



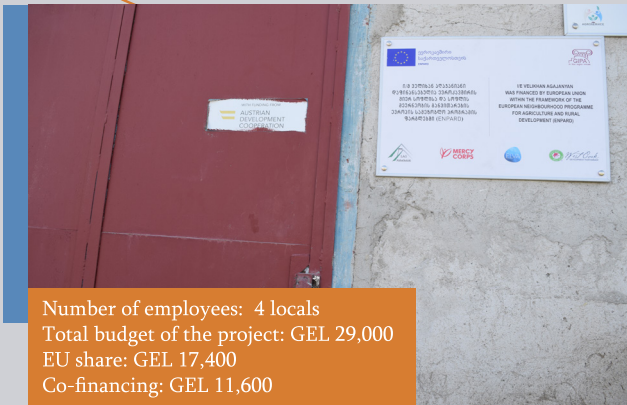
Production of Linseed Oil

Velikhar Agadjanyan planted linseed on two hectares in the village of Kirovakan which is located in the Akhalkalaki Municipality. He came up with this idea when he participated in a study tour in Austria. He carefully studied linseed cultivation before planting the crop.

“Using linseed oil reduces the cholesterol levels and helps prevent coronary diseases, etc. Producing a healthy product was one of the most important reasons that made me think of starting this business. Nowadays, I am the only producer of linseed oil in Georgia,” said Velikhar Agadjanyan.

Mr Agadjanyan had just started producing linseed oil when the ENPARD program appeared in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region. The Akhalkalaki LAG supported him in the preparation of this project. His innovative idea was supported by the European Union and his project was financed.

Velikhar Agadjanyan used the funding he received to purchase equipment for grain-cleaning and cold filtration of the oil. Therefore, he no longer has to go to Signaghi to clean the grain, something which previously reduced the value of the product given the extra expenses. His oil press machine is relatively old and so he is going to buy a new one as soon as the necessary amount of money is collected. One hectare produces 800 kg of linseed which produces 300 liters of oil. He distributes his product in markets and drugstores at a price of GEL 40 per liter.



Number of employees: 4 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 29,000
EU share: GEL 17,400
Co-financing: GEL 11,600



“The oil that we produce is 100% pure and environmentally sound. We developed our business gradually. We are also constructing a new building and we are considering hiring more locals in the factory which is something that will have a positive impact on the regional economy in the long-term period. We would like to express our gratitude to the EU and GIPA for giving us an opportunity to implement this beneficial project,” said Velikhar Agadjanyan.





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