

Local Market Development Project

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1 Regular Working Group meeting

The Local Market Development Project held a regular meeting of the working group for developing exports of fresh and processed fruit and vegetables from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to neighbouring countries in the Helvetas Office on 27th July. The main topic was:

1. Discussing the details and matters arising concerning preparing for the seminar on 21-26th September

2 Updated project leaflet

We would like to draw your attention to the updated Local Market Development Leaflet for 2009.



Leaflet is available in three languages: Russian, Kyrgyz and English.

The leaflets are designed to inform the target audience about the project's principles, tools, aims and tasks during Phase II.

They also give a short summary of the results that the project achieved in Phase I.

Anyone interested can get a leaflet from the Helvetas Office at: 43/1 Grajdanskaya Street, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic; Tel: (996 312) 36-62-70, 36-62-71.

3 Research into agricultural services providers in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

Three proposals were received for conducting research into agricultural services providers in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, namely:

1. TES-Centre – Chynybek Mamytov or Ilkin Khaliapov
2. DCCA South, Bakhtiyar Abidov
3. Bolot Oruzbaev, Senior Lecturer at the Kyrgyz Economics University, former director and head of several donor programmes (Farmer - Farmer, RADS Development Programme from 1993 to 2008)

The LMD Manager, Eugene Ryazanov and Stefan Joss, project advisor, independently evaluated the proposals using two different methods and sets of criteria. On both counts Bolot Oruzbaev scored highest and he is currently conducting this survey.

Aim of the Research: analyse agricultural services provided in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in order to develop a strategy for selling these services to various categories of users (farmers, processing and trading companies, credit institutions, donor projects).

Research tasks:

1. Collect information and analyse agricultural advisory service providers (geographical zone, target group, types of services, what is the development aim of the offered services, staff training and the ability of the organisation to deliver these services)
2. Commercial orientation of the organisation and the types of commercial services that they are offering to businesses, credit organisations farmers, donors etc.;
3. The role of the organisations in offering agricultural advice to various categories of users.

Duration of the research: July – August 2009