

Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development

NEWSLETTER



FIRST FVSC IN VAYOTS DZOR REGION



“I am sure that the establishment of similar centers will ensure a considerable and efficient progress in the development of the RA economy”, - RA Minister of Nature Protection Mr. Artsvik Minasyan.

“By opening this center we hope to promote the recognition of nature protection issues among the population, enabling the farmers to increase their profits”, - deputy head of mission of the German Embassy, Ms. Nadia Lichtenberger.

The Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development (CARD) Foundation established a Farm and Veterinary Service Center in Yeghgnadzor community of Vayots Dzor province, in cooperation with WWF and with direct participation of the Ministry of Nature Protection, with financial support from German Government within the frameworks of “Establishment of Community-based Models for Biodiversity Protection in Ecological Corridors in the Southern Caucasus (Armenia)” project.

The official launch ceremony of the Farm and Veterinary Service Center (FVSC) was held on April 18 with the participation of the RA Minister of Nature Protection Mr. Artsvik Minasyan, deputy head of mission of the German Embassy Ms. Nadia Lichtenberger, Governor of Vayots Dzor province Mr. Harutyun Sargsyan, head of Khachik community Mr. Vardan Nersisyan, WWF director Mr. Karen Manvelyan, CARD director Mr. Gagik Sardaryan, as well as farmers and community members.



The specialized center will focus on the development of the veterinary and animal husbandry sector in Armenia and will promote advanced techniques and practices in farm business development. The center will offer up-to-date equipment and tools for artificial insemination and veterinary services and will facilitate market linkages and access to finance for Armenian farmers and rural small and medium size enterprises.



CARD EXTENDS OPERATION TO GEORGIA

Within the frames of the “Animal Health Management (AHM) in Armenia and Georgia: Phase II” project, implemented in collaboration with the Agroservice-Center of the Ministry of Agriculture of Ajaria, Georgia and funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), CARD has been closely collaborating with Georgian colleagues through mutual visits, training programs, and study tours. ADA project linked many Armenian and Georgian experts and organizations and established common grounds for cooperation. For the purpose of the ADA project implementation and sustainability provision, it was decided to establish an office in Georgia. It will serve as a platform to share the best practices and up-to-date technologies from Armenia and vice versa.



CARD appointed Mr. Koba Dzamashvili as director of the new office. He has more than 20 years of experience, working as a veterinary expert in private and governmental entities. Mr. Koba has also extensive experience in managing a number of local and international projects, including the ones financed by USAID, Swiss Government, etc. We are glad to note that besides the participation at different professional development courses, organized by FAO, US Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and VSF-Europe, Mr. Koba is the fellow of the Cohran Fellowship Program on Animal health risk analysis, funded by USDA. We congratulate Mr. Koba on his new appointment and wish him success in this responsible and rewarding position.

financed by

Austrian
Development Cooperation

CARD
center for
agribusiness &
rural development