Aramazd: For Community, With Community

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| Place  | 51 communities in Gegharkunik, Lori and Shirak regions of the RA |
| Direct Beneficiaries  | 579 |
| Project Duration | 3 years ՝ 01.04.2015 -30.09.2018 |

Main directions of the project

* CSOs capacity building

In the frame of the project 18 CSOs from Gegharkunik, Lori and Shirak Provinces of the RA have gained support – have participated in the orientation seminars, Group and individual consultations, 11 CSOs have been granted till 6000Euros.

* Communities needs assessment

Have been implemented communities needs assessment in 35 communities of the Gegharkunik, Lori and Shirak Provinces of the RA by the local CSOs volunteer part.

* Projects implementation aimed to solve the needs of the communities

During 2016 there have been approved and financed 16 small- scale projects with a budget of 61.518.386 AMD, from this 45.358.886AMD have been the grant by the NGO (73.7%), 15.094.500 AMD CSOs input (24.5%), and 1.065.000 have been inputs of other organizations (1.7%).

The projects are aimed to solve the prior needs of the communities:

* Reconstructions and improvements of the community infrastructures (Community illumination, playgrounds, kindergarten water pipe and electricity constructions)
* Promotion of agriculture and agro products by the investment of the innovative technologies (establishment of greenhouses, innovative demonstrative production units, dryers’ establishment, formation of agricultural cooperatives)
* Agro tourism development – Community B&Bs capacity development, service quality improvement, business connections
* Youth empowerment in the communities, Youth initiatives promotion
* Small enterprises development
* Professional learning
* Community LSG Bodies’ action improvement by community monitoring mechanisms

In the 15 communities of the RA – Gegharkunik, Lori, Shirak Provinces’ by the active participation of the 3 local CSOs is being implemented Community budget transparency and civic participation monitoring in frame of a 4- year community development plan. As a result, the overall reports and the regional reports will be introduced to the community members, as well as there will be suggestions package for the reports.

* Entrepreneurial initiatives’ encouragement in the communities

In frame of the project there have been financed 3 group business initiatives: As a result there has been established Dryer’s production unit (Dprabak, Gegharkunik Province), Cheese production (Tsaaghkut, Shirak Province), and Agricultural support and development center (Arevatsag, Lori Province). There are 17 businessmen involved in the business initiatives.