

UNDP Tajikistan Sustainable Development News



In our January–February Newsletter, we highlight a strong and inspiring start to the year. Together with national institutions, international partners and local communities, UNDP continues to advance climate action, support youth and women, strengthen public services, expand access to justice, and promote inclusive economic growth across Tajikistan.

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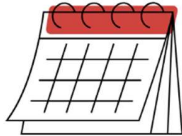
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Public Services, Governance & Rule of Law

New Initiatives to Promote Integrity and Support Survivors of Violence in Tajikistan



Strengthening Transparency and Accountability for Results (STAR)

The STAR project, implemented in partnership with the Agency for State Financial Control and Combating Corruption, will support the development of whistleblower protection mechanisms and introduce innovative anti-corruption tools. These include the *Integrity Efforts Assessment* and a new digital *Clean Portal* for reporting corruption, helping to strengthen transparency, reinforce institutional accountability, and build public trust. The project is funded by the Republic of Korea through UNDP's Global Policy Centre.

Challenging Harmful Attitudes and Norms for Gender Equality (CHANGE)

The CHANGE project will be implemented by UNDP, UN Women and UNFPA in five Central Asian

countries. Under this initiative, UNDP Tajikistan will provide targeted economic support to women affected by domestic violence. Through mentorship, skills development, and income-generation opportunities, the programme aims to help survivors rebuild their independence and strengthen their resilience. The project is funded by the European Union.

UNDP and Tajikistan’s Ministry of Health Discuss Digitalisation and Sustainable Health Solutions



Sudipto Mukerjee, UNDP Tajikistan’s Resident Representative met with Jamoliddin Abdullozoda, Minister of Health and Social Protection of the Population of Tajikistan, to discuss priority areas of cooperation in the health sector. The [meeting focused on the key areas of cooperation between the Ministry of Health and UNDP](#) such as the continued collaboration in HIV and tuberculosis (TB) prevention, promotion of digital birth and death registrations and enhanced capacities of the immunization system.

EU, Switzerland & Tajikistan Celebrate Achievements in Civil Registration



Partners gathered in Dushanbe to review milestones, celebrate the Switzerland-funded Civil Registry Reform project wrap-up (2016–2026), and chart the path ahead with continued EU support. The Government of Switzerland’s financial backing across two phases (2016–2019, 2019–2026) transformed a fragmented paper-based system into a modern digital system — advancing SDG 16.9: legal identity for all. [Find Out the Key Achievements](#)

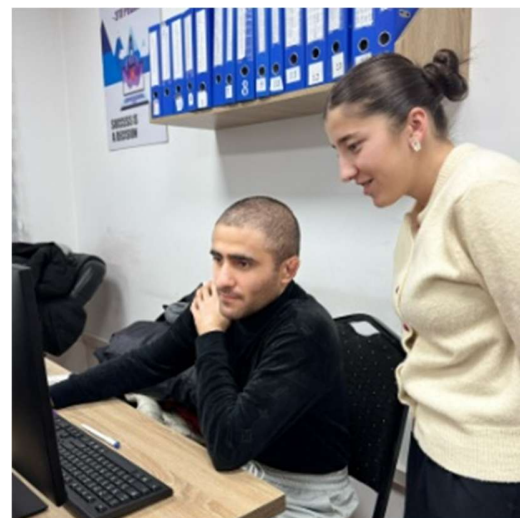
Celebrating the First Fellowship Cycle for Young Women Lawyers



UNDP Tajikistan [marked the completion of the first cycle of the Fellowship Program for Young Women Lawyers](#) under the Supporting Women in Law Project at a graduation event. Over eight months, 19 women lawyers participated in the country's first structured fellowship of its kind, providing legal aid nationwide and contributing to policy discussions on access to justice. Fellows delivered legal aid consultations to 307 clients, including 222 women, and produced four case notes that informed two policy roundtables with government stakeholders on justice challenges faced by women and children.

Where Young People Lead and Inspire

UNDP in Tajikistan, in partnership with the Committee on Youth and Sports Affairs, is activating Youth Creativity Corners (YCCs) as community hubs for youth skills and innovation. The renovation of these spaces was supported by Government of Japan under the regional project “Promoting Resilient Communities to Prevent Violent Extremism in Central Asia (PVE Phase II). [Across the country, young people are developing practical skills through hands-on learning.](#)



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Inclusive Economic Growth

Empowering women entrepreneurs across Tajikistan



14 women entrepreneurs successfully completed the Women’s Entrepreneurship and Business Skills Training Programme under UNDP in Tajikistan’s Aid for Trade in Central Asia project, funded by Finland. After the training, participants pitched their business ideas. [As a result, two women were selected as grant winners, while four more participants received tablets and smartphones](#) to support the digital promotion of their businesses and expand their market reach.

[Alongside financial support, the two grant recipients also received tailored technical assistance to help scale their enterprises sustainably.](#)

How Farmer Navruz’s Dried Fruits from a Tajikistani Village Found Their Way to the World



Navruz Aliev from Ponghoz village in Asht district, Tajikistan, transformed his family’s traditional fruit-drying practice into a thriving export enterprise, collaborating with farmers across the Sughd and Khatlon regions. [Explore the full story here](#)

Agricultural Machinery Handed Over to Farmers, Including Women-Led Groups, in Khatlon



UNDP, JICA Tajikistan Office and national partners [officially handed over 28 units of essential agricultural machinery](#) — including 8 allocated to women farmers and women-led farming groups — in Khatlon under the LITACA project funded by Japan - The Government of Japan through JICA. Delivered ahead of the new agricultural season, this timely support strengthens rural livelihoods and improves farm productivity.

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Climate Change & Environment

UNDP and Tajikistan Strengthen Partnership on Sustainable Cooling



UNDP Tajikistan and the Committee for Environmental Protection (CoEP) of Tajikistan [formalized their partnership](#) for the GEF funded “[Integrated Program for HFC Phasing Down and Sustainable Cooling for Tajikistan](#)” project. It will promote sustainable cooling and use of energy-efficient technologies, strengthen policies, and build national capacity to protect the environment and combat climate change. With a budget of USD 5.2 million the project will run from 2026 to 2031.

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Advancing Communities, Strengthening Futures: Japan's Impact in Tajikistan



On Japan's National Day, [we celebrate the enduring partnership between Japan and Tajikistan — and Japan's steadfast support through UNDP](#) in building safer, more resilient and prosperous communities across the country. For many years, Japan has been a trusted partner in advancing disaster risk reduction and promoting social cohesion in Tajikistan.



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