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History of Rural extension services in the Soviet period

1. 1967 – State system of scientific and technical information (STI) established.
2. 1985 – STI system reformed due to restructuring of agriculture and establishment of Gosagroprom of USSR.

Levels of STI state system

1. Agroprom – head body.
2. Republican bodies of STI, STI centers and propaganda departments in state agroproms of the Soviet republics, informagroproms, STI dep-nts of the head all-union research institutes of agroindustrial complex;
3. Bureau (centers) STI (Agro BNTI) of gosagroproms of autonomous republics, provincial agroproms, STI dep-nts of zonal and republican research institutes and provincial statistical bureaus;
4. Cabinets of scientific and technical progress of RAPO, agro-industrial centers;
5. Agencies of STI, propaganda and introduction in col. farms, other agricultural enterprises as well as in processing industry sectors, material and technical supply centers and technical provision and construction.

Development of Rural extension services after independence

1. State organizations
 - ☐ MoA of Tajikistan;
 - ☐ Tajik Academy of agricultural sciences
 - ☐ Tajik Agrarian University
2. NGOs

Preliminary results of the conducted survey of rural extension service providers

Strength of extension service providers

- ☐ Availability of the highly qualified specialists
- ☐ Development of stimulation of specialists
- ☐ Quick and quality provision of information
- ☐ There is access to the technical and innovative means
- ☐ Possibility of capacity building of specialists

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Weak points of extension service providers

- ☐ Lack of methodology software
- ☐ Low paying capacity of information beneficiaries
- ☐ Low or lack of budget funding
- ☐ Lack of funds for preparation, re-training and keeping of well-qualified staff

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How extension services can be improved

- ☐ Rational distribution of budget and development and stimulation of specialists
- ☐ Organization of producers' access to info resources
- ☐ Rational distribution of budget for development and stimulation of specialists