**Promoting Rural Women’s Participation in the Social and Economic Life**

**Project field trip report (December 17, 2013)**

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**Venue:** Neftchala, Azerbaijan

**Date:** December 17-19, 2013

**Objective:** The purpose of the visit was to conduct assessment of needs and concerns of rural women in the area of economic and social participation.

**Trip timetable:**

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| N/N | Activities | Date | Time |
| 1 | Departure Baku | 17-Dec | 9:00 |
| 2 | Arrival Neftchala | 17-Dec | 11:30 |
| 3 | Registration - hotel | 17-Dec | 11:30-12:00 |
| 4 | Meeting with Excom representative | 17-Dec | 12:30 |
| 5 | Focus Group regional center | 17-Dec | 14:00- 16:00 |
| 6 | Focus Group regional center | 17-Dec | 16:30-18:30 |
| 7 | Focus Group village - Khilli | 18-Dec | 10:00-12:00 |
| 8 | Focus Group village - Khilli | 18-Dec | 12:15-13:30 |
| 9 | Focus Group village - Khilli | 18-Dec | 15:00-16:30 |
| 10 | Focus Group village – Khilli | 18-Dec | 16:45-18:15 |
| 11 | Focus Group village Khilli – Fish Factory | 18- Dec | 13:45 – 14:30 |
| 12 | Focus Group regional center | 19-Dec | 10:00 -12:00 |
| 13 | Focus Group village - Garamanli | 19-Dec | 12:30-14:00 |
| 14 | Departure Neftchala | 19-Dec | 15:00 |

**Activities:**

The Component aimed at laying the groundwork for the expansion of Project’s outreach to another region of Azerbaijan. During the steering committee meeting Neftchala was agreed as the region for assessment. Under this Component collection and analyzing of data on needs and concerns of rural women in the area of economic and social participation from Neftchala was conducted. The research ensured that good practices employed in the initial pilot area are customized to reflect important regional differences and address local context in the most efficient manner. The Component will provide valuable contribution to the pool of data on economic and social participation of rural women in Azerbaijan that can be used for advocacy, research and program development by national government, experts and civil society actors.

The assessment of needs and concerns of rural women in the area of economic and community participation in Neftchala has been conducted by the International Consultant. The research methodology was consistent with the one used in Sabirabad, although local culture was considered. The data was collected through focus groups. All focus group participants were women. Diverse age representation was applied. During 2 days 9 focus groups were assessed: 3 in Neftchala, 5 in Khilli and 1 in Garamanli. Out of these groups 3 were with economically active women, 3 groups with women currently unemployed but willing to be economically active, 2 focus groups with women already involved in some type of community work and 1 group with women that are willing to be more active in community development. In total 76 participants attended focus group discussions.

According to the agreed deliverables the International Consultant will analyze collected data and provide the report and recommendations for further steps.