

## **Anna Karapetyan, Rural Youth Program**

Activities implemented by “Khatutik” NGO in May within frameworks of “Cattle Breeding Agribusiness”

Calf and goat breeding projects

### Goat Breeding Project

On May 5 “Khatutik” NGO’s project director Sh. Gyoulkhasyan, specialist S. Mamikonyan, project consultants H. Mkrtchyan, L. Movsisyan visited v. Shenik in Armavir marz. The purpose of the visit was to present the project and create the Club.

Community participants were Natalya Avagyan (school teacher) – a proposed Club leader, the director of the school, 11 youth enlisted in the project and one of their parents.



The meeting with youth was held at the school. 11 out of 21 enlisted youth came, a conversation was held with them. The purpose, objectives, donors and implementers of the project were presented.

The concept, principles of the youth club were presented, methodological consultation was provided, namely - how to name the club, how to create a logo for it, how to make group decisions.

The project consultants- H. Mkrtchyan and L. Movsisyan together with the community’s veterinarian went to households and observed the stall conditions at the houses of 11 youth and provided the youth’s parents with comments on improvement. A deadline of 20 days was set for them for improving stall conditions, so that the parents review the shortcomings. It was decided to refer to project implementation in the middle of May, when 2,5-3 months old lambs will be purchased, final selection of the youth will be made and the club will be created.



An arrangement was established with Natalia Avagyan concerning local coordination of the program. On the same day specialists of “Khatutik” NGO visited Karakert village of Armavir marz for the purpose of organizing a similar meeting. Community participants were Gagik Frangyan, candidate for the position of Club Head (a school teacher), Karo Davoyan, the director of the school, 11 youth enlisted in the project.

The meeting with the youth was held at the school. 11 out of registered youth came, a conversation was held with them. The purpose, objectives, conditions, donors and implementers of the project were presented. The concept, principles of the youth club were presented, methodological consultation was provided, namely - how to name the club, how to create a logo for it, how to make collective decisions.

H. Mkrtchyan and L. Movsisyan went to households and observed the stall conditions at the houses of registered youth and provided the youth’s parents with comments concerning improvement. A deadline of 20 days was set for them for improving stall conditions, so that the parents review the shortcomings. It was

decided to refer to project implementation in the end of May, when new born lambs will be purchased, final selection of the youth will be made and the Club will be created.

An arrangement was established with Gagik Frangyan concerning local coordination of the program.

### Heifer Breeding Project

On May 6 “Khatutik” NGO’s project director Sh. Gyoulkhasyan, “Khatutik”’s member S. Mamikonyan, project consultant L. Movsisyan visited Kourtan village of Lori marz.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct monitoring and training for the youth enlisted in the project , for the youth that participated in the project during previous years and for Club leader Rosa Kharazyan.



During the meeting the youth presented the condition and weights of their animals, asked questions to consultants concerning pasture grazing. The weights of the animals were mainly satisfactory. Project consultant L. Movsisyan conducted a class concerning feeding and disease prevention of 13 one month old animals. Sh. Gyoulkhasyan checked the register notebooks, analyzed the last year’s forage expenses together with the youth, comparisons were made, the results of current years notes were checked, some mistakes were corrected. A game was held on the topic of digestive organs of animals and at the end of the training brushes and pencils were distributed to the youth.