



"Boosting competitiveness of regional SMEs"

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Project Consortium

Coordinator

Fund "Small and Medium Entrepreneurship Development National Center of Armenia"



Partners

- "Strategic Development Agency" NGO
- "Armavir Development Center" NGO
- "Spitak-Farmer" NGO
- "Syun" NGO









Target regions and Sectors

Armavir

Food Processing –
 production of dried
 fruits, preserves, dairy
 products, etc.

Lori

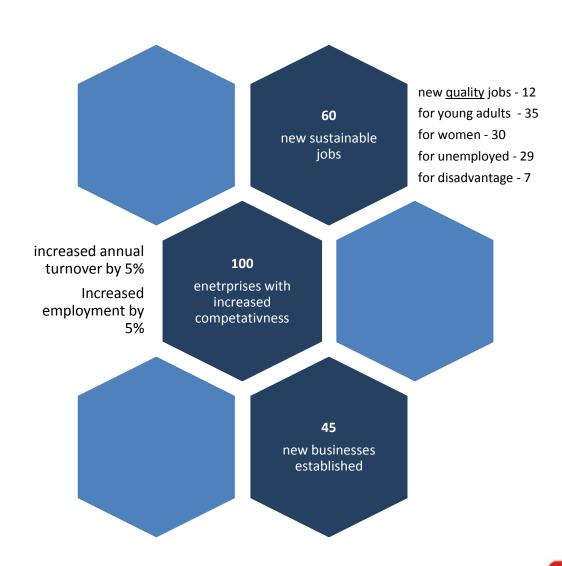
• Food Processing & Tourism - production of dairy products, preserves, herbs and teas, honey products, B&Bs, adventure tourism, food services, souvenirs, etc.

Syunik

• <u>Food Processing & Tourism</u> - production of dairy products, preserves, herbs and teas, B&Bs, hotels, souvenirs, etc.



Project Objectives





Project Components

 Road side station marketing platform for local products and services in Lori marz

Infrastructure Development

Enterpreneurship Development

- Business skills and knowledge
- Market Promotion

- Job specific skill development
- Sub-grants

Employment Promotion





Component 1 : "Business Related Infrastructure Development"



Establishment of business-enabling Infrastructure - road side station - marketing platform for local products and services in Lori marz.

A **Roadside Station (RSS)** is a multi-functional facility aimed at facilitating local economic development in localities, serving as a:

- **Direct sales point for local brands/services:** promotion of the unique local products/services focusing on start-ups who are not able to penetrate big markets.
- **Information center for travelers and tourists:** provision of information on main tourism destinations and services.
- **Rest point for travelers:** travelers and passengers will have an opportunity to rest and use public services of the RSS.
- Marketing/monitoring platform and consulting center for local SMEs: collection of information and feedback from the customers on local products and services to be provided to SMEs for further improvement of their products/services.

In addition, RSS can organize **festivals, trade fairs, master classes** and other local events to attract visitors and promote local products and services.



RSS Location







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RSS Location in Lori





"Michnoeki" JAPAN



RSS Lori







Entrepreneurship development

Provision of technical and financial support to start-ups and operating SMEs to increase their entrepreneurial skills, competitiveness and job creation capacity.

Successful Start Campaigns



Feasible and Viable Buisness Ideas

10 Sub-grantees

21 New Businesses established

38 Approved for fianacial support

63 Feasible and Realistic Ideas

113 Business Plans

137 Participants

381 Applicants



"Successful start" campaigns



New brands, new products, new services





Thank you

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