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**"Capacity Building
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and Cooperatives in
Rural Areas of
Gobi - Altai Province"**



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Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in Rural Areas of Gobi - Altai Province (CESCO)

Introduction

“Capacity building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in Gobi - Altai Province” is funded by the European Commission and Caritas International Belgium.

In line with the national and local government priorities, and the needs of the local communities, the action will focus on promoting a few proven income producing/expense reducing agricultural activities including the introduction of Passive Solar Greenhouse technology, expanding forestry activities, expanding cultivation of fodder, improving the processing and packaging of the produces to increase the added value, and facilitating access to markets.

To ensure the sustainability of Cooperatives, the Local Association of Agriculture Cooperatives (NAMAC GA) will be strengthened to become self-sufficient. The NAMAC GA would then provide relevant and high quality services to its member - cooperatives.

Goal and specific objectives

The goal of CESCO project is to create an inclusive and self-sustaining local economy in the project area through empowered cooperatives and better skilled and more knowledgeable human resources.

Objective 1:

To improve the overall capacity of the Agricultural Extension Services and 42 Cooperatives in 8 soums of Gobi - Altai (GA) Province and the Association of Agriculture Cooperative GA.

Objective 2:

To expand the income generation and (alternative) employment opportunities offered by rural cooperatives through horticulture related activities in 8 rural soums of Gobi - Altai Province.

Beneficiaries:

42 primary Cooperatives with approximately 2000 members, 18 Extension Officers and Aimag Association of Agriculture Cooperatives (NAMAC GA)

Target areas:

Jargalan, Taishir, Delger, Bugat, Biger, Sharga, Haliun and Chandmani soums of Gobi - Altai Province.

Project Activity

CESCO will support 42 rural Cooperatives through building their capacity in areas of cooperative and business development through training in management, business, and organic farming technology and also provides funding for the construction of Passive Solar Greenhouses and agriculture small scale equipment based on the assessment of organizational capacity.

The focus of the action will be to ensure that relevant and high quality extension services are provided along the entire value chain of horticulture activities through improving the technical skills of the extension officers.

