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List of Acronyms:

Umid HSSC	Umid Humanitarian and Social Support Centre
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
DGP	Development Grant Program
BP	British Petroleum
NGO	Non-Governmental Organizations
ExCom	Executive Committee
LLCs	Limited Liability Companies
MCPs	Milk Collection Points
MPFs	Milk Processing Factories
SC	Support Centre
BDS	Business Development Services
CG	Community Group

1. Executive Summary

Program Overview	Target area
<p>GOAL: Increased skills and sustainable income of small-scale dairy farmers.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish new Milk Collection Points in interested and motivated communities ; • To increase the quality and quantity of milk sold to Milk Collection Points ; • To link local dairy farmers to support services and milk processors ; • To enhance the capacity of private husbandries and dairy farmers. <p>EXPECTED OUTCOMES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% increase in raw milk supplied to targeted collections points and processors ; • 20% decrease in bacteria count at collection points resulting in processors receiving better quality milk ; • 20% increase in farmers receiving credit ; • 30% increase in market knowledge among farmers in target areas ; • 2 official or unofficial dairy farmer associations created in target regions. <p>COMMITMENTS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement to be signed with Bilasuvaragro on establishment and management of MCP in 3 communities ; ▪ Development and approval of project package in selected communities; ▪ Selection of Procurement Subjects (Vendor) and start activities relating to establishment of MCPs in 3 communities; ▪ Delivering trainings and consultations in 3 communities ; ▪ Development of guideline on arrangement of veterinary services, and observing sanitary-hygienic norms in private husbandries and farming industries; ▪ Identification of 2 new target communities 	<p>Target Areas:</p>  <p>Target areas</p>  <p>Selection of target communities</p>
<p>Activities implemented during the reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To enhance knowledge, skills and capacities, training material on “Entrepreneurship” and a booklet title “Feeding milking cow” were developed; ▪ Deep reassessments and reanalysis were conducted in Shamkir and Goygol regions, target communities on each region were identified; ▪ To select vendor on establishment of MCP, a bid was conducted and service provider was selected; ▪ Trainings and consultations were delivered in 3 communities – collaboration newly started; ▪ Surveys were conducted in private industries and farming husbandries on observing sanitary-hygienic norms and arrangement of veterinary services for cattle; ▪ A MoU was concluded with Azerbaijan University of Technology on collaboration. Also at present, discussions are being held with Agro Mechanics on collaboration; ▪ Agreement was signed with Ganja Epidemiology and Hygiene Centre regarding conducting bacteriological analysis of milk; ▪ To mitigate environmental impacts with regard to establishment of MCP, Environmental Examination document was elaborated ▪ 	<p>Photo Summary</p>  <p>Meeting in Saritapa community of Shamkir region</p>
<p>Plan (for the next quarter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of 2 new target communities; ▪ Continue delivering trainings and consultations in 5 target communities; ▪ Development and approval of project package in selected 5 communities; ▪ Installation of MCPs in 3 communities and doing preparatory works in 2 new communities; ▪ Liaise milk producers with Support Centres; ▪ Control over observing sanitary-hygienic norms and arrangement of veterinary services for cattle in farming industries and private husbandries ▪ 	<p>Quotation</p> <p>Due to not having daily income community population face with difficulties. If MCP is established population will cover their daily needs from milk sale.</p>
<p>Challenges faced and addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No serious challenges were observed during the reporting period. 	<p>Farmer Telman</p>

2. Program Overview

Implementation of “Community Based Support to Producers of Dairy Products” Project has been made possible thanks to USAID’s financial support, and BP and Partner’s cost sharing. It surely enables Umid HSSC to assist the development of national economy through qualitative and competitive development of the dairy sector in collaboration with governmental authorities, communities and private sector.

Target area of the project is communities around Ganja (Yevlakh, Samukh, Goranboy, Shamkir and Goygol regions). Under the project, farmers of Kurdamir and Ujar regions who have appreciable potential in dairy sector will be supported, too.

The direct beneficiaries of the ongoing project will be private households, entrepreneurs, farmers and small dairy associations engaged in dairy production and processing.

The aim of the project is to expand the scale of milk and dairy products, sold by small dairy husbandries and small and mid-scale farmers, creating regional collection centers and liaising with the target group of milk processing entities. This aim will be addressed through activities with following objectives:

Objective 1: Awareness of producers of dairy products;

Objective 2: Institutional and entrepreneurship capacities of local smallholders, farmers, dairy associations;

Objective 3: Expanding technological opportunities of various size farms engaged in dairy and improving mechanisms for controlling the quality.

The project activities and effective project performance will be reflected in:

- Number of communities increased the volume and quality of milk being sold and MCP developed;
- Number of the entities established sustainable relations with the MPFs and MCPs;
- Number of SC collaborated with official and unofficial associations;

Increase in quality and volume of milk will be extensively controlled in the target regions. Enhancement of knowledge and skills of small, mid farmers and private husbandries in the corresponding areas will result in improved sanitary and hygienic circumstances for the animals, as well as provide better quality nutrition, which consequently will develop opportunities to achieve increased volume of milk production.

3. Program Activities and Impact Analysis

3.1. Working with communities

During the quarter, community liaisons/consultants carried out number of activities for effective project implementation. These are dissemination of information on project goals, objectives, essence, in 3 targets and nearby communities, and provided information to owners of private husbandries and milk producers on support centers and opportunities for collaboration with them. Liaisons realize awareness raising activities on trainings and consultations and organize them. Besides, Community liaisons endeavor in getting official permit on installation of MCP, make requests to related bodies, ensure implementation of planned project activities in target and nearby communities, fulfill activities on dissemination, and receipt of questionnaires regarding control over arrangement of veterinary service and sanitary hygienic condition in communities.

Although community members were very active in assessing target communities, analyzing outcomes and selection of target communities, in cattle-breeding and milk sector they seemed to remain spontaneous and unorganized. While discussions held with community members, the crucial issues interested them were milk sale prices. But project specialist’s recommendations on cattle feeding, keeping conditions, hygienic and insemination rouse community members’ interests for the project and collaboration. In accordance with Umid HSSC’s Execution Plan, the following activities were carried out with communities:

- Selection of new target communities ;
- Selection of service provider ;
- Educational activities in communities ;
- Activities of community liaison/consultants.

Selection of new communities

Taking into consideration recommendations of USAID and Selection Commission, holding of more all-round assessments in Shamkir and Goygol regions continued. As a result, 14 communities (Garajamilli, Zayam, Talish, Bayramli, Mahmudlu, Saritapa, Dallar Jayir, Kechili, Gilinjayli, Chaparli, Dallar Jirdakhan, Mashadi Huseynli, Dallar Dashbulag, Sabirkand) in Shamkir and 7 communities (Dozular, Haji Malik, Panahlar, Balchili, Topal Hasanli, Molla Jalilli, Chayli) in Goygol regions were assessed. To identify target communities, meetings were also held in communities who participated in previous selections. And



reassessments were conducted. Assessments focused on head number of milking cows, quantity of produced milk, milk prices and other factors.

As a result of assessments in the first stage, 3 communities were selected from Shamkir and 2



communities were identified from Goygol and database was developed on these communities. Information was grouped on the basis of 6 main criteria. Alongside with communities, farming husbandries, associations, enterprises engaged in milk production were assessed. Assessments showed that, “Samadoghlu Ataturk” Milk Processing Enterprise restored its operation again. Several meetings were held on defining

collaboration opportunities and liaising the enterprise directly with community. As a result of these meetings, both community and the enterprise expressed their interests in collaboration.

In September, Selection Commission consisted of representatives of USAID, BP and Umid HSSC held meeting to identify target communities. Project Coordinator and specialist delivered tangible information on project’s progress and activities being implemented on identification of 2 target communities. , Evaluation of communities was suggested. Thus, Saritapa community of Shamkir region and Mollajalilli community of Goygol region was selected among 5 communities for collaboration, and meetings were arranged in the communities.

Evaluation of communities by Selection Commission

N	Represented organization	Communities Commission members	Shamkir			Goygol	
			Gilinjbayli	Saritapa	Kechili	Chayli	Mollajalilli
1	Umid	Rasim Guliyev	39	44	32	33	44
2	Umid	Zohrab Zohrab	33	48	39	13	27
3	Umid	Ahmad Aliyev	37	52	35	39	48
4	Umid	Masim Abadov	44	51	47	36	43
5	BP	Rana Hasanova	36	43	42	12	36
6	USAID	Farida Akhundova	41	50	48	21	38
Total:			230	288	243	154	234

As per Work Plan, the project envisages selection of target communities of Kurdamir and Ujar regions in subsequent quarters. As communities of Ujar region seemed to have less potential as identified during initial assessments, it was considered to conduct extensive assessments.

Enhancement of community skills and knowledge, Information dissemination

Meetings were organized in 2 newly selected target communities with participation of milk producers, farmers, chiefs of municipalities, representative of ExCm and community members (20 people in Saritapa community, 18 people in Mollajalilli community). Comprehensive information was provided to participants on the project goals, components and essence, and related questions were responded. Criteria for selection of community liaison were presented to representative of ExCom, CG members, heads of municipalities and interested people.



Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) covering undertakings, liabilities - considering suggestions and recommendations of parties, were concluded between Umid HSSC, both CG leaders and head of municipalities on collaboration.

It was considered to collaborate with MPFs on investment and management of MCP to be established in 3 communities. Collaboration with Bilasuvaragro began right after signing of the MoU.

Umid HSSC’s project staff, chiefs of municipalities, representatives of ExCom, CG leaders visited to the site of MCPs to be established in 3 communities. They held discussions on micro-project implementation and its sustainability.

During the quarter, as per needs, holding of training and consultation sessions continued for capacity building of milk producers. Trainings on “Arrangement and management of cattle breeding and keeping” were delivered to milk producers in Seyidlar, Veyisli and Nematabad communities. The table below details information on trainings being provided:

N	Date	Region	Community	# of participants	# of women	# of men
1	08.09.2010	Samukh	Seyidlar	18	9	9
2	14.09.2010	Goranboy	Veyisli	21	3	18
3	24.09.2010	Yevlakh	Nematabad	19	10	9
Total:				58	22	36

Additionally, , 6 consultation sessions were held in target communities, to be collaborated, related to calculation of social insurance rules, insurance payments, requirements on registering by tax offices as tax payers, opening of a bank account, etc. More than 275 booklets on 4 topics developed by project specialists were disseminated in target communities. Booklet on “Artificial insemination and its significance” was developed and submitted to donor for approval. Besides,

considering farmers’ needs, development of training material on ‘Entrepreneurship’ and a booklet on ‘Feeding milking cow’ were completed.

‘Entrepreneurship’- the training package entails capacity building of milk producers in this field. It consists of training material, training plan, evaluation tests, and slide format of training material. The package covers information regarding entrepreneurship notion, forms and types of entrepreneurship and private farming. Also, significant criteria for starting entrepreneurship activity were included into the package.



‘Feeding milking cow’- booklet reflects information on significance of proper feeding milking cows, feed varieties, norms and instructions.

3.2. Establishment of MCP and documentation

Preparatory works are being implemented on the establishment of MCP in communities identified in 1st phase. . Location of MCP was defined in each 3 communities. Together with Bilsuvarago’s specialist, a visit was conducted to the venue of MCP to be installed. Correspondence to usage, road, water, power provision was reviewed and the area was considered to be satisfactory. In compliance with legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for construction or installation works (also, establishment of MCP) it is needed to get permit documents from 5-6 governmental bodies:

- An order by local municipality on allocation of land area for construction of MCP;
- Proper direction of Head of Region Executive Power;
- Plan approved by Land Committee under Executive Power of Region;
- Reference by Ecological Department;
- Permission document from Electric Provision Network on connection of electric connection and technical conditions;



Umid HSSC’s long-term, sustainable relations with communities and local authorities ensured carrying on prompt and sound documentation process.

- Veyisli Community Activity Group of Goranboy region requested to local municipality on allocating area for establishment of MCP. After getting order on allocation of the area, community delivered it to the Land Committee of the region for approval. Later in its turn stated that without the permission of the Head of the Goranboy region Executive Power no approval would be possible. To address this challenge, meetings were held with head of Goranboy region Executive Power, Nizamaddin Nabiyev, first deputy Bakhish Abdullayev, and deputy on agrarian issues of chief of the region. Comprehensive information was provided and the problem was solved. Due to landslides and elections, issuing an order by

the head of the region is lingered. Community Liaison submitted documents to Ecology Department.

- With regard to construction of MCP in Seyidlar community of Samukh region, documentation procedures are on-going. Relevant documents were collected from municipality and submitted to ExCom. In accordance with order of Head of the region, Land Committee notified on allocating area. Meeting was held with Vilyam Hajiyev chief of Samukh region ExCom, thorough information was provided and the head of the region instructed relevant departments to prepare documents. The Department stated that only through auction the area could be bought and notified that they allow illegal construction. As all activities are carried out legally, CG leader made a request to Chief of Samukh region ExCom. The process is ongoing.
- Relevant bodies were requested on allocating land area for installation of MCP in Nematabad community of Yevlakh region. Municipality defined the area and appropriate documents were acquired. The site was cleaned from wastes and other garbage. Community requested to Land Department on the development and approval of the plan.

3.3. *Measurement and evaluation of impacts on environment*

In compliance with project undertakings, with regard to installation of MCP first of all the area of the MCP to be established was reviewed by program staff. The potential impacts on social, biological and physical infrastructure were checked. To mitigate the potential harmful impacts, pursuant to USAID’s procedures on reduction of possible impacts on environment during construction of facilities, several related documents were designed:

- ✓ Environmental Assessment Checklist ;
- ✓ Monitoring and Mitigation Plan ;
- ✓ Environmental Assessment Procedures ;
- ✓ Initial Environmental Examination.

These documents aim at determining whether the proposed action (establishment of MCP) encompasses the potential for environmental pollution or damage and, if so, to determine the scope and extent of additional environmental evaluation, mitigation, and monitoring necessary to fulfill USAID’s environmental requirements. All documents were submitted to USAID for approval. (Documents are enclosed). After approval installation of MCP will be launched.

3.4. Selection of Procurement and Service Subjects (Vendor)

With regard to establishment of MCP, announcements on bid were put up in press and TV channels between July 22-24, 2010. The below mentioned documents were required:

- a) Proving document of taxpayer, tax payer's status: Certificates on "Simplified Taxpayer" or 'VAT payer';*
- b) Address and contact information (phone, fax, email etc.);*
- c) Brief information on skills and implemented projects;*
- d) Reference letter(s) from previous customers(phone must be indicated);*
- e) Brief information on other activity directions;*
- f) Letter proving bank requisites;*
- g) Brochures or booklets describing activities (if any)*

As per bid announcements, 16 construction and service providers applied. The experiences and capacities of organizations were evaluated and 7 organizations were requested to submit their Price Offer Packages on installation of MCP and as a result, 5 organizations (Simmetriya LLC, Tuba LLC, Impuls LLC, Kristal LLC and Khamsa-L LLC) submitted their Price Offer Packages and all packages received in sealed envelopes and were evaluated by Bid Commission. Bid Commission arranged 2 meetings for selection of service provider (vendor) on establishment of MCP. The first meeting was organized in August with participation of representatives of Umid HSSC, USAID and BP. Commission members evaluated @ 1-10 points taking into consideration work experience of organizations in working with communities, reference letters, documentations and technical-material base of the organizations. In sum, Tuba LLC was given the highest point by members. But the meeting decided assessment of generalized prices submitted by the organization and providing the commission on this issue. On September 17, 2010 a meeting was held in Umid HSSC's head office on selection of Service Provider (Vendor) related to establishment of MCP. Umid HSSC's Executive Director I. Isgandarov, Program Director R. Guliyev, E.Asgarov Logistics Manager, Project Coordinator Z. Zohrabov, project specialists-M. Abadov, A. Aliyev, as well as, representatives of USAID Farida Akhundova and BP Rana Hasanova participated in the meeting. Outcomes of the assessments related to 5 organizations who submitted their price offer packages, discussion arranged with chiefs of facilities, technical base of organizations were analyzed. Commission reviewed new price offers submitted by organizations after meetings held with them.



Criteria such as price offers, experiences in related field and with communities, reference letters, etc. were taken into consideration and organizations were evaluated by 1-10 points. “Kristal” LLC won the bid with 180 points. As a result, “Kristal” LLC was defined as an implementer of establishment of MCP and relevant agreement covering project budget, implementation mechanism, duration, community contribution and rights and liabilities of parties was concluded between Umid HSSC, Kristal LLC, CG Leader, and local Municipality Head. Assessments were conducted in 3 target communities and main plan, scheme, estimated budget and other related documents on establishment of MCP were designed.

3.5 Collaboration with governmental and private organizations, and local and international NGOs

The project implementation planned to collaborate with national and international agencies engaged in milk sector operating in target areas. During the project implementation, to address obstacles related to allocating area for establishment of MCP, meeting was held with 1st deputy and deputy on agrarian issues and head of Goranboy region ExCom. , Tangible information on project was delivered and the challenge was addressed.

Official letters were submitted to ExComs of Goygol and Shamkir regions on starting project implementation in selected target communities of the regions.

MoU on collaboration was concluded with Scientific Research ‘Agro Mechanics’ Institute’ and Azerbaijan



University of Technology. Together with colleagues of ‘Agro Mechanics’ Institute’ publication of scientific articles was achieved.

The project considers conducting regular analysis to identify upgrade of bacteriological and microbiological composition of milk produced in private husbandries and farming industries.

For this, meetings and discussions were held with Ganja city Hygienic and Epidemiology Centre on conducting milk analysis to identify ‘bacteria count’. In sum, agreement was achieved with the Centre.

Zone Veterinary Laboratory under the State Head Veterinary Department in Goygol region was kept in touch. Zone Veterinary Laboratory is engaged in conducting blood analysis on ‘quick spreading infectious diseases under state control’. Chief of the Lab stated that organization of meetings in veterinary points of other regions and communities is expedient and expressed their readiness for collaboration in that direction.

Activities on development of milk sector were continued also by scientific articles. Together with employers of Milk problems laboratory under Azerbaijan Scientific Research Institute- head

scientific worker, candidate of natural sciences N. M. Nuriyev and scientific worker Sh.H. Hasanova the project specialist candidate of biology sciences M. Abadov elaborated scientific research article titled ‘Several directions of provision of population with milk and dairy products’ was published in ‘Agrarian Science’ scientific mass circulation. By using information related to State program on ‘Reliable provision to population with food in 2008-2015 years’ and materials collected from target areas the article was designed and deals with defining structure composition of cattle, various feed rations and quantities for cattle. The article was developed in 2 parts to ensure food security and abundance in provision to population with milk and dairy products. Part 1 was published, and part 2 is considered to be completed & issued in next year. Chief of Lab under ‘Agro mechanics’ SRI gave a reference to the article and by decision of meeting of Scientific Council of the institute the article was recommended to be published.

A meeting was held with Gunel Hasanova, an employee of Information Centre of USAID located in Ganja. Project staff got acquainted with activity of the Centre gave comprehensive information about the project and presented booklets regarding the project to the library of the Centre. It was agreed to collaborate on mutual usage of related services in future

3.6 Activities related to Support Centres

Assessment of Support Centres on collaboration with selected communities was finalized. Database covering addresses, contact phones of service providing personnel was developed and was delivered to community liaisons:

Information on SC having opportunities for collaborating with target communities

Region	SC Communities	Veterinary services, lab	Artificial insemination	Mixed feed production	Financing institutions	Service Centres
Samukh	Seyidlar	Goygol city, Zone veterinary diagnostic lab (023052294), village vet	Ogtay Aliyev (Ganja) (0556362799) Fazil Nasibov (Nabiaghali) (0505082407)	Mirali Jafarov (0506649282) Gizil feed Hüseynov Ələvsət (0703140771) Saladdin Garayeri	FINCA Samukh (0505579123) CredAgro Ganja (022 579905) Azer Star Ganja (044 2220876)	GBG (0503610370) GABA (0552717102)

Goranboy	Veyisli	Goygol Veterinary Department Azar Suleymanov (023052294) (0503109056)	Mammadov Rza (0507362601) Bakhtiyar Gurbanov (0506814448) Zaur Huseynov (0504323858)	Gizil feed Huseynov Alovzat (0703140771) Veyisli feed (0555394313) Rahimli feed (0556385071)	FİNCA Goranboy (0556487511) VF Azercredit LLC (0502228077)	GABA (0552717102), GBG (0503610370)
Yevlakh	Nematabad	Zone veterinary diagnostic lab (023052294)	Nofal Mammadzada (0503654467) Mahammad (0505414416), Husamaddin (0505995401)	Gizil feed Huseynov Alovzat (0703140771) Goraboy Habil feed (0506487025)	FİNCA Yevlakh (0556430243) (0502553770), VF Azercredit LLC (0502228077)	GBG (0503610370) GABA (0552717102)

4 Sector analysis and perspectives

Within framework of State Program on ‘Improvement of population provision with animal products via local production’, the Ministry of Agriculture brings to Azerbaijan heifers from Austria through ‘Agro leasing’ OJSC. Each heifer comprises 4000 AZN. At initial stage government covers 50% of this amount, and the rest is paid by entrepreneur within 2-3 years with preferable terms. Positive factors of state support:

- Ensures usage of more productive cattle species than local species;
- Investments are made in production and production means;
- Changes are observed in entrepreneur’s attitude toward his/her farming type and cattle;
- Demand emerges for more improved services (veterinary, feed, etc.);
- Commercial relationship is formed.

Keeping conditions of sheds actually do not meet any requirements and norms. Farmers lack in management knowledge and capacities on arrangement of productive and improved breeding and feeding conditions for cattle. Challenges regarding sale of big scaled milk planned to be produced have not found solutions yet. Due to unimproved veterinary services, quality indicators of produced products decrease.

5 Marketing assessment

State Strategy on “Reliable provision to population with food and agricultural products via local production” serves protection of domestic market. Thus, through several political tools, import of milk and dairy products to the republic is limited. Such kind of activities considered for definite

period of time has affected development of domestic production. Reduce of dry milk import created demand for domestic raw milk. In the same period of the previous year if a liter of raw milk in target areas ranged between 0.16-0.22 AZN at present, these prices range from 0.20 to 0.28 AZN per liter.

In consumer market, imported packed milk and dairy products are substituted with domestic ones. Through applying modern equipment and technologies, local milk processing facilities offer to market rivalry sustainable milk and dairy products. The technologies of European production are not considered for production of local milk products. Local processing facilities lack in specialists on maintenance of these technologies. No activities are implemented to address the gap regarding specialists. Illegal milk sale is more developed than comparing with legal sale in consumer market.

Due to not conducting control over sanitary-hygienic standards and norms, milk and dairy products are sold in pavements, housing estates, between buildings and even near to waste collected venues. Number of infectious diseases and food poisoning increase among population, obliged the relevant governmental authorities to limit activity of illegal market on milk sale

6 Further plans:

- Continue information dissemination about the project;
- Continue to identify community liaisons in target communities;
- Sign contracts in selected 2 communities on establishment of MCPs;
- Installation of MCPs in 3 communities and do preparatory works for 2 new communities;
- Provide trainings and consultations on capacity building to milk producers
- Linking milk producers with Support Centres;
- Arrangement of control over observing sanitary-hygienic norms in farming husbandries and provide veterinary services;
- Deliver information on SCs to target communities, conduct meetings with representatives of SCs and specialists and producers, link producers with these centers;

7 Challenges faced and addressed

No serious challenges were observed in project implementation during the quarter. Pursuant to decision of Evaluation Commission and outcomes of assessments conducted in communities of Goranboy region, establishment of MCP in Veyisli community was considered. However, when documents were submitted to Goranboy region ExCom to get permit on establishment, the ExCom advised Goran settlement instead of Veyisli as a venue. This was

justified as Goran settlement is near to high way and better accessible for milk sale. Taking into account this fact, meetings were held with ExCom and selection criteria of communities on installation of MCP were stated in the meeting. As a result, official permit was achieved on installation of MCP in Veyisli community.

8 Success story:

A model farmer and municipality head

Since ancient times cattle-breeding was main-stream occupation in Azerbaijan. People preferred thus prepared a great number of milk and dairy products, and meat. But today milk and dairy products produced in family hose-holds do not meet increasing demand of population for these products. To ensure our national food varieties, to decorate our tables, and to ensure automated production of these foods, thereby to support development of domestic market, can be realized only by big scale milk processing facilities. Unfortunately, farmers come across with many difficulties in milk keeping and delivering it in a timely manner to processing entities. Likewise the milk processing facilities face with a great number of challenges in receiving required amount of milk that meets their standards.



USAID funded “Community Based Support to producers of Dairy Products” project is aimed to address the above-mentioned challenges and shortcoming in this sector. Up to date, under the project undertakings, several activities were implemented in project target areas. One of such communities is Veyisli community of Goranboy region. The project arouse interest of community so much that everybody in community believes in solution of their problems on milk sector through the project and everyone does his/her best for successful implementation of the project.

Veyilsli Municipality head Sadig Imamaliyev takes active part in trainings being provided to community members. He even undertook several activities on changing cattle for slaughtering with milking cows. While assessments conducted in community, Sadig Imamaliyev endeavored for project staff by collecting information on specie variety of cattle, cattle feeding and breeding, etc, issues. As per his calculations, if people prefer milk production to meat production their profits will increase. He is going to make request to related governmental agencies to purchase milking cows from abroad. Nearly all community members including Sadig Muallim look forward to seeing the MCP to be established in their community. But he is not only waiting, he supports community members, community liaison, and has become an example for everybody. All these supports ensure effective implementation of the project.