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PROJECT INFORMATION FACTSHEET

General Information	
Title of the action	Socio-Economic Empowerment and Development of Small-scale vulnerable rural families in Dashkasan, Goranboy and Samukh rayons of non-Absheron regions of Azerbaijan (SEEDS) / Grant
Priority sector	Regional and Rural Development
Contracting party	Contracting Party: SOS Children's Villages-Azerbaijan Association (SOS AZE) Implementing partners: Ganja Agribusiness Association (GABA) and Support to Development of Rural Green Tourism (SDRGT) Public Unions
Beneficiary	400 small-scale vulnerable rural families (2000 individuals), 1000 females, 300 children Parliament Committees for Family, Women and Children's Affairs; Labor and Social Policy; Agrarian Policy. Ministries of Agriculture, Education, Culture and Tourism, Labor and Social Protection of Population.
Duration (months) + start and end date	36 months (01.01.2018-31.12.2020)
EU budget (EUR)	Total budget: € 927 117.59

Summary of the Action	
Short description of the action and its main objectives	The project targets to contribute to the fostering of economic regeneration and job creation. All project activities will also contribute to strategic objectives of state programs on socio-economic development of regions, development strategies of international organizations, etc.
Location	Dashkasan, Goranboy and Samukh rayons of Azerbaijan
Expected results / Results achieved	<p>Result-1: Approximately 400 small-scale vulnerable rural families (or 400 small-scale marginalized parents) improved and diversified their income sources and welfare via promotion of advanced and sustainable agricultural and community based tourism practices in Dashkasan, Goranboy and Samukh rayons.</p> <p>Achieved Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 30 villages were selected ✓ 395 beneficiaries were involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 beekeeping groups: 75 beneficiaries, ○ 6 greenhouse growing groups: 90 beneficiaries ○ 3 strawberry growing groups: 40beneficiaries ○ 6 livestock raising groups: 90 beneficiaries ○ 10 rural tourism groups: 100 beneficiaries ✓ Technical (topical) trainings have started for beneficiaries ✓ 45 beekeepers got 5-10 kg of honey from each bee box in 2018 ✓ Exchange/exposure trips were organized within target groups and in the country ✓ Beekeeping Round Table Meeting was arranged covering relevant stakeholders



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- ✓ Renovation activities have started in the houses of the host families in initial villages
- ✓ Baseline surveys were collected from selected beneficiaries and analysed
- ✓ Initial BP forms were collected from the beneficiaries in 15 villages

Result-2: Approximately **1000** female members in the target **30** communities improved their occupational skills, social welfare and got engaged in income generating activities.

Achieved Results

- ✓ More than 20 CWGs were established covering 15-30 females per each
- ✓ Psychosocial surveys were collected to identify their conditions
- ✓ Multiple social services and trainings are provided to CWG members
- ✓ Occupational courses were arranged for the members of the CWGs
- ✓ Child Support Groups were established for the children of involved females
- ✓ More than 15 groups and 45 individual females were provided with necessary equipment and materials to develop their businesses
- ✓ School supplies were distributed to the children of vulnerable families
- ✓ Relevant information and promo materials are developed and disseminated

Result-3: Business development capacity of **10** project stakeholder SMEs and their cooperation with relevant value chain actors is improved.

Achieved Results

- ✓ Surveys and analysis are conducted to identify potential SMEs
- ✓ Sector analyses on agricultural and rural tourism were conducted
- ✓ Stakeholder's analyses were conducted
- ✓ Initially 3 potential beneficiary SMEs were selected for cooperation
 - 2 for agricultural intervention
 - 1 for rural tourism

Business Plan Forms were developed by 3 SMEs and cooperation will soon start

Result-4: Approximately **40** political lawmakers improved their responsiveness about the situation and challenges of small-scale vulnerable rural families via developing **3-4** legislative policy papers.

Achieved Results

- ✓ Kick-off workshop of the project was arranged with the participation of all stakeholder representatives
- ✓ A local lawyer was involved to develop policy papers for Parliament
- ✓ Research was conducted on progressive agricultural and rural tourism practices
- ✓ Draft versions of 2 proposals to Parliament were already developed and will soon be shared with relevant stakeholders (1 for beekeeping, 1 for rural tourism)