

«Local Market Development» Project

Branch of the HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in the Kyrgyz Republic

Branch of the ICCO Foundation in the Kyrgyz Republic

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The tender of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for “Small and medium enterprise development” project in Alai and Chon Alai districts of Osh oblast

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation announced a project tender at the beginning of April for development of small and medium enterprises in Alai and Chon-Alai rayons. The population of the two above mentioned rayons is about 100 000 people. Economic growth and creation of jobs is planned to be implemented by diversification and sustainable development of the most profitable types of economic activity for the given regions. The project will facilitate development of an existing and new value added chains. Big attention will be paid to the development of processing sector. M4P will be used as the main approach for the project which implies itself a creation of favorable market conditions for the poor. Within the project framework moderate investments can be taken into consideration if necessary. Unemployed men and women preferably of a young age will be identified as a target group.

The project is planned to get started in the second half of 2013 and its first phase is planned to last 4 years. In general it is the 10 year project.

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Research studies on finance in Value Added Chains and on Seed, Seedlings and Fertilizers market

The LMD Project announced an open contest on both above mentioned studies. About 15 applicants showed interest for participating in the contest on each study. The selected candidates provided their technical proposals, so evaluation and identification of executors for the studies is going on at the present time. The studies are expected to be completed by the end of June.

The main point of the first study is concluded in analysis of an existing access to finances of the Value Added Chain participants, also in studying successful foreign and local financial instruments and to give recommendations on adopting those approaches that could successfully be implemented in our country.

The goal of the second study is to research seed, seedlings and fertilizers market. Volumes, distribution mechanisms, quality and assortment of production are expected to be researched. The possibility of involving our service providers into those markets by having them become partners will be studied as well. The agricultural crops mostly oriented for export or the ones that have potential for becoming such will be covered in the study. The outcome of both studies will be presented on one of the AASP platforms for the Southern partners and in the form of presentation to the Northern partners of the LMD Project.

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International exhibition “Aiyl-Agro 2013” will take place in the Kyrgyz Republic

International agro-industrial exhibition “Aiyl-Agro” will take place in Bishkek from the 22nd to 24th of May. The Russian Association of agricultural machinery “Rosagromash” will be the organizer of the exhibition which has a big experience in conducting such events. Around 30 companies from Russia, Europe and China are expected to attend the event. The exhibition will be located on the territory of 10 thousand square meters at the Old Square. Agricultural machinery will be placed at more than half of the territory; the rest part will be occupied by national exposition of 7 regions and 2 cities of the Kyrgyz Republic which will demonstrate achievements and color of the country.

It is expected that 6 thousand guests will visit the Kyrgyz Republic within 3 days. Farmers and representatives of peasant farms of the Kyrgyz Republic will be brought from regions; “Aiyl-Bank” will cover all financial costs.

“Aiyl-Agro-2013” is the specialized agricultural machinery exposition which includes not only tractors, harvesters, but also machinery for fertilizers, plant protection and agricultural products processing. Agrarian and Leasing forums are planned to be organized within the framework of the exhibition.

For additional information, please, visit:

<http://aiyl-agro.com>

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1st International Forum on Investments and Development “Batken 2013”

The present forum occurred on 26th of April in the town of Batken. Potential investors, various donor organizations, embassies, governmental and private individuals were invited to the forum. Numerous investment projects in different sectors were presented during the forum.

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Interesting facts and events in the world of agriculture

For making propaganda of potato among the French at the end of 18th century agronomist Antoine-Augustin Parmentier provided an armed security during daylight around his potato field. At night security would leave the field by letting people “steal” potatoes.