



## Support to Development of a Green Agriculture by Local Communities

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### General Aim of Project:

The aim of the current project is to contribute to the climate change mitigation through the development of a model of agricultural value chain that respects biodiversity, allows adapting the production to environmental challenges, increases productivity, and fosters the creation of social and locally based agro-enterprises.

### Specific objectives of project:

- To increase the capacities of selected rural communities to optimise endogenous resources using renewable energy and climate resilient value chains;
- To strengthen the participation of local communities and small farmers in the economy, promoting an inclusive and sustainable growth and creating new business models;
- To support the involvement of the Kyrgyz civil society groups in the application of the Paris Agreement through the design and implementation of innovative actions and climate-related strategies in agriculture, energy and water management;
- To develop mechanisms and capacity building of CSOs to monitor actions and results;
- To strengthen the voice of civil society to promote climate change mitigation.

**Main target groups:** farmer groups, agricultural entrepreneurs, VET schools, local self-government bodies, civil society organisations, youth and women.

### Expected Results

- New curricula developed for educational institutions and new curriculum piloted in two VET schools on climate change mitigation (north and south).
- Capacity of local groups will be strengthened through specialised training on climate resilient methods, green technologies and traditional approaches.
- Involvement of the Kyrgyz civil society groups in the application of Paris Agreement through the design and implementation of innovative actions and climate-related strategies in agriculture, energy and water management;
- Improved productivity of medicinal herbs through the increase in the amount of cultivated plants and natural resources saving.
- Farmers from 7 regions are equipped with skills on medicinal herbs plant cultivation and natural resources savings.
- At least 10 hectares of land plots with cultivated medicinal herbs, at the rate of 0.5 and 2 hectares per region.
- 14 pilot communities in 7 regions of the country have introduced technologies for sustainable use of natural resources in mountainous areas.
- A Small Grants Program launched to support 14 farmer groups.
- Increased capacities of targeted local rural communities and small farmers, by promoting an inclusive and sustainable growth and creating new business models.
- New job opportunities created for young local agricultural entrepreneurs, especially young farmers and young women.
- Increased utilisation of renewable energies through the awareness of population, especially in regions where the utilisation of renewable energies is very low.
- At least 5 Local Governments that have implemented green adaptation technologies.



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### Project Outpus

- Training and capacity-building sessions conducted to 120 students of 2 VET schools (including young women from rural areas)
- Establishment of the Platform “Birlik” on civil society partnership and draft Resolution of local self-government bodies have been developed and proposed for discussion at the Local Parliaments.
- Creation of 1 central Hub, which unites established local small social enterprises for processing raw materials and production of finished products.
- Creation of 7 seasonal field stations in 7 regional oblasts (Chui, Talas, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Osh, Jalalabad and Batken) to receive raw materials on site, in the region of medicinal herbs cultivation.
- Training and capacity-building sessions conducted to pilot groups of farmers on clean technologies, alternative resources of energy, Innovative or adapted methods in cultivation of new types of herbs, endemics, traditional knowledge of rational usage, local herbs, and other areas.
- Creation of a digital communication tool (i.e. an "electronic bazaar" 2D digital application) addressed to farmers for news exchange and product information for their marketing.
- Conduction of an awareness raising campaign among population to ensure wide coverage of the principles of the Nagoya Protocol and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Raising awareness about the Traditional Knowledge (TK) on the medicinal herbs.
- Organisation of a Final event of the project in Bishkek, where presentations of project results will be presented, as well as feedback received from project participants, lessons learned, comments and recommendations.

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