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Sustainable development of mountain region in Georgia and Azerbaijan
Donor – SDC
Implementing agencies – Heks Eper, ABCO-Georgia

Creation of Milk Colleting Center (MCC) and Cheese Processing enterprise in Village Mirashkhani

In frame of the project in order to increase the income generation opportunities for the local farmers, though establishment of market chains for the selected communities and to ensure its sustainability and efficiency beyond the end of the project, there were decided to create Milk Collection Center (MCC) in village Mirashkhani of Aspindza District.

Conduct training in business planning for the interested farmers and farmers groups

Training in business planning was delivered to initiative group, which express willingness to create Milk Collection Center (MCC). After the training though the direct support of **ABCO** consultants initiative group developed the business plan for creation of **MCC** in village Mirashkhani. Afther the approval of business plan by **HEKS EPER** initiative group officially registered Association "Laitieri".

Support to establishing of MCC

With support of **ABCO** building for **MCC** was planned, built and equipped with Milk Cooling Tank and other necessary equipment. During the building process **ABCO** invited the technical engineer, who supervised building process and monitor that building satisfied all the sanitary and food safety norms. Additionally after the delivery of Milk Cooling Tank invited engineer connected all the electrical devices and tested **MCC** in the working condition.

Conducting of Necessary Trainings and informational activities

In the meantime of building process the following actions were delivered the by **ABCO**:

➢ **Training in milk quality management;**
➢ **Training in Animal husbandry;**
➢ **Training in Veterinary treatment;**
➢ **Printing and Distribution of Brochures in Animal Husbandry.**

Study Tour for MCC managers and owners

Special study tour was conducted for MCC managers and owners. 5 people were sent to "Cattle Breeding Product Producers' Association" in village Tibaani, Kakheti region. During the 5 days, the above persons were taught the practical aspects of MCC management. Experienced local experts and consultants provided the on-the-job training in the local MCC, during which the trainees obtained information on such aspects as how to receive milk, conduct operations of milk quality control, how to operate Lacto Scan, how to keep records in MCC, etc. During the first day of the study tour, participants observed all the operations and during the next days performed all the operations themselves under the direct supervision and control from the trainers.

Study Tour in Tibaani

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MCC in Mirashkhani

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Creation of mini cheese processing enterprise on the basis of existing MCC

MCC "Laitieri" was selling its milk to small, primitive cheese processing workshop, where did not exist the elementary sanitary norms. At the same time, this processing workshop was getting bigger profit from milk processing than MCC from the milk collection. Accordingly, MCC managers came up with the business idea – transform MCC into the small cheese processing enterprise, which will be equipped with modern cheese processing equipment and ensure that all production process will go according to the sanitary standards. This idea was supported by Heks Eper and ABCO received the order to for implementation of this project.

Creation of Mini Cheese Processing Enterprise

The following action were implemented by ABCO:

➢Business plan for the cheese processing enterprise were developed;

➢Selection and procurement of cheese processing equipment were conducted;

➢Equipment was purchased delivered and installed;

➢Technical training in cheese processing and management of cheese processing equipment were delivered.

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