



Hotel in Olaverdi

The village of Olaverdi is situated 14 km away from Akhalkalaki. The Abuli and Korogli mountains are visible from the village. A cyclopean fort (built in the 2nd millennium BC) is located on the Korogli mountain. In ancient historic resources, it is called the Shaori Fortress and is located at an elevation of 2,752 meters above sea level. According to Vaxhushti Bagrationi's writings, the fortress is built with magnificent stones standing on the Shaori mountains.

For these aforementioned reasons, the village of Olaverdi is one of the most popular touristic destinations and, as such, it requires a proper infrastructure. Local resident, Hayastan Giloyan, acknowledged the touristic potential of the village and decided to build small hotel. He was unable to do this on his own and so he addressed the Akhalkalaki LAG for assistance. They worked together to draft an interesting project that was selected for financing from the EU.



Employees: 4 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 93,501.75
EU share: GEL 44,976
Co-financing: GEL 48,525.75

“Our village has a great location in terms of tourism. There is a fantastic view from the Shaori Fortress over Lake Paravani where the road leads to Lake Levani. Tourists can come anytime of the year.

Our hotel has four comfortable rooms, one with a living room and a kitchen. The hotel is well equipped with purchases made from the EU grant,” said Hayastan Giloyan.

Hayastan Giloyan also gave serious consideration to the meals he would serve his guests and chose traditional dishes made with natural products.





“Food is a very important part in hospitality management. Tourists will be able to prepare dishes on their own or, if they prefer, we will do it for them. I want our guests to be involved in cooking and enjoy the traditional dishes together. I think this is a perfect way to share our traditions with them,” said Mr Giloyan.

Hayastan Giloyan is confident that the restrictions of the pandemic will soon be lifted and that his hotel will be fully operational.



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