"Improve the Living Conditions of the Population of the Akhaltsikhe, Aspindza and Adigeni Districts of Samtskhe-Javakheti Region of Georgia"

Beekeeping/Honey Production

- **▶** Beekeepers Association were established;
- **▶**10 selected persons among the association members, passed though the ToT training in beekeeping.
- **➢In 2010, 80 bee families/ beehives were purchased from the selected supplier and transferred to the "Beekeepers' Association".**
- ➤ By June 14, 2012, the 80 units of bee families/ beehives were purchased from the selected supplier and distributed among the 20 farmers.
- **▶** Design of the Label for honey jars is developed:



➢ ABCO has granted right to the "Beekeepers' Association" to use already registered trade mark "Gift from Granny"

Beekeeping/Honey Production

From 2012 packed honey was pleased in Goodwill supermarket



Potato Growing

- Potato Growers Association were established;
- 10 selected persons among the association members, passed though the ToT training in potato growing.
- By April 14, 2010, 25 tons of the Elite Class seed potato was imported from AGRICO (Netherlands);
- 77 demo farmers received E class potato seeds;
- In 2010 demo farmers returned back to the Potato Growers' Association the total volume of 44 tons of seed potato from their yields instead of the agreed 50 tons;
- Accordingly in 2011 only 110 farmers instead of the 125 beneficiaries received A Class potato seeds;
- In the autumn of 2011 100 tons of addible potato were returned by the farmers;
- After the selling of 100 tons of addible potato only 64,370 GEL were received by the Association;
- Accordingly by the Board of the Association were decided to buy 64 tons of A Class potato on the local market and distribute it among the 160 farmers;
- Also, Board of the Association decided to distribute E Class seed potato among the maximum 12 seed potato grower farmers.

Potato Growing

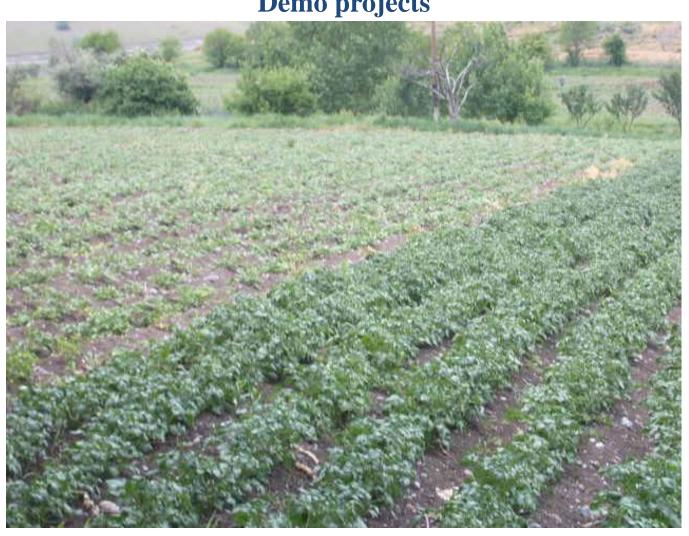
➤ In the end of the March of 2012, 25 tons of the Elite Class seed potato was imported from AGRICO (Netherlands);



- 16,500 Kg potato were distributed among 6 seed potato grower farmers in Akhaltsike District;
- 8,500 Kg potato were distributed among 5 seed potato grower farmers in Aspindza District;

Potato Growing

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Potato Warehouses

In village Mirashkhani of Aspindza district were created Potato warehouse with capacity of 100 tons .



Potato Warehouses in Akhaltsikhe

On the basis of ARSC (Akhaltsike) in frame of the Caritas Czech Republic/ABCO joint project, was created Potato Warehouse with capacity of 3000 tons. Though the HEKS project, additional isolation wall was built and necessary ventilation system was installed.



Potato Warehouses in Akhaltsikhe



Potato Warehous in Mirashkhani

In the end of September 2011, a potato storage facility (with capacity of 100 tons) in the village Mirashkhani of Aspindza district was completed and put into operation.



Potato Sorting Equipment

ABCO Imported and handed over to the "Potato Growers' Association" potato sorting equipment



Potato Sorting Equipment



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Potato Distribution

- For creation of effective distribution channels it was necessary to establish entity which should be responsible for creation effective distribution channels and selling potato though this network.
- With this purpose new Association "Akhaltsikhe Distributsia" was established.
- "Akhaltsikhe Distributsia" purchased small capacity (45m²) warehouse in Tbilisi.
- By using of this warehouse was started establishment of effective distribution channels for potato in Tbilisi;
- From September 2012 till May 2013, 187 tons of potato was sold though the 20 grocery stores in Tbilisi.

Potato warehouse in Tbilisi



