small vans are equipped with all the necessary materials, such as chairs and writing boards, so seminars can also be conducted in remote rural areas.

The trainers can thus reach people who do not have the opportunity or financial means to travel to larger centres and cities for seminars. True to the motto: “Education comes to people”. A total of 6 vehicles are now in use in Tashkent, Samarkand, Jizzax and Karakalpakstan. This gives us the chance to reach even more people with our work.

With a warm thanks for trust and support of all our partners in Uzbekistan and Germany we wish you a nice summertime.



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