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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Kibe Community Step by Step towards Economic Development



David Tavdgiridze is the person distinguished with his leadership characteristic and is honored by the villagers. He is the person who does and cares much about the village population welfare with pleasure. David Tavdgiridze was born in 1953 in Kibe village. Nowadays he is the Head of Logistics Department at Acharistskali Secondary School. One of the first projects he implemented with the support of local government, private sector and Care International, USAID-funded international organization, was School Rehabilitation Project. Great experience in working with international organizations once again encouraged him to actively participate in the projects implemented in the Kibe Community by CHF International. "We would not have achieved success for GEII projects accomplishment if not David's support and intensive activities of the villagers", mentions Boris Khutsishvili, CHF Community Outreach Officer. David Tavdgiridze brings the following motto while doing community work: "Do not expect gratitude and compensation for your kind act. The most important thing is to fulfill your human liability".

Kibe, a mountainous village in Acharistskali Sakrebulo, Khelvachauri Rayon, characterized with its beautiful landscape, is located on the right shore of Acharistskali River. The community with 89 families is of 23 km distance from Batumi. The population mainly cultivates kitchen gardens and grows horticultural crops.

Kibe population regularly tries to keep own welfare and well-being; initiated by the villagers themselves community roads were rehabilitated financed and implemented by their own resources.

With the hope for better future and distinguished activity of Kibe community population several successful projects were implemented by CHF International supported by USAID within GEII program to improve infrastructure and economic condition of community residents. The business idea for community income generation and increasing profit is connected to High and Low Voltage Power Supply System Rehabilitation. Poor power supply system hampered business development. Rehabilitated Power Supply System created job opportunities and better economic environment for Kibe population.

CHF/GEII started its activities in the Kibe community in spring 2005. Having won the competition and after fruitful cooperation of democratically electing CDC with CHF the village prioritized High and Low Voltage Power Supply System Rehabilitation Projects. Community contributed 14,294 GEL for both projects, 1,638 GEL in-cash.

Desire to increase income, to establish innovations and successfully implemented projects defined long-term cooperation of Kibe community with GEII resulting the third Fruit Storage Facility Rehabilitation Project to create job opportunities and generate income for the population.

The abandoned building on the village territory used before as storage facility, was not functioning during years. Local population decided to rehabilitate the building. The new, modernized Fruit Storage Facility will be established in the restored building. The facility will serve to not only Sakrebulo villages but neighboring communities as well. The community population plans to realize the product with higher profit and create 6 long-term jobs. Community contribution for Fruit Storage Facility rehabilitation project is 4,213 GEL, 818 GEL in-cash.

The Kibe community during CHF/GEII cooperation in 2005 August-September contributed 2,456 GEL for the implementation of all the three projects. "The amount contributed by our villagers serves for economic development and progress of our community", says David Tavdgiridze, Kibe community leader.



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