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LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH OF ARMENIA

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PROJECT PROFILE

Project Area: 100 rural settlements of Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions

Funding: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Project Implementer: Strategic Development Agency (SDA) NGO

Partners: Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations of RA, Ministry of Agriculture of RA, Syunik and Vayots Dzor Regional Administrations

Project duration: September, 2014 - August, 2020



“Livestock Development in the South of Armenia” Project is the logical continuation of **SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)** funded “Livestock Development in the Syunik region” Project and it has been designed based on the previous phase results and achievements.

The Project is **aimed at** increasing economic opportunities and incomes of male and female farmers involved in animal husbandry in Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions.

The Project covers **100 rural settlements** of **Syunik** and **Vayots Dzor** regions with a population of about **60,000 people** or 14,000 households.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Improved access of male and female farmers to milk and meat markets through development of sustainable market mechanisms and promotion of linkages between value chain participants.

Improved capacities of male and female farmers in terms of new approaches and techniques in farming through both: strengthening extension service providers, input and services providers and other market players to advise farmers and training, day-to-day consulting, exchange and information dissemination focused on increased productivity and output.

Improved access of male and female farmers to farm support services and inputs (veterinary services, Artificial Insemination and breed improvement, agricultural inputs supply etc.) through limited investment initiatives, local capacity building, improved efficiency of provided services, as well as establishment of policy dialogue with relevant state institutions.

Strengthened capacities of local self-governance bodies to support rural economic development in the issues related to animal husbandry through further strengthening of local/village and regional authorities' capacity to better perform their functions, respond to farmers' needs in animal husbandry and establish a policy dialogue with relevant state institutions at upper/national level.

The Project applies M4P (Making Markets Work for the Poor) approach, which aims to promote lasting and sustainable changes in livestock sector in order to increase population income and reduce poverty in the region.

Main principles of M4P approach:

- ✚ The Project beneficiaries are **low income households/population**. All activities of the Project aim to ensure **their access to** and interaction with **the livestock market** for creating additional income generating opportunities.
- ✚ The Project strategy is to promote **lasting and sustainable changes** in milk and meat markets and supporting services (veterinary services, Artificial Insemination, fodder etc.) for Project beneficiaries.
- ✚ The Project team work-style is based on **facilitation and capacity building** of milk and meat market participants.
- ✚ The Project interventions/activities are short-term and target-oriented and aim to promote sustainable development of livestock sector.

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