

Local Market Development Project

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1 LMD Project working group meetings

LMD working group meetings were held in the north and south of Kyrgyzstan (Osh, Jalalabad and Chui Provinces). Those taking part were representatives from support organisations such as the TES Centre, Mekhr-Shavkat PA, Tayan PA, DCCA, Agrolid Ltd, RAS Batken and Jalalabad, Helvetas, IPM Trainer, field consultants, FFS and FG leaders, large-scale farmers and the Agroplast, Baerkos and Koopromservis processing plants. The meetings discussed how FG should cultivate vegetables and fruit and how support organisations should deliver produce to the processing plants. The processing plants discussed their terms for working with FG that were attached to their contracts with them.



Photo 1: WG meeting in Jalalabad at the RAS Jalalabad office

A separate meeting was held between support organisations and the Baerkos processing plant devoted to discussing a 10% service charge paid by farmers for delivering their produce to the plant. In the area there are several plants, in particular, Agroplast and Eum, who pay for the services of support organisations and the delivery of produce to their plants. Soon the support organisations will prepare a short presentation for the general director about their activities, showing the dynamics of their work with Baerkos from 2008 – 2010 and also a short presentation for the TES Centre, DCCA and RADS Jalalabad on the services it offers and what it has done in the last two years.

2 Development of Agrobilim PF

Officials of Agrobilim PF were invited to meet and discuss future steps for developing the organisation and the network of trainers training farmers in the Integrated Production Management (IPM) methodology. As the trainers are employees of various organisations, it was decided for its future development it was necessary to:

1. Develop internal regulations, functional obligations and instructions for the trainers
2. Draw up agreements and memoranda with partners who offer the trainers' services
3. Develop a strategy for selling their services
4. Work out a monitoring and reporting system

5. Plan exchange visits to partners to develop their organisations

3 Meeting of the Added Value Chain Development Platform

On 27th May, at the K. I. Skryabin National Agrarian University, a scheduled meeting of the platform was held at which the following presentations were given:

1. Certification of the land organic production of the Helvetas Bio-cotton project
2. New products from Agro-Lid PF: Agro-patience – a practical methodological game and a collection of agriculture-related cases
3. Pilot projects on potatoes and beans implemented by the Competitiveness and Agro-marketing Centre

4 New products from AgroLid PF

1. Collection of agricultural training examples (case studies)

The Collection is aimed at building the capacity of agricultural organisations and is divided into 4 sections:

- Soil science (20 cases)
- Protecting plants from pests (30 cases)
- Protecting plants from diseases (30 cases)
- Economic analysis (20 cases)

2. ToT on the theme of «Protecting plants from disease and pests» (tomatoes and potatoes) using the practical Agro-patience game

Aim of the training:

- To impart knowledge about diseases and pests affecting vegetables (tomatoes and potatoes) and measures to combat them
- Impart skills in training farmers how to protect plants using this innovative method
- Impart skills using the Agro-patience game



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