

## Local Market Development Project

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# Information Bulletin

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### Board Meeting of the Directors of the Local Market Development Project

A board Meeting of the Directors of the Local Market Development Project was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Project Manager Eugene Ryazonov gave a presentation on LMD Project activities introducing the basic indicators of the project's work with farmers' groups and outlining project plans for this year. This was followed by details of ICCO and HIVOS' activities in the financial sector and detailed discussions about further productive cooperation between the two organisations (Helvetas and ICCO) on the LMD project. Special attention was paid to the project's work along the added value chain on unifying operators and service providers in the chain. The Board Meeting was conducted in an atmosphere of open cooperation. Of special note was that the new Helvetas Programme Director – Karl Goeppert – and the new ICCO Director, Mr. Pepjin Trapman were very pleased with the project's results.

The LMD Project would like to thank all partner organisations for all their good work and wish everybody every success in their endeavours!

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### Platform for Developing Agricultural Chains

A Meeting of the Platform for Developing Agricultural Added Value Chains was held in the Helvetas Office on 30<sup>th</sup> April that looked at the following two issues:

1. The work of the Centre for Training, Consultancy and Innovation (CTCI) with farmers growing fresh produce in the North of the KR
2. Organising sales on the internal market and exports of fresh and processed produce this year

Participants in the Platform included the head of the LMD and project specialists; the Director of the 'Taste of the Sun' brand; a representative from Training, advisory and innovation center, organization Shoola and Rural Advisory Services, and representative from Agrobusiness Centre. During the platform participants were

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### Current work of the LMD Project

The final version of the Access database for 2009 has been disseminated to partner organisations.

**Attention!!** Dear colleagues, in connection with the late mailing of the new database we earnestly request that the **first stage of filling out the electronic form be done by 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

Project employers are working on the next stage of the databases: economic analysis and mathematical modelling of the information gathered in 2008. When this stage has been completed it is planned to develop a system based on the gathered information on farmers and farmers' groups that makes it possible to plan activities in the agricultural sector in general. In parallel with this, work is underway to develop databases for monitoring processing enterprises and collecting information from the Association of Fruit and Vegetable Enterprises.

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### Preparing for the season



Farmers' groups are busy preparing for the season and seeds have already been purchased and seedlings bedded out in force frames.