The "Agriculture Development Project in Swat Valley — Gender, Cooperatives and Hill Orchards" (ADP SWAT 2 — GECOHI) focuses on the improved socioeconomic and social status of women farmers, particularly those living in hill areas. This initiative is supported by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Government of Pakistan.

The GECOHI Project has been selected as a case study for the implementation of the "Gender, Cooperatives and Hill Orchards" program in Pakistan. The project aims to improve the socioeconomic status of women farmers in the Swat Valley by promoting gender equality, establishing cooperatives, and developing hill orchards.

**Program Area**

The Swat Valley is famous for its scenic beauty, renowned fruit orchards, peaceful valleys, and rich cultural heritage. It is a region that is rich in biodiversity and natural resources.

The project area covers the Swat, Buner, and Lower Dir districts, which are known for their rich agricultural resources. The Swat Valley is home to many hill orchards and fruit gardens, which are essential for the local economy.

**Gender Empowerment**

During ADP SWAT 2, the project has strongly supported the formation of cooperatives to help women farmers. These cooperatives have helped women farmers to increase their income and improve their social status.

**Mushrooms Cultivation**

The project has also introduced mushroom cultivation as an additional income-generating activity for women farmers. This has helped women to increase their income and improve their living standards.

**Off Season Vegetables**

The project has introduced off-season vegetables cultivation, which helps women farmers to increase their income and improve their living standards.

**Support To The FSCs**

The project has supported the development of Female Agricultural Cooperatives (FSCs) to help women farmers. This has helped women farmers to increase their income and improve their social status.

**Salone Internazionale del Gusto 2014**

The project has participated in the Salone Internazionale del Gusto, an international food exhibition, to promote the use of locally grown vegetables and improve the socioeconomic status of women farmers in the Swat Valley.

**Conclusion**

The GECOHI Project has successfully promoted the formation of cooperatives, mushroom cultivation, and off-season vegetables cultivation, which have helped women farmers to increase their income and improve their living standards.

**References**

All references are available in the project's final report, which can be downloaded from the website www.iao.org.pk.