



Service Center for Animal Treatment

Arman Arutunyan, a local of the village of Ghadolari in the Akhalkalaki Municipality, has an educational background in political sciences but he decided to become a vet as a secondary profession. Arman has always sought to introduce and develop innovative technologies in terms of veterinary in Samtskhe-Javakheti.

The young vet referred to the Akhalkalaki Local Action Group (LAG) for support, he prepared a project proposal and applied for the grant program announced by ENPARD 2. He was awarded with a grant and used the funding together with his own savings to open a mobile vet service center which mainly focuses on artificial insemination.

“We have an ultrasound system, tools for artificial insemination, a portable fridge for biomaterial storage and a car within the project. Currently, we provide our service to ten farmers. We are going to open this type of center in Akhalkalaki as well and this will give us the opportunity to expand our service over a larger territory,” said Arman Arutunyan.



Employees: 3 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 31,980.00
Share: GEL 20,787.00
Co-financing: GEL 11,193.00

Mr Arutunyan said that it is quite hard to find young vets as almost of the vets around are quite advanced in age. He also intends to make the field more popular and wants to share his understanding with young people and show them the importance of the vet profession, especially in the regions like Samtskhe-Javakheti where cattle husbandry is a key source of income for the majority of families.

Artificial insemination will increase the productivity level of livestock. Additionally, those animals born from artificial insemination have a better immunity and can fight against different diseases which means that cattle are more safeguarded from illness.





The rate for artificial insemination is GEL 60-70 and the following trial is free. The center engages in other activities as well. Armen is a beneficiary of Enterprise Georgia and will open some vet drug stores in villages. The drug stores will carry medicines for pet care. They will be an addition asset for Arman Arutunyan's Vet Service Center and give an opportunity for vets to offer farmers high quality and timely service for treating their pets/cattle and making regular check-ups.

Currently, three locals are working at the Vet Service Center. The employment rate will gradually increase if the business expands. The setting up of these kinds of service centers promotes the economic development of the region and encourages young people to be involved in innovative technologies.



The initiative has been financed by the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) through the project of promoting new approaches in Rural Development in Akhalkhalaki.

Project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development and Vocational Education (DRDVE) of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA). Project Partners are Mercy Corps, Elva - Community Engagement and West Cork Development Partnership.

The European Union supports agriculture and rural development of Georgia through the programme of ENPARD, which has been implemented in Georgia since 2013. The total budget is 179.5 mio EUR. The main goal of the ENPARD is to reduce the rural poverty. The main priority of the first phase of the program was to support agricultural development, whereas the main aim of the second and third phases is to promote economic opportunities and capacity building of people living in the rural areas. For the additional information, please follow the link: www.enpard.ge