
Creation of Rural Service Centers in Khulo District of Adjara

Existing problems

- **Majority of farmers do not know proper potato growing technologies;**
- **Most of the farmers are using 10-15 years old potato seeds (Kalakeli);**
- **Farmers are using 5-10 times more nitrogen fertilizers; No soil testing applied; Majority of the farmers are not irrigating potato;**
- **No crop rotation is practiced in the district;**
- **Serious deficit of modern agricultural machinery and equipment exists in the District;**
- **Only one state owned service center which exists is equipped with 2 Belarus tractors (80 HP), 3 case ploughs and cultivator. No potato seeders, diggers, hilling and spraying aggregates;**
- **Ministry of Agriculture of Adjara is promoting distribution of Moto cultivators among the local farmers;**

Existing problems

Big problems in animal husbandry:

- **Low output of milk; Poor feeding ration of cattle, especially in the winter time; Lack and poor management of existing pastures (Problems in hey production;**
- **No silage and concentrates production;**
- **Limited production of high value grass (Alfalfa, Sainfoin , etc.);**
- **No orientation on the winter milk production;**
- **No prophylactic vaccination of the cattle;**
- **No MCCs, cheese processing enterprises and slaughterhouses are operating which can comply with the sanitary norms;**
- **Limited practice of collecting and processing wild berries and medicinal plants.**



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➤ **Project Implementation Stages**

- **Information dissemination campaign;**
- **Training in Business Planning and follow up consultations;**
- **Final selection of initiative groups;**
- **Establishment of RSCs in Dioknisi and Didachara;**
- **Hard Component Stage (Machinery and Equipment);**
- **Capacity building of RSC's (*Training of Trainers in potato growing; Training in soil preparation and planting of potato; Training in pest management and irrigation of potato; Training in pre and post harvest management of potato; Training in animal feeding, pasture management and cattle feed production; Training in presentation skills*)**
- **Creation of market linkages;**

RURAL SERVICE CENTRE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- **37 HP Tractor**
- **Plough -2 cases**
- **Rotary Tiller**
- **Potato planter -2 rows**
- **Mounted type mower**
- **Mounted type boom sprayer**
- **Potato hiller**
- **Fertilizer distributor**
- **Potato digger**

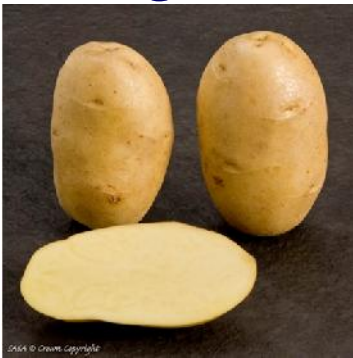


RURAL SERVICE CENTRES - MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT



**In 2012 there were imported 25 tons of E Class potato seeds from
Holland**

Agria



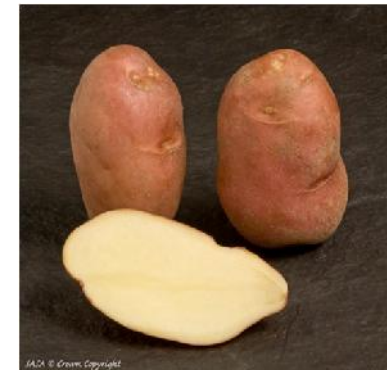
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Intensification of market linkages.

ABCO linked DRSC with the large supermarket chains and hotels in Batumi





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Plans for the current year

“Grant Assistance from Grassroots Human Security Projects” Provided by the Government of Japan

- ❖ **Tractor (67 HP) : 1 unit**
- ❖ **Tractor (50 HP) : 1 unit**
- ❖ **Plough : 2 units**
- ❖ **Two-Row Potato Planter : 2 units**
- ❖ **Rotary Tiller (Freza) : 2 units**
- ❖ **Boom Sprayer (400 L) : 2 units**
- ❖ **Potato Hiller : 1 unit**
- ❖ **Double-Cut Mower : 2 units**
- ❖ **2 Row potato Digger : 1 unit**
- ❖ **1 Row Potato Digger : 1 unit**
- ❖ **Trailer 2 Ton Capacity : 1 unit**
- ❖ **Irrigation channel**



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**For Dioknisi Rural Service Center ABCO rehabilitate Potato
Warehouse for 120 Tons of potato**

**Building before
the
rehabilitation**



Rehabilitated Potato Warehouse





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Rehabilitated Potato Warehouse





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ABCO introduced equipment for potato sorting and handling

