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The Central Asia Invest is a regional programme which aims to promote the sustainable economic development of Central Asian Countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) by encouraging the **development of Small and Medium Enterprises** (SMEs).

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Support to Food Processing Enterprises in Tajikistan



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Support to food processing small and medium enterprises in Tajikistan

Project

Hilfswerk Austria International implements the project «Support to food processing small and medium enterprises in Tajikistan», financed by the EC programme “Central Asia – Invest”

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen agribusiness intermediaries in the regions of Sughd and Khatlon, Tajikistan, to introduce new innovative business ideas and improve services rendered to SMEs and start-ups active in the food processing and packing sector.

Target groups of the project are agribusiness intermediaries, professional associations, farmers – entrepreneurs, processing and marketing associations.

Target zone



Sogd region: Asht district – farm enterprises growing apricots.



Khatlon region: Bokhtar district – farm enterprises growing lemons

Within the project in cooperation with the Agency on Standardization, Metrology, Certification and Trade Inspection (“Tajikstandart”) the following outcomes are expected:

- A system of quality management and certification of raw materials and processed products
- Guidelines on food safety and safety of processed products.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

A number of studies will be carried out:

1. Market research for dried fruit mix
2. Market research for processed pomegranates
3. Utilisation opportunities of non-traditional raw material (fruits of wild-growing trees and berries).

The project assists in establishing a close cooperation with sales representatives of Austria and other European and Central Asian countries.

Establishing Educational Food Processing Enterprises (EFPE)

Within the project two educational food processing enterprises (EFPE) will be created as training centres in high-quality processing and packing of fruit production, providing cooperation opportunities for small-scale farms in processing and trade.

EFPE Asht district:

Processing line for dried apricots (washing, drying, calibration and packing) with productivity up to 4 metric tonnes per day



Address: Sogd region, Asht district, jamoat Shaidan, village Shaidan, Binokur Street 30 (Territory of joint-stock company Asht Cannery)

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EFPE Kurgan-Tybe:

Processing line for lemons (washing, calibration and packing) with productivity up to 2 metric tonnes per day

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Both EFPE's will serve as resource centres, providing information on:

- *Food processing technologies*
- *Producers of processing equipment*
- *Quality standards and food safety certification*
- *Import procedures, access to international markets etc.*

Within the project the elaboration of an easily recognized trade mark is planned for advanced production at the level of each EFPE.

Partners

ASTI – Association of Scientific and Technical Intelligentsia of Tajikistan

NABWT – National Association of Business Women of Tajikistan

NADF - National Association of Dehkan Farms of Tajikistan

WIFI – Institute for Economic Promotion of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

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Hilfswerk Austria International -

Hilfswerk Austria International is a non-profit, cross-denominational and non-partisan organisation providing both international and humanitarian aid for victims of war and environmental disasters as well as long-term development assistance. Hilfswerk Austria International has been working in Tajikistan since 2001.

THE MAIN FOCUS

- Disaster relief after natural disasters
- Agriculture and rural development
- Promotion of small-scale business and income generation.
- Organizational development and capacity building, promotion of civic society as well as numerous other areas.

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