

# Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development

## NEWSLETTER



### USAID MISSION DIRECTOR VISITS CARD

On January 26, 2017 CARD foundation hosted the USAID delegation members, represented by the Mission Director Ms. Deborah Grieser, Sustainable Development Office Director Ms. Lyla Andrews Bashan, Supervisory Program Officer Mr. Mervyn Ellis, Program Management Specialsit Mr. Simon Sargsyan and Project Coordinator Ms. Karine Grigoryan.



many of which are the direct outcome of the USAID funded projects.

He expressed a willingness that USAID will continue to collaborate with CARD in its core mission to support farmers and agribusinesses in the production of food and related products, leading to sustainable livelihoods for rural populations and promoting Armenian products in the local and international markets.

This was the first visit of the newly appointed Mission director to CARD and a good opportunity to discuss the prospects for future cooperation. CARD director presented the mission and objectives of the company. He stressed the importance of the cooperation with USAID, specifying a number of achievements and success stories,



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## NEW PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE RA MOA AND CARD

A new level of cooperation will be achieved between the RA Ministry of Agriculture and CARD Foundation through the MoU, signed between the parties. On February 8, the RA Minister of Agriculture Mr. Ignati Arakelyan and CARD Foundation director Mr. Gagik Sardaryan signed a Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at the quality improvement of the vaccination activities, implemented by the “Veterinary-Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Service Center” SNCO, as well as increase of awareness among stock-breeding farms.



Early that morning Mr. Arakelyan, accompanied by the acting AG PIU director Mr. Gegham Gevorgyan, visited the Farm and Veterinary Service Center, functioning at Aragatsavan community, to become familiarized with its functions. The manager of the Center Mr. Hurnan Sargsyan provided a detailed description of multiple services, rendered by the Center, highlighting some issues and challenges. Minister had an informative meeting with community veterinarians and farmers.





Later on, Mr. Ignati Arakelyan paid a visit to CARD Foundation to sign the MoU, get a closer view of the company's activities, as well as meet the staff members in person. "Cooperation of State and Private sectors and the mutual potential will fos-

ter the development of agriculture, and in this case the veterinary field in particular. We are sure that if implemented in cooperation with CARD Foundation, the State funded vaccination program will become more transparent, efficient and targeted", the minister noted.

