

# **“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 through 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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#### Demo projects





## 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





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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 through this network.
- With this purpose new Association “Akhaltsikhe Distributsia” was established.
- “Akhaltsikhe Distributsia” purchased small capacity (45m<sup>2</sup>) 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 through the 20 grocery stores in Tbilisi.

# Potato warehouse in Tbilisi





