

## **Events in honour of the United Nations 2011-2020 Decade on Biodiversity of the in distant villages in mountainous Tajikistan. Summer school camp on Biological Diversity**

Public organization "Zan va Zamin" in honor of the "2011-2020 - Decade on Biodiversity" of the UN organized two summer camps for school children in July 2014 entitled "Operating bio cultural diversity of their region." The event was held in the most remote, inaccessible villages in the country - in high school №21 of "Hochidara" village of "Dashtichum" Jamat in Shuroabad district and school №9 of "Shakhidon" village of "Sarikhosor" Jamat in Baljuvon district.

The main purpose of summer camps is developing a sense of respect for the nature area, their culture and traditions among schoolchildren.

The summer camp program included: Morning exercises; Thematic mini lectures; Fun Games;

Meet and chat with the holders of traditional knowledge and biodiversity; Excursions, Tea Party; Drawing; Reading poems and stories.

There were totally 70 students participating in summer camps where 35 students were participating in school № 9 in Sarikhosor and 35 students of school №21 Dashtijum.

Teachers of the schools Mr. Yakub Musoev and Mr. Muhammad Mirkalonov from school #21 of Dashtijum Jamoat and Mr. Rahmonali Muhabbatov and Ms. Chigagul Azizova from school # 9 of Sarikhosor Jamoat were involved in the conducting of the lessons with schoolchildren. The organization and conduction of summer school camp were led by the chiefs of the mentioned schools. For the student – participant of summer camp were prepared special T-shirts, T-shirts with the inscription "Operating bio cultural diversity of its countryside" and the logo of the United Nations' 2011-2020 - Decade on Biodiversity ", as well as a glass-mug with the inscription " Biodiversity - is the life! Biodiversity - it's our life! ", On the other side of the cup was a photo of hand embroidery" Biodiversity ", prepared by our active connoisseur - custodians of traditional knowledge of Muminabad district Numonova Odinagul.

During the camp students wearing a uniform themed along with their coaches - teachers conducted a tour in the gardens, where they learned valuable rare varieties of fruit trees that grow in their area. In addition, meetings were organized with the custodians of traditional knowledge for Bio resources.

As a result of participation in the camp the students have an idea of agro biodiversity of their area, the importance of conservation of biological diversity and traditional knowledge, as well as feeling their deep value which were reflected in the poems, stories and illustrations which they have written during they stay in the camp.

It should be noted that the staff of the school, as well as the leadership of the department of public education of Baljuvon and Shurabad district welcomed and embraced the idea of a summer school camp of bio diversity in remote villages "Shakhidon" and "Hochidara." It should be noted that in the history of these schools it was the first organized summer camp of Biodiversity. Thus the organization of the camp for the students and teachers of the school was an endless joy.

Organizing the summer camps of biodiversity increases the sense of careful attitude to nature, their cultures, to their local varieties, as well as their culture and traditions among schoolchildren.





