

PORTFOLIO

of

PO "SHARIKON BAROI RUSHD"



Glossary

CDTA – capacity development technical assistance

CIF – Climate Investment Funds

COEP – Committee for Environmental Protection

ELMARL Project - Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods Project

GCF - Green Climate Fund

Sharikon baroi rushd – Partners for Development (en.)

PO – Public organization

PPCR – Pilot Program for Climate Resilience

WFP – World Food Program



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1. Introduction

PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" is an organization in Tajikistan, providing different kinds of services, particularly in consulting area, to national and international stakeholders. We have got an impressive background in providing services to UN agencies, multilateral development banks, government institutions, and public and private sector companies. For instance, we implemented 12 projects with UNICEF Tajikistan between 2019 and 2024 years as well as a joint Project of UNDP and Committee for Environmental Protection on conduction of survey and facilitation in capacity building of rural communities on climate resilience.

The organization employs 9 permanent staff, wide network of professionals and partners in such areas as climate change, private sector development and SME, monitoring and evaluation, research, policy consultancy and conduction of survey.

2. Profile of PO "Sharikon baroi rushd"

PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" leverages the strength of its network to ensure the successful development of realized projects. The primary focus is on structural ordering of technical and analytical solutions for private sector, development projects and international partners and stakeholders. PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" provides services in the various areas, including:

Management **Export Promotion** Climate Change Strategy and Consulting Policy Low-Emission Target-Market **Private Sector** Development Identification Strategy Development Strategies; Marketing climate finance; Secondary market Organizational Sectoral Policy Impacts, research, Export development Vulnerability and support, Trade Facilitation **Financial** Adaptation; outsourcing and (agribusiness and Sector-Specific management external providersagro-processing) Support on associates Climate Change

3. Our competitive advantages (strengths)

The PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" and its team have extensive development experience, with a particular focus on climate change. in 2016 the PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" participated in the public awareness survey on climate change issues to provide data for the development of the National Strategy "Adaptation to Climate Change" under the PPCR CDTA project. As part of a project were developed recommendations for the institutional setting in the process of transition to green economy as a result of studying the prospects of the transition of Tajikistan to a "green" economy (2017), and the Green Climate Support of the authorized state body of Tajikistan was developed (2017, COEP). In addition, in early 2023,

the PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" conducted a survey in 6 districts of the Kofarnihon River Basin (KRB) to identify gaps and needs of local agricultural farms and livestock breeders (pastoralists) in order to develop and provide them with recommendations for sustainable development in the face of climate change. In October 2024, PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" successfully completed the HACT procedure under the management of UNDP. This indicates that the organization can successfully manage and implement large projects.

In addition, NGO "Sharikon Baroi Rushd" was audited by Moores Rowland Tajikistan LLC for activities of organization from October 2022 to September 2024, as confirmed by the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Information and the Management Letter (dated November 13, 2024).

All this experience testifies the comparative advantage of the PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" in integrating climate change into strategic national documents, which, in turn, confirms the key experience in the implementation of this project. Our team can also help to develop the private sector in Tajikistan in the face of climate change, both at the policy and investment levels. Thus, we will be able to combine the best domestic and international practices of project implementation and unique knowledge related to this task. Please see Appendix A for relevant experience and previous technical work on similar projects.

A highly qualified team with extensive experience in the implementation of various projects includes the following:

- The team has extensive experience in implementing similar projects and is well versed in climate change and adaptation projects, national strategies, gender mainstreaming and the private sector in the context of Tajikistan. Our experts has experience with the implementation of various projects in their respective areas.
- The Project Manager and Project Implementation Team formed by PO "Sharikon baroi rushd" are very familiar with both WBG processes and standards. This allows for efficient project implementation and will take over the quality assurance of all deliverables.
- We have a strong and successful history of relationships with a range of stakeholders (including the COEP, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, private sector, development partners and civil society) in the country from current and recent assignments that we can leverage to effectively implement the Assignment.



Appendix A: Project portfolio

Assignment title: Green, Resilient Recovery in Energy and Agriculture sectors in Tajikistan		
Contract value: USD 38 000.00	Contracting entity: GCF and COEP	
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2024	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 6 (March-September)	

Brief description:

The GCF Readiness and Support Program: Green, Resilient Recovery in Energy and Agriculture sectors in Tajikistan will lay the foundation for the development of a National Strategy for Green Resilient Recovery of Tajikistan. Based on approved strategies and on the preliminary stakeholder consultations, it is expected that a Concept Note of the Funding Proposal will be developed in frame of this project.

- Development of the two National strategies/programmes on green resilient recovery in agriculture and
 energy sectors with a focus on opportunities for most vulnerable rural communities. The strategies will
 complement the currently elaborated NAP and will highlight measures to restore the adaptive capacities
 following the pandemic and propose the recovery measures through the utilization of green and climatesmart technologies in both sectors. Carbon credit market and subsidy schemes at the national level will be
 considered as recovery measures for supporting energy efficiency schemes and adaptation in agriculture in
 rural areas.
- Develop recommendations and market models for the creation of carbon trading as part of green recovery measures in the energy and agriculture sectors.
- Pipeline development to support the implementation of NCCAS and enhance adaptive capacities and recovery
 following the pandemic, including the development of two concept notes (in the agriculture and energy
 sectors) that will target rural communities and assist with the development of low-carbon and climateresilient technologies.

Assignment title : Technical support to the Ministry of Education and Science to develop reporting mechanism on learning situation during emergency		
rearring situation during emergency		
Contract value: TJS 809 845.00	Contracting entity: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2024	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 4 (February-May)	

Building on global framework for re-opening/continuation of schools or temporary learning space, UNICEF and partners highlight four key dimensions to be addressed when planning and implementation of schools re-opening/continuation during emergency in Tajikistan: access, quality learning, well-being and safety. In order to ensure school's safety and preparedness for emergency response, schools will need to follow National School Safety Standards developed by the MoES and have a safety protocol developed and in place. Diligent compliance to the suggested criteria/measures will help to keep school safe to operate and have students and staff safely back to education process.

- In consultation with UNICEF team the IP Organization will proposed new set of education emergency related indicators to improve monitoring of the situation in the education system during emergencies.
- Consultation, validation drop approval of training package with UNICEF team and relevant government
 partners before training activities aiming at improving data collection capacity among education personal of
 RCICT, EMIS focal points at districts education departments, school and community liders.
- Conduct simulation exercises in ten pilot schools to test a new system for monitoring and reporting on the situation with education during emergencies with the participation of representatives of school administration and teachers, as well as, representatives of district education departments and community liders.
- Stand by agreement between UNICEF and the IP to facilitate data collection exercise during emergency at school level in coordination with local education authorities using really to use data collection tool.

Assignment title: "Tajikistan Resilient Landscape Restoration Project. Reference no. TRLRP -CS-CQS-15	
Contract value: USD 536 694.00	Contracting entity: COEP
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2023-2025
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 36

Tajikistan Resilient Landscape Restoration Project intends to select a Company/Consultant to provide consulting services for conducting a baseline survey in 10 districts of the GBAO, Khatlon and Sughd regions of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The Government of Tajikistan is implementing the Tajikistan Resilient Landscape Restoration Project financed by the World Bank Group. Tajikistan is the most vulnerable to climate change and has one of the lowest level of GHG emissions—both in absolute and per capita terms—in Central Asia. Climate change affects all types of interventions: agriculture, forest, land restoration—in pasture and protected areas; erratic precipitation pattern; poor growth of vegetation; and increased incidence of fire, disaster risks, loss of biodiversity and pest and disease outbreak.

The project will provide sub-grants to villagers/farmers organized as Common Interest Groups (CIGs) to implement small-scale livelihood investments and actions to support sustainable cropping systems.

Objectives:

The focus will be the adoption of practices such as:

- a) diversification of agricultural/horticultural crops;
- b) improved crop varieties and biotechnology that reduce emissions;
- c) water-efficient crops and varieties and cultivation methods;
- d) erosion control measures such as increasing vegetative cover along the sides of linear infrastructure such as roads and planting of shelterbelts;
- e) harvesting and processing of different crops, including cooling and storage;
- f) reduced tillage intensity and cover crops, crop rotation, perennial cropping systems, cultivation of deep rooting species;
- g) higher inputs of organic matter to soil and processing and application of manure; and
- h) (h) small-scale community-based tourism activities around protected areas.

Assignment title : "Building Climate Resilience of Vulnerable and Food Insecure Communities through Capacity Strengthening and Livelihood Diversification in Mountainous Regions of Tajikistan". Grant No. FP067		
Contract value: USD 245.700	Contracting entity: WFP and COEP	
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2023-2024	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 12	

The project target area covers eleven districts of Tajikistan, namely Fayzabad, Nurobod, Rasht, Tojikabad, Jirgatol in Districts of Republican Subordination, Khovaling and Muminabad in Khatlon region, Rushon, Shugnan, Roshtqala and Ishkashim in GBAO. These districts have been strategically selected given their high vulnerability to climate change and severe food insecurity. The geographic diversity of the target area represents a microcosm of Tajikistan's mountain regions, each facing unique challenges related to climate variability and its impact on agriculture and livelihoods. By targeting these specific districts, the project aims to provide tailored interventions that take into account the specific climatic, environmental and socio-economic conditions of each location, ensuring that vulnerable and food insecure communities in mountainous regions receive targeted support to enhance their resilience and adaptability to climate change.

- Provision of climate information to farmers through established channels of the Agency for
 Hydrometeorology. This critical aspect of the project aims to provide local communities with timely and
 relevant climate information and conduct trainings that promote resilience in the face of climate variability.
- Documentation and dissemination of lessons learned and best practices. Dissemination of best practices and lessons learned among national and district authorities facilitates knowledge sharing and informed decisionmaking. These objectives together contribute to enhancing local resilience, facilitating adaptation to the impacts of climate change and promoting sustainable practices in vulnerable regions of Tajikistan.

Assignment title: "Facilitation in capacity building of rural communities on climate resilience as part of the project "An integrated landscape approach to enhancing the climate resilience of small-scale farmers and pastoralists in Tajikistan"

Contract value: TJS 295,175	Contracting entity: United Nations Development Programme & Committee for Environmental Protection
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2022-2023
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 2

Brief description:

Based on the developed content for the training, a preliminary mobilization events, including meetings with administration of 7 target regions, rural communities' administration will be conducted for the discussion of the date, premises and mobilization and activities process. The results of the meetings will be documented and a detailed report on the date, premises, mobilization of beneficiaries and training process (to adjust arising specifics of the rural regions) will be submitted to the stakeholders and UNDP.

The training on climate resilience for the rural communities, small scale farmers and pastoralists in 7 target districts will be conducted within 2 days (2-day training) and will be focused on capacity building of beneficiaries as well as familiarize them with the information and knowledge with practical practices on the climate change impact, the ways of mitigation of this impact. The training process will be document (the list of participants, report template and other documents will be developed prior to the training) and filmed for further use in media campaign and dissemination with stakeholders and UNDP. The monitoring and evaluation forms for the training will be used to evaluate the training quality and receive the beneficiaries' feedback for further use.

Based on the conducted assessment and training, and received feedbacks of beneficiaries, a practical tool "Roadmap on the climate change mitigation and adaptation, enhancement of livelihoods in the climate change conditions and climate resilience", focused on the use of rural communities, small scale farmers and pastoralists. The developed roadmap will be agreed with stakeholders and UNDP and the final version will be disseminated to the beneficiaries of the target regions.

- Preinitiation preparation and awareness raising;
- Analysis and capacity building background development;
- Site-based capacity building;
- Completion and lesson learnt.

Assignment title: Tajikistan: "Increasing environmental awareness as a factor influencing global climate change"		
Contract value: USD 30 000.00	Contracting entity: UNDP	
Project location: Tajikistan	Duration: 03/2022 – 03/2023	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 12	

The activities of the project will be aimed at preventing the negative human impact on the population of one of the rare species of Bukhara mountain sheep (urials), common in the Kubodiyon region, as well as other endangered Red Book animals, in the face of climate change and increasing human encroachment on the environment.

Objectives:

• Increasing the capacity of the veterinary laboratory for the rehabilitation of the endangered species of the Bukhara sheep (urial) and other Red Book animals, promoting respect for wildlife among the local population.

Main activities:

- Collecting information from the younger generation (secondary school students) and the local population about the life of the Red Book animals living in the Kubodiyon region, about the importance of preserving the environment and wildlife.
- Conducting a series of trainings for the younger generation, the local population about the life of the Red Book animals living in the Kubodiyon region, about the importance of preserving the environment and wildlife. Building the capacity of the Association of Hunters to prevent illegal hunting and poaching.
- Based on the survey, the development of information materials on the importance of wild animals in the
 restoration and improvement of the environment in the face of climate change. Distribution of developed
 materials among secondary school students..

Assignment title: Tajikistan: "Increasing environmental awareness as a factor influencing global climate change		
Contract value: USD 35,000	Contracting entity: UNDP	
Project location: Tajikistan	Duration: 10/2020 – 03/2021	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 6	

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted the State Comprehensive Program for the Development of Environmental Education and Enlightenment for 2021-2025. In order to implement it, a Plan of measures for its implementation has been developed. In accordance with this Plan, the implementation of most of the points of this plan requires the assistance of public environmental organizations. The implementation of this project contributes to one of the main directions of the state program - "Environmental education in institutions of primary and secondary vocational education", which includes seminars on environmental education and training, advanced training and retraining of teachers of secondary specialized education and technical specialties, training and broadcasting video about environmental protection to involve teenagers in solving environmental problems.

Objectives:

 Assistance in the implementation of the Comprehensive Program on Environmental Education of the Committee for Environmental Protection by improving the quality of environmental education for students of primary vocational education institutions of the Khatlon region of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Main activities:

- Assessment of the level of knowledge of students and the scientific and pedagogical staff of primary
 vocational education institutions in the Khatlon region on environmental education and upbringing in the
 context of people's impact on global climate change by conducting a survey.
- Increasing the capacity of the scientific and pedagogical staff of local educational institutions through special "trainings for trainers", including the use of the developed manual "Fundamentals of Environmental Education".

Assignment title : Tajikistan: "Conducting monitoring, evaluation and assessment to better serve the needs of children"		
Contract value: TJS 150,500	Contracting entity: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	
Project location: Tajikistan	Year: 2020	
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 3	

The Team had to initiate joint monitoring and review meetings that shall be held at least at mid-term and at the end of the assignment in order to agree on the resolution of findings and to build on lessons learned to better serve the needs of children. The joint partnership review shall take into account: (a) the progress of the activity; (b) working relationship of the Parties; (c) the compliance of the Parties with the signed Agreement; and (d) the success and challenges of the IP in meeting the agreed objectives and desired results of the assignment.

- Undertaking and completing monitoring, assessment, assurance activities, evaluation and oversight;
- Liaising on an ongoing basis, as needed, with the Government (as applicable), other members of the United Nations Country Team, donors, and other stakeholders; and
- Providing overall guidance, oversight, technical assistance and leadership, as appropriate, for the implementation of the Programme Document, and making itself available for consultations as reasonably requested.

Assignment title: "Partnership to create opportunity for adolescent and young girls and boys, in particular most vulnerable groups, to learn skills and competencies required to actively participate in the life of society, expand their access to employability and have smooth transition to independent life"

Contract value: TJS 112,575	Contracting entity: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Project location: Tajikistan (Dushanbe and Vahdat)	Year: 2020
Number of experts: 9	Expert months provided: 3

Brief description:

This partnership is aimed at supporting the functionality of two Innovation Labs, one in Vahdat and second in Dushanbe - Adolescent Innovation Lab at the Center for Additional Education. Adolescents and youth make up about 70% of all population of Tajikistan (TAJSTAT, 2014). However, opportunities for adolescent and youth development in the country are extremely limited. They do not have skills necessary for 21 century, where skills-building opportunities are not available within the existing system. Opportunities for adolescent and youth participation in decision-making is limited and where they exist do not reach the most marginalized. 29,3% of youth aged 15-24 are NEET. These all prevents adolescents and youth from being prepared for successful transition from school to work life. In 2017 UNICEF, building on best global practices, introduced a skills-building platform of Innovation Lab in Tajikistan that is aimed at providing innovative learning opportunities for adolescents and youth with a focus on 21st century skills and social innovations.

- By 2020, Adolescent girls and boys including the most marginalized are more resilient, are recognized as equal members of society and empowered to participate meaningfully in all aspects of life.
- Adolescent girls and boys and youth in targeted areas develop competencies and skills that facilitate their transition to adulthood and employment.