

Senior Expert Corps – a Project of Swisscontact

Promoting entrepreneurship through expertise – Imparting technical skills through volunteer work

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Corps (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

SEC Assignment in Tajikistan, 2018

Assignment No. 3317

Location	Khorog, GBAO, Tajikistan
Client	GIZ/Shir Kuhiston
Expert	Carlos Marbach, Cheesemaker and laboratory technician
Period	10.06. - 07.07.2018



Client Profile

The client is a milk processing unit. The main activity is in Khorog. Pasteurized Milk, Yoghurt, Kefir, Smetana, etc. are the main products. Daily output is ca. 600 Liter.

It is planned to build up a Yakcheese production unit about 200 km north east of Khorog. This region is about 3300 meters above sea level.

The project has not yet all permissions to start building up the process unit.

Tasks

- Training on the job
- Product quality improvement
- Project innovation

Results

Most of the milk from the market was boiled, we could not make cheese with it.

Yak milk was available only twice and mixed with cow milk, we did not get a pure Yak milk cheese.

A cheddar cheese was produced with this milk.