



Newsletter

Value Chain Agro Finance Project in the Kyrgyz Republic

Growing together: Integrating farmers into value chains with sustainable finance

Greetings to our valued readers! We are excited to bring you the latest edition of our bi-annual newsletter, dedicated to sharing the remarkable progress and achievements of our Value Chain Agro Finance project in Kyrgyzstan. This newsletter serves as a window into the project's initiatives, milestones, and the positive impact it is making in transforming the agricultural landscape of this country.



Key Achievements



Number of project beneficiaries:



647

Laboratories we work with:



3

Number of companies certified¹:



2

Number of testing methods implemented at laboratories:



24

¹Certification of production and/ or product processing according to international standards (HACCP, ISO 22000, etc.)

Project Highlights

Agricultural Support:

Despite challenging weather conditions, our advisory services helped farmers achieve higher yields in crops like onions, sweet peppers, berries, and cereals. For example, scheme farmers achieved **21% higher yields in onions** compared to non-scheme farmers, thanks to improved crop management practices. Sweet pepper farmers in Chui Region are expecting yields that are **27.8% higher**. Additionally, the berry crop monitoring system in Kadamjai resulted in a remarkable **92.9% yield increase for strawberries**. Our support helped reduce CO₂ emissions by **18% per kilogram** of produce in onion farming and by **48.1% in berry** farming.

Training and Technical Assistance:

We provided extensive training to farmers in crop management, pest control, and harvesting techniques. Field days were organized to share practical knowledge on elite seed potato production, modern cultivation methods for sweet peppers, and advanced sugar beet technology. Notably, seed potato farmers in Jalal-Abad achieved **yields of 22.9%**, resulting in an additional income of **EUR 3,355 per hectare**.

Our technical assistance to processors like Alaikuu Organics LLC and Peasant Farm “Zhar-Ptitsa” continued, helping them implement ISO 22000:2018 and FSSC 22000 standards.

Support for Laboratories:

We conducted practical training sessions for the Government-owned food testing laboratories, enhancing their ability to perform residue analysis and maintain high food safety standards. Efforts included providing reference materials and supporting accreditation processes to ensure compliance with international standards.

Insights into our activities

Seed Sector News: Successful Seed Potato Field Day in Naryn Region!

On July 3, 2025, the Value Chain Agro Finance project supported a Field Day on seed potatoes in Acha-Kayyandy, At-Bashy district, Naryn region. The event featured demonstrations of elite seed potato varieties, presentations on agronomic solutions, and experience sharing by experts from the Netherlands and Kyrgyzstan. Opening remarks were given by Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic Janibek Kerimaliev and other dignitaries. This event promoted seed sector development and strengthened agricultural cooperation.

Read more about the field day [here](#).





Strengthening Food Safety: Laboratory Secures ISO 17025 Re-accreditation with Expanded Scope

From June 30 to July 4, 2025, the Laboratory of Chemical and Analytical Research underwent a successful re-accreditation procedure, expanding its scope in accordance with ISO 17025 standards. The Value Chain Agro Finance project supported the evaluation and introduction of key food testing methods, including the determination of acids, sugars, heavy metals, pesticides, synthetic dyes, and mycotoxins.

Read more about the re-accreditation [here](#).

Farmers Learned Sweet Pepper Cultivation Technologies

On August 1, 2025, a Field Day on Hybrid and Sweet Pepper Cultivation Technologies was held at Ravshan Jooshev's demo plot in Nizhnee Chuyskoye, Chuy region. The event gathered 50 participants, including farmers and agricultural experts. The Project expert emphasized innovation in vegetable farming. Presentations covered local initiatives, project support, and best practices in cultivation. Participants evaluated hybrids, with PALET+ ranking highest at 493 g average fruit weight. The event concluded with discussions on hybrid selection, irrigation, and pest control.

Read more about the field day [here](#).



Field Monitoring Highlights Challenges in Sugar Beet Production

On August 15, 2025, our experts and our partner AAS specialists monitored sugar beet farms in Ak-Bashat and Zheken villages, Chuy region. Heavy spring rains forced over 80% of farmers to re-sow their crops multiple times. Fields with dense germination had fewer weeds, while sparse ones faced weed pressure. No major pest outbreaks were found, though a spider mite issue was treated. Some farmers turned to other crops like corn and watermelons. Experts recommended re-sowing guidelines, crop diversification, and pest monitoring, and plan to include climate stress management in future trainings.

Read more about the field monitoring [here](#).





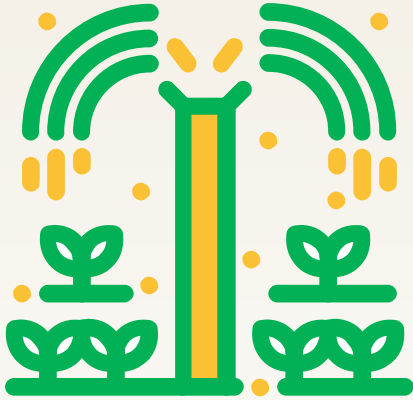
Field Day on Elite Seed Potato Development Held in Chon-Alai District

On July 29, 2025, we held a field day in Zhar-Bashy village, Chon-Alai district, with 56 participants, including local authorities, the State Seed Inspectorate, international partners, cooperative members, and guests from Uzbekistan. The event focused on elite seed potato production in high-mountain conditions, covering seed categories, agro-technological practices, and quality control. Activities included presentations on cooperative goals, seed certification, and agricultural equipment demonstrations. Uzbek guests expressed interest in purchasing high-quality super-super elite potatoes.



Read more about the field day [here](#).

Field Day Showcases “CONVISO SMART” Technology in Chuy Region



On September 10, 2025, within Project’s framework our partnering AAS, KWS, and Koshi processing plant held a Field Day in Natsionalnoe village, Sokuluk district, with 55 farmers and stakeholders. The event introduced CONVISO SMART, an innovative sugar beet cultivation technology. Sessions covered KWS hybrid varieties, agrotechnology, weed control, and soil crust management. Farmers appreciated the system’s effectiveness, especially in weed control, and proposed a new demo field for 2026. Participants received soil management recommendations and informational brochures from KWS.

Read more about the field day [here](#).



Success Story: Dutch Potatoes Thrive in Chong-Alay

With support from the project, Törökul Kamalov and the Jar-Bashy cooperative in Chong-Alay district have successfully introduced high-yield Dutch potato varieties like “Super Elite,” “Silvano,” and “Camellia.” Thanks to expert training and ideal local conditions, their yields have reached up to 45 tons per year. *“Our main goal is to develop the agriculture of our country”,* says Törökul. This innovation is helping local farmers boost their incomes and is paving the way for Chong-Alay to become a center for quality seed potato production in Kyrgyzstan.

Read the whole interview [here](#).



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