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STRENGTHENING QUALITY AND STANDARDS COMPLIANCE CAPACITY OF THE FRUITS VALUE CHAIN TO FACILITATE MARKET ACCESS

GLOBAL QUALITY AND STANDARDS PROGRAMME

The Global Quality and Standards Programme is a global initiative to support the export competitiveness of more than ten partner countries including Kyrgyzstan and to strengthen the quality and standards compliance capacity of small and medium-sized enterprises in selected value chains.

In Kyrgyzstan, the project is focused on the Fruit Value Chain of the Issyk-Kul oblast, which holds the greatest potential for promoting export growth and competitiveness of the country as well as improved income opportunities for SMEs. The fruits sector nonetheless faces a number of challenges, including limited production volume, compliance with necessary international phytosanitary and quality standards, packaging deficiencies, limited access to capital and disorganized logistics.

COUNTERPART | Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY | United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

BENEFICIARIES: Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Regional Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyz Center of Accreditation, Centre for Standardization and Metrology of Kyrgyzstan, Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, Agri-Food SMEs

DONOR | Switzerland, through the State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO)

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BUDGET | EUR 864,450

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to fostering Kyrgyzstan's competitiveness by enhancing the quality and standards compliance capacity along the fruits VC, thus facilitating market access for SMEs. The objective is focused on three complementary and reinforcing outcomes:

OUTCOME 1

Enhanced technical competence and sustainability of the National Quality Infrastructure System for services in the fruits value chain

OUTCOME 2

Enhanced SME compliance with international standards and technical regulations in the fruits value chain

OUTCOME 3

Enhanced awareness for quality in the fruits value chain

WHAT ARE WE DOING

- Supporting the Center for Standardization and Metrology under the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic (CSM) to develop, update, harmonize and adopt standards for fruit products through active cooperation with the fruit sector. We also support their efforts in establishing the certifying body for food safety management systems.
- Enhancing the capacities of food testing laboratories of Bishkek Center of Testing, Certification and Metrology (BCTCM) and Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic (DDP&SSESS) to test food products on all parameters of technical regulations in force in the country and of requirements of external markets, such as the European Union.
- Enhancing the access of the Fruits sector to the metrology services.
- Strengthening the capacity of inspection bodies to detect unsafe food at various stages of the supply chain.
- Striving to build the capacities of the Issyk-Kul fruits processors of Bishkek, Issyk-Kul and Chui oblasts to improve the overall performance in food safety and adopt the Food Safety Basics and Food Safety Management System (FSMS) to increase their access to the external markets.
- Building technical capacities at the Kyrgyz Center of Accreditation (KCA) to maintain the existing and develop new accreditation schemes.
- Promoting a culture of quality through up-scaling of knowledge dissemination. We support CSM to revamp their information portals and advocacy materials.

LABNET https://hub.unido.org/labnet

This innovative database provides information support for producers seeking to prove compliance with market requirements, conformity assessment bodies aiming to enhance their services, and policymakers looking to develop a sustainable and fit-for-purpose Laboratory Infrastructure in support of sustainable industrial development.

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