

## Local Market Development Project

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ICCO, Dutch Cooperation Development Organisation

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### Project activities in Issykkul

This year the project plans to introduce a new system of work in Issykkul region. In March the project has concluded an agreement with the commodity and service cooperative "Agromarket - Oital" and the processing enterprise "Koopromservice" about creation of the collecting points around Issykkul region for collecting conditioned and unconditioned fresh produce for the enterprise. Commodity and service cooperative along with the enterprise will select places for collecting points, select and train agents, ensure smooth operation of collecting points. Fifteen collecting points will be organized in total. Each point will be equipped with scales and packaging and storage facilities. Project plans to arrange a planning workshop to develop a yearly activity plan in April. All agents, a head of processing enterprise, a head of the commodity and service cooperative will participate at that workshop. Monthly working group meetings will be held afterwards in order to solve current issues and discuss future plans.

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### Platform on agricultural value chains development

On 27<sup>th</sup> March an agricultural value chains development Platform meeting took place in the South of Kyrgyzstan. Fifteen representatives of various organizations participated at the Platform meeting. The project presented the Agricultural Information Market System (AIMS) and perspectives of its development in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. This presentation arouse a big interest among the supporting organizations and representatives of those organizations asked to held official presentations of AIMS for the agricultural consultants working with farmer groups, processing companies, and input suppliers as well as NGOs and development projects involved in agriculture in Batken, Osh and Jalal-Abad regions.

"Principles of farmers' groups training by agricultural consulting organizations and NGOs and payment for trainings by farmers and supporting organizations" was the second topic for discussion.

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### Credit Resources in KG Directory

Project renders information support to the value chain actors and supporting organization via yearly publication of several directories. In March the project together with financial company "Senty" updated and published 500 copies of the Credit Resources Directory 2008.

This Directory gives exhaustive practical information about all credit establishments (including micro-credit agencies) active in Kyrgyz Republic as



well as complete information about the terms of loan issue. Some copies will be distributed to partner organizations free of charge. Anyone who wants can purchase this directory at Senty at: 9th Floor, 219 Chui, Tel: 614 589; 614 647; [senty@infotel.kg](mailto:senty@infotel.kg).

Project plans to publish the Directory on Business Services in Kyrgyz Republic In April. This brochure contains information on organizations providing consulting services in 15 various field including agriculture.