

Activity n.16

Area COMMUNITIES WELL BEING

Activity code: AA4b

Devise and install systems and provide training for environmentally sound, safe and hygienic production and processing of 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



Implementation Period - 39 Months

Focus area - Skardu

Budget - 30,831,171 PKR



RESULTS:

Based on baseline information acquired under activity AA4a, the development of a concept proposal for a turn-key project involving the development of a food processing plant in the project area was initiated in semester 3.

A national consultant company developed the project proposal, identifying Baltistan Culture and Development Foundation (BCDF) in Skardu as a suitable local partner for the implementation of this project. The project started from cold oil extraction from local stone fruits by means of equipment and processes that are compliant with EU standards, and could be extended in a modular way to produce other fruit products, such as jams, juices, dried fruits etc.

Schemes and systems for processing packaging of agricultural products have been put into place and production initiated.

**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 km² 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.cknp.org

**Seed**

The SEED (Socio Economic and Environmental Development) Project is carried out in Gilgit- Baltistan by EvK2C-NR, 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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