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

**Project field trip report (December 7, 2013)**

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**Venue:** Sabirabad, Azerbaijan

**Date:** December 9, 2013

**Objective:** The purpose of the trip was to conduct training on Gender Sensitive Program to Women Resource Centre (WRC) members.

**Trip timetable:**

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| Trip details for Sabirabad | |  |  |  |  |
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| N/N | Activities | Date | Time |  |  |
| 1 | Departure Baku | 9-Dec | 9:00 |  |  |
| 2 | Arrival Sabirabad | 9-Dec | 11:30 |  |  |
| 3 | Registration - hotel | 9-Dec | 11:30-12:00 |  |  |
| 4 | Meeting with Excom rep.- Shahnaz xanim | 9-Dec | 12:30 |  |  |
| 5 | Visit training location | 9-Dec | 13:00 |  |  |
| 6 | Visit WRC and meeting with coordinator | 9-Dec | 14:00 |  |  |
| 7 | Meeting with Yagub Hasanov - Gulara | 9-Dec | 15:00 |  |  |
| 8 | Preparatory work for the training | 9-Dec | 15:30 - 17:00 |  |  |
| 9 | Training start | 10-Dec | 11:00 |  |  |
| 10 | Training end | 10-Dec | 16:00 |  |  |
| 11 | Training start | 11-Dec | 11:00 |  |  |
| 12 | Training end | 11-Dec | 16:00 |  |  |
| 13 | Departure to Baku | 11-Dec | 16:30 |  |  |
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**Activities:**

The Component aimed at creating the mechanism for disseminating knowledge, teaching skills and facilitating information exchange in the area of rural women’s economic empowerment. The Component also aimed to support network building among economically active women residing in rural and sub-urban settlements across the pilot area. The Project envisioned this mechanism as a regional Women’s Resource Center (WRC) focusing on economic and social empowerment of rural women. The Center will function as a part of the regional branch of SCFWCA and will strengthen SCWCA’s efforts in addressing the needs and concerns of rural women in the area of economic and social participation. The International Consultant has been recruited for this activity and according to the agreed deliverables Manual on Gender Sensitive Program Development and Community Outreach in rural areas was developed and training on Gender Sensitive Program conducted in Sabirabad with 9 participants by the International trainer. The training continued during 2 days. The main topics covered during the training were:

1. Gender sensitive community analysis
2. Listening to community and building networks
3. Rural women empowerment
4. Sharing experiences of WRC establishment and activities
5. Identifying the needs and ideas for newly established WRC in Sabirabad

In the course of the training the evaluation of the WRC Coordinator was conducted and it was agreed as not good performing. This was communicated to the Sadagat Gahramanova. The proposal from her was to prolong the probation for 3 months and conduct final evaluation in March. Accordingly it was requested that the WRC coordinator develops draft annual activity and events and submits for revision in the second week of January.

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