



TARGET GROUPS:

- 30 existing agricultural cooperatives and 30 groups of farmers willing to form new cooperatives participating project info-sessions and trainings on business plans development,
- 20 agricultural cooperatives (8 existing and 12 newly registered) which will receive project sub-grants and extensive training/coaching.
- Umbrella organization of cooperatives included in activities, trainings and receiving sub-grant for development.
- The Ministry receiving support in policy revision and monitoring system improvements.

FINAL PROJECT BENEFICIARIES:

178,125 farmers in the country, citizens involved in agricultural production in general.

The project has no limitations in terms of regions and is open for all interested target groups regardless of age, gender and ethnicity throughout the country.

Project implemented by:



The project started on December 14, 2017 and will end on February 13, 2021



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PROJECT RESULTS:



Overall objective of the project is to contribute to higher productivity and competitiveness of agriculture sector in the country.



Specific objective of the project is to increase market competitiveness and cooperation among farmers, through creating favourable conditions for the development of the existing and creation of new agricultural cooperatives.

The project duration is 38 months

RESULT 1:

Legal framework regulating agricultural cooperatives is revised, through a joint work of the project team and associates, MAFWE and agricultural cooperatives' umbrella organization.

RESULT 2:

Capacity of a selected umbrella organization of national agricultural cooperatives strengthened.

RESULT 3.1:

Increased awareness on benefits of cooperatives, among farmers, businesses and general public.

RESULT 3.2:

Data base created with information on existing agricultural cooperatives willing to expand and farmers' groups willing to establish new cooperatives and receive support for development.

RESULT 4:

Technical and financial support provided for the development of 8 existing and creation of 12 new cooperatives.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES:

- In-depth analysis of the national legal framework on agricultural cooperatives and formulation of amendments followed with public discussion
- Formation of Working Group; high-level Working Conference – debate on possible solutions
- Design of MAFWE monitoring system for agricultural cooperatives.
- Assessment and selection of umbrella organization followed with technical and financial support;
- Campaign to raise public awareness on benefits of cooperatives through Caravan of info sessions and public campaign in local communities.
- Identification of 8 existing and 12 new (potential) agricultural cooperatives for technical and financial support.

