

# FACTSHEET

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## LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH OF ARMENIA

### PHASE IV



### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The overall goal of the project is to create increased economic opportunities for male and female farmers involved in animal husbandry in Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions of Armenia.

### BACKGROUND

Agriculture is the largest sector of the Armenian economy by percentage of employment, engaging 37% of the country's population. The sector plays a dominant role in the economy, registering nearly 22% of GDP in 2015. At the same time Armenian farmers are the most disadvantaged and vulnerable group of population with nearly 40% living in poverty. Farmers in the villages of Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions practice mostly subsistence agriculture and have limited access to markets. As all over Armenia, the two major problems of the agriculture sector in Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions are low efficiency and limited access to markets.

### FACTS

**Country:** Armenia, Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions

**Duration:** September 2014 - August 2020

**Budget:** CHF 10'000'000

#### Project partners:

- Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development of RA
- Ministry of Agriculture of RA
- Syunik and Vayots Dzor regional authorities

#### Implementing partner:

- Strategic Development Agency (SDA) NGO



## ACTIVITIES

Smallholder farmers in 100 rural communities of Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions of Armenia (nearly 60'000 people) will benefit from the project results.

Activities envisaged within this project framework are:

- Improvement of access of male and female farmers to better functioning milk and meat markets
- Improvement of access of male and female farmers to farm support services and inputs
- Improvement of capacities of male and female farmers in terms of new farming approaches and techniques
- Strengthening of capacities of local self-governance bodies to support rural economic development related to animal husbandry



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## EXPECTED RESULTS

The outcomes expected at the end of this project phase are the following:

- Increased volume of milk traded through improved raw milk collection infrastructure and efficiency (30% increase compared with the baseline)
- Increased volume of meat traded through improved animals/meat market infrastructure and efficiency (30% increase compared with the baseline)
- Efficient veterinary services are available for women and men farmers
- Quality/breed of animals improved through access to artificial insemination services and animal replacement
- Access to finance for women and men stallholders/farmers is improved due to alternative value chain financing scheme piloted and implemented (3 new schemes)
- Quality inputs and services for fodder production are available for women and men farmers
- Input providers, local extension service providers and other value chain participants provide embedded consultancy to farmers in the target area
- Advanced practices in animal husbandry are adopted by farmers
- Improved capacities of local and regional authorities on data management, processing and reporting
- Improved capacities of local and regional authorities on usage, planning and management of pastures
- Improved capacities of local and regional authorities to establish a policy dialogue with relevant state institutions at national level.