



Micro-Enterprise Support Project

Cooperative Agreement Number: AID-112-A-12-00001

QUARTERLY REPORT

Reporting period: November 2012 - January 2013

Entrepreneurship Development Foundation (Applicant organization) carried out following activities during the reporting period:

1. According to section A.14 Cooperative Agreement developed the Manual on Sub-Grants. Manual was approved by Baku and Tbilisi offices of USAID;
2. Prepared and signed Sub-grant Agreements with partners of MESP project: Economic Research Center, Support to Economic Initiatives Center, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Support Centre, Bridge to the Future Youth Union, World of Carpet Association;
3. December 4, 2012, was conducted the 4th Baku Conference on SME: **Roadmap for developing small entrepreneurship**. Conference Agenda presented in Annex 1. The List of Participants attached in Annex 2. Some pictures from conference presented at Annex 3.

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The 4th Baku Conference on SME

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AGENDA

(Conference Languages: Azeri, English)

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Opening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sabit Bagirov, Entrepreneurship Development Foundation</i> <p>Welcome address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Vahid Ahmedov, Member of Parliament</i> - <i>Zaur Gasimov, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Development</i> - <i>Aytan Gahramanova, USAID</i>

09.45 – 11.15	<p>Panel 1: Development of Entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan: Current Situation and what reforms are required for improvement SME environment.</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Vahid Ahmedov, Member of Parliament</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Business inspections Survey. Gasan Huseynov, International Finance Corporation, Baku office;</i> - <i>OECD SME Index on Azerbaijan. Ilkin Garayev, director of Center for Support to SME;</i> - <i>Economic Freedom Index on Azerbaijan (Heritage Foundation and Fraser Institute). Aykhan Nasibli, EDF;</i> <p>Q & A</p>
11.15 – 11.35	Coffee, Tea
11.35 – 12.35	<p>Panel 2: Foreign experience on SME development</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Zaur Gasimov, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Development</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EU Business Law and its implementation in Azerbaijan, Dr.Ragib Guliyev, Professor of Economics, Technical University;</i> - <i>Turkish SME development policy, Dr. Necla Haliloglu, director of Entrepreneurship Development Department, KOSGEB;</i> - <i>Georgian SME development policy. Dr. Paata Sheshelidze, Director of New Economic School, Georgia;</i> <p>Q & A</p>
12.35 – 12.45	Short Break
12.45 – 13.30	<p>Panel 3: Presentation of Micro-Enterprise Support Project (MESP)</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Ragib Guliyev, Professor of Economics, Technical University</i></p> <p>Presenters: <i>Dr. Sabit Bagirov, president of EDF, Dr.Gubad Ibadoglu, Chairman of Economic Research Center, Dr Azer Mehtiyev, Chairman of Centre for Support to Economic Initiatives</i></p> <p>Q & A</p>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch

14.30 – 15.45	<p>Panel 4: Discussions on SME development in Azerbaijan and MESP</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr.Gubad Ibadoglu, Chairman of Economic Research Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Nazim Mammadov, economist;</i>- <i>Melani Shultz, Head of ACT project;</i>- <i>Israyil Isgenderov, Umid SCO;</i>- <i>Sevgim Rahmanov, Chairman of Union of Traders and Producers;</i>- <i>Conference participants</i>
15.45 – 16.00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Sabit Bağırov</i></p>



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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Aytan Gahramanova, USAID
2. Vahid Ahmadov, Member of Parliament
3. Zaur Gasimov, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Devel.
4. Natig Heydarov, Economic Development Ministry
5. Sabit Bagirov, EDF
6. Gubad Ibadoglu, ERC
7. Azer Mehtiyev, SEI
8. Ilkin Garayev, SMEDS
9. Fatima Agamirzayeva (Guba), WCA
10. Ayxan Nasibli, EDF
11. Hasan Huseynov, IFC, Speaker
12. Ilham Abdullayev, IFC
13. Raqib Quliyev, professor, Technical University, Speaker
14. Necla Haliloglu, KOSGEB, Turkey , Speaker
15. Paata Sheshelidze, New Economic School, Georgia, Speaker
16. Nazim Mammadov, economist, former MP, Speaker
17. Sevgim Rahmanov, Business Association, Speaker
18. Daniel Fitzpatric, SIBLEY, Speaker
19. Eldar Qocayev, ACT Project
20. Israil Isgenderov, UMID SCO, Speaker

21. Imran Garayev, head of department, Tax Ministry
22. Yashar Kerimov, Ministry of Ecology
23. Anar Mirzayev, Azerbaijan Tourism Institute
24. Asif Mahmudov, EBRD
25. Nigar Tagiyeva, BP
26. Mirnail Mirsalamov, AZERMS, Entrepreneurship Deevlopment Education Program
27. Ulviyye Abdullayeva, EU Baku Mission
28. Ruslan Sadirkhanov, professor, Odlar Yurdu University
29. Vugar Bayramov, CESD
30. Ahmed Abbasbeyli, CVMI SCO
31. Farid Melikli, PESI, SCO
32. Narmin Ibrahimova, CESD
33. Ruslan Atakishiyev, professor, Economic University
34. Alimammad Nuriyev, Constitution Study Foundation, SCO
35. Elxan Mammadov, Azerbaijan Bank Training Center
36. Irada Javadova, IHM, SCO
37. Zohrab Ismayil, Freedom Economy SCO
38. Vahid Maharramov, ERC
39. Adil Abdullayev, Small and Medium Enterprises Association
40. Haciami Atakishiyev, Business Association
41. Jale Hajiyeva, Micro Finance Association
42. Gunduz Veliyev, businessman
43. Babek Murad, businessman
44. Mustafa Gur, Turkey Embussy
45. Aflatun Hasanov, SOCAR
46. Irada Eyvazova, EDF
47. Orxan Agayev, EDF
48. Arzu Ahadova, EDF
49. Ahmad Shirinov, EMMI
50. Hafiz Babayev, TURAN IA









