

## PEI and TAPRI Projects conduct joint activities on poverty reduction in Khatlon province of Tajikistan.

**Kulyab and Shaartuz, 21-22 July, 2011** – The joint project of UNDP and UNEP “The Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI)” and project of UNDP “Tajik-Afghan Poverty Reduction Initiative (TAPRI)” had jointly conducted a workshop on integration of environmental issues into development plans of districts and jamoats.



*Trainees.*

Followings were included into training agenda: general notion on design process of District Development Program (DDP), analysis of current environmental situation, analysis of ecological situation of district, basic concept of indicators and defining sources of their collection, prioritization and screening of environmental projects and other aspects based on theory and experience transferred by Global Initiative of the PEI and practice being applied in Sughd province.

Training was conducted by national experts of PEI, based on experience acquired during integration of such issues into development plans of 14 pilot districts of Sughd province under PEI project, and methodology to be officially approved by Ministry of Economical Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan in the current year. As of poverty reduction aspect, experience acquired in pilot districts had shown the importance of consideration of environmental issues, different sectors of management, notably in economy, particularly in agriculture, social and infrastructure.



*Area Manager's opening speech and PEI Experts at work.*

Trainees are local officials of district, public and non-public bodies, representatives of economical, environmental, agricultural, financial and housing-communal departments under local administration.



Work in groups and discussion.

PEI in the Republic of Tajikistan, by improving environmental situation, is to contribute in increasing welfare level of general population, development of economy for the interest of poor population and achievement of Millennium Development Goals. The Intended outcome of UNDP-UNEP initiative the "Poverty-Environment Initiative" in the Republic of Tajikistan is the enhanced capacity of government and other national and sub-national stakeholders to integrate environment into sustainable pro-poor development planning and budgeting.



Group presentations.