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PROJECT INFORMATION FACTSHEET

General Information	
Title of the action	Support to the development of small family businesses in the Sheki-Zaqatala Economic Zone through ABAD regional centre in Balakan
Priority sector	Regional and Rural Development
Contracting party	UNDP Implementing partners: Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Beneficiary	“ABAD” Public Legal Entity under the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Duration (months) + start and end date	36 months (01.12.2017 – 01.12.2020)
EU budget (EUR)	EUR 820 000 Funded under European Neighbourhood Instrument (Annual Action Programme 2013)

Summary of the Action	
Short description of the action and its main objectives	The main objective of the project is to contribute to the socio-economic development of the regions of Azerbaijan by fostering the creation of modern and sustainable family businesses in rural areas, and enabling equal opportunities and inclusivity in line with European standards and practices. It will also support community-based family businesses to produce high quality competitive value-added products.
Location	Shaki-Zaqatala Economic Zone (Balakan, Gakh, Gabala, Shaki, Oghuz , Zaqatala)
Expected results /	This project will identify thirty families in the Sheki-Zaqatala Economic Zone and supply them with the necessary skills and equipment to start their own businesses. It will support “ABAD”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to select, train and equip pilot families; • to establish pre-production and pre-sale system; • to create family brands; • to organise production and sale process.
Results achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 from the projected 30 families selected including 12 IDP families engaged in mainly handicraft and carpet weaving. • 44 individual family profiles which outlined details of each family and described nature of business they are involved. • Capacity building trainings have been held for the selected families, their family members and ABAD staff members. • Financial and production plans prepared and tailored up to the needs and requirements of each family group. • Small-scale equipment and production facilities necessary to manufacture products in line with market procured for 22 families.