

Economic Development Projects Supported by the Czech Development Agency in Georgia in Year 2009-2010

Projects is implemented by the Caritas Czech
Republic and “ABCO-Georgia”



CREATION OF RURAL SERVICE CENTRE IN TOWN AKHALTSIKHE

*Akhaltstike Rural Service Center was created
on the basis of Akhaltstike Business Center*

GOAL:

- ✓ *Provision of various kind of high-quality agro-machinery services for local farmers;*
- ✓ *Provision of extension services to local farmers;*
- ✓ *Provision of business consulting services to local farmers;*
- ✓ *Support in creation of effective market linkages for local producers.*

OBJECTIVE:

Creation and development of Rural Service Centre as an institution which will increase income generation possibilities of local farmers

AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE

Project Implementation Stages

- **Initial Stage;**
- **Hard Component Stage (Machinery and Equipment);**
- **Soft Component Stage**

AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE WAS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- **Plough 4 cases**
- **Plough 3 cases**
- **Rotary Tiller -180**
- **Potato planter 2 rows**
- **Potato planter 4 rows**
- **Mounted type mower 1.8 M**
- **Mounted type mower -2.1 M**
- **Mounted type boom sprayer - 800 Lt**

AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- Kultivator 4
 - Press for hay
 - I Row Potato harvester
 - Trailer 3 tons
 - 1 Tractor – 87 HP1
 - Tractor – 80 HP
- Additionally in 2010, ARSC received 2 units of 80 HP Tractors, from the Japanese GRASSROOT Program

AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Technical Training Component provided by the experts from
the company N. O. P. O. Z. M



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AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE CREATION OF POTATO STORAGE

On the basis of ARSC in frame of the Caritas Czech Republic/ABCO joint project, was created Potato Warehouse with capacity of 300 tons;



Potato Warehouse



AKHALTSIKE RURAL SERVICE CENTRE

Soft Component

- Training in strategic planning for ARSC conducted, strategic plan developed;
- Trainings in Animal Feeding (79 farmers), Potato and Serials Growing (128 farmers) and in Business planning (67 farmers) conducted;
- 17 cows artificially inseminated;
- 25 tons of A Class potato seeds were imported from Agrico (Holland). 14 demo projects in Potato Growing implemented;
- 2 demo projects in Corn Growing implemented;
- 5 demo projects in wheat and burly Growing implemented;
- Potato storage renovated;
- 120 persons get consultation on business planning, marketing, general management, financial management, accounting, breeding work, bee-keeping, cereals and cattle feed production.

“Enhance effectiveness of small peasant’s economy in Georgia”

- From March 2009 Caritas Czech Republic in partnership with ABCO and Caritas Georgia has started a new project.
- The project is supported by the program - Official Development Assistance of the Czech Republic.
- In Samtskhe Javakheti, during its first 2 years of implementation, the project was focused on the following two directions:
 - Support and creation of cheese processing activities in the targeted districts;
 - Support to creation of a fruit processing micro enterprise.

Jam and marmalade production

- ❖ Informational meetings were conducted in 26 communities. 705 local persons received information about the program;
- ❖ The 4 Initiative Groups (milk processors) and 3 Initiative Groups (fruit processors) submitted applications forms according to business activities;
- ❖ The 3 Initiative Groups (milk processors) and 2 Initiative Groups (fruit processors) were selected for business planning training;
- ❖ The 1 Initiative Groups (milk processors) and 1 Initiative Groups (fruit processors) were selected for farther financing.

Jam and marmalade production

- Fruit processors association is registered in village Ude.
- They received necessary equipment from the stainless steel, glass jars and plastic balloons;
- 6 new working places is created. Among the employed, 80% are women;
- 26 persons, mainly Poor's, are selling their fruit and berries to production micro enterprise;

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Jam and marmalade production

During the period autumn-winter of 2009 – 2010 micro enterprise, produce 2126 kilos of import substitute products:

- Raspberry - 911 kg;
- Sea-buckthorn - 928 kg;
- Cornel (Dogwood) - 98 kg;
- Pear - 31 kg;
- Apple - 98 kg;
- Plum- 60 kg;

Jam and marmalade production

By ABCO's support, "Fruit Processors Association" received financing for technical assistance from the EBRD funded Business Advisory Service Program (BAS – Program). In frame of this assistance Consulting (SMEDA) is developed design of the labels for products, which is produced by the "Fruit Processors Association", and company logo

Jam and marmalade production



Jam and marmalade production workshop in Ude



Jam and marmalade production



Cheese production

- **“Akhaltsikhe Dairy Farmers’ Association” established;**
- **Equipment for cheese processing enterprise imported (total sum of the equipment 27,500 Euro);**
- **By ABCO’s support, its another partner organization UMCOR, expressed willingness to join Caritas’ dairy project and has contributed to Akhaltsikhe Dairy Farmers’ Association the following additional equipment:**
 - **Equipment for production of cottage cheese and sour cream;**
 - **Mini lab for quality control of the products;**
 - **Minivan for transportation of raw milk;**
 - **Minivan for distribution of final products to retail chain.**

Total grant contribution from the UMCOR side to Association equals to USD \$130,320.

Cheese processing enterprise in Akhaltsike



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Due to ton satisfactory sanitary conditions of the existing building, though the ABCO's support additionally 95,000 GEL were attract from the Mercy Corps SDC funder project and 28,500 GEL was invested by the Association for purchisinf of the new building and it's renovation.



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