

## Assess potential for increased production and marketing of local agricultural products

### EXPECTED RESULT R4

Local agricultural production improved in accordance with CKNP vision, objectives and regulations

The aim is to increase local people's income from agriculture and improve the security of their subsistence base regarding quality and quantity of nutrition by promoting agricultural activities and techniques that are ecologically sustainable and accord with the CKNP regulations. The project is targeting agricultural production and marketing of grains, vegetables, fruits. Particularly fruit cultivation and marketing will be promoted due to the comparatively high ecological value of fruit plantations. Livestock rearing is the most problematic agricultural activity with regard to CKNP development and regulations, especially wildlife habitats, biodiversity and forest regeneration. For this reason support for livelihood activities related to livestock will focus on qualitative improvements only, predominantly aiming at protecting wildlife habitats and reducing livestock predation as a motivation for local poaching activities

Implementing partners: Ev-K2-CNR & KIU



Implementation Period - 51 Months

Focus area - Bagrote, Haramosh, Shigar

Budget - 5,915,014 PKR

### Numbers

Above 100 farmers followed the workshops held in different valleys of the CKNP



**RESULTS:**

**B**aseline studies for agricultural production in Gilgit Baltistan areas have been carried out by Ev-K2-CNR. KIU Agricultural Department held several workshops with local farmers in different valleys of CKNP, on pest management and food processing. Farmers follow-up meetings were held in the target valleys, and as a result farmers have started processing units on a small scale. Moreover, data for manual development on marketing of local agricultural products have been gathered and the manual development is under-process. A research on Value Addition and Phytochemical Analysis of Fruits & Vegetables including Mountain Herbal Berries (*Ribes Alpestre*, *Ribes Orientale* and *Prunus Avium*) in CKNP region of Gilgit-Baltistan was also carried out which focused on breakthrough for Income Generation and Poverty Alleviation.

**CKNP**

The Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP), in the Northern Area of Pakistan, was declared National Park in 1993. In 2014 the CKNP, thanks to the Seed Project, with official approval of the Management Plan by the Gilgit Baltistan Government, becomes fully operational. It is a mountain area covering over 10,000 km<sup>2</sup> that includes the world's largest glaciers, outside the Polar Regions. CKNP is the highest National Park all over the world encompassing four peaks over 8,000 m including K2 [www.ckn.org](http://www.ckn.org)

**Seed**

The SEED (Socio Economic and Environmental Development) Project is carried out in Gilgit- Baltistan by EvK2CNR, in collaboration with KIU (Karakoram International University) and other partners. The project, fully financed by the Governments of Italy and Pakistan through PIDSA (Pakistan Italian Debt for Development Swap Agreement), aims at an integrative development of CKNP region.

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