PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS FOR EFFECTIVE WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN VET

September 2019 – April 2021
Syunik, Lori marzes of Armenia
ABOUT THE "STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY" (SDA) NGO

**Target sectors:** milk and meat value chains, vocational education and training, SME development

**Geographic coverage:** 200 communities of Syunik, Vayots Dzor, Shirak, Lori, Tavush and Gegharkunik marzes of Armenia

**Financial Support:** Austrian Development and Cooperation Unit, Austrian Development Agency, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), HEKS/EPER Swiss Aid, European Union

**Partners:**
- RA Ministry of Economy, RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport
- Regional administrations of Syunik, Vayots Dzor, Shirak, Lori, Tavush and Gegharkunik marzes
- Local self-government bodies
- VET institutions
PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Contribute to sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development through establishment of VET-business partnerships to promote development of Work-Based Learning (WBL) and enhancing the quality of VET in Syunik and Lori marzes of Armenia
PROJECT PARTNERS

RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport (MoESCS)
RA Ministry of Economy
European Training Foundation (ETF)
VET institutions
Employers
IMPLEMENTED

Goris State Agricultural College, Syunik marz
and
Stepanavan State Agricultural College, Lori marz

From September 2019 till April 2021
**SECTOR PROBLEMS**

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<td>Limited access to market-oriented vocational education and training opportunities</td>
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Developed capacities of VET providers and employers in Syunik and Lori marzes to establish effective partnership, design and pilot the WBL element in VET for two agricultural professions: Veterinarian and Milk and Dairy Technologist.

Short-term courses in the field of Cheese and Dairy production technology with a strong work-based learning element designed, piloted and provided to youth and adults in target marzes.

Accepted pilot model of WBL for further replication in other VET institutions and regions of RA by MoESCS.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Revise the curricula of Veterinarian and Milk and Dairy Technologist professions
- Establish necessary facilities in marz-based Host Companies
- Provide capacity building of VET teachers and Host Company trainers
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Develop and pilot short-term courses in cheese and dairy production, based on WBL model
- Promote partnership between VET colleges and Host Companies
- Organize promotional campaigns to advocate for the endorsement of the innovative WBL Model in other VET institutions
EXPECTED RESULTS

- Capacities of VETs and Businesses developed
- Quality of education improved
- WBL Model developed and piloted in target VETs
- VET-BUSINESS effective partnership established
- WBL Model is replicated in other VET institutions
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