REDUCING THE IMPACT OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS ON LIVESTOCK, LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

KYR/SGP/OP5/CORE/CH/12/18

...BY IMPROVING THE SITE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCTING AN INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE POPULATION OF JALAL ABAD OBLAST

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Kyrgyzstan has 3 burial sites of now prohibited pesticides and chemicals
- Two of the plots are in the Suzak district Jalal Abad oblast Suzak A (plot Ak Chabyr) and Suzak B (plot Tashbaka)
- One plot is in the Kockor district Naryn oblast
- The project focused on the plot in Suzak A
- Population of surrounding villages within reach is 55,000

Suzak A

- Situated in the area of Ak Chabyr forest "Sassyk" Karalma FOREST
- In1973, more than 1,300 tons of obsolete pesticides, including 655 tons of DDT and 70 tons of aldrin were buried.





SUZAK A IN APRIL 2013







PROBLEM SITUATION

- In 2011, 98 people fell seriously ill and 35 were hospitalised after eating poisoned meat
- In May 2013, 133 sheep pasturing in the neighbourhood died
- This all caused a lot of unrest in the communities in the villages close to the site
- It was impossible to stop the waste mining without proper fencing and a guard
- Requests from the local population to do something about the Suzak A problems came to the Rayon administration from 2005 onwards
- Financial options of the young and dynamic head of the rayon administration Mr Mirzahmedov were limited

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PROJECT GOAL

• The idea of the project was to reduce the negative effects of hazardous chemicals (around 400-500kg per year) through the development of measures on management of the burial site, fencing the site and conducting a broad informational campaign.

THE FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING



A memorandum of cooperation was signed with 12 organizations, including 9 governmental and 3 NGOs.

MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE DISTRICT



THE FIRST STEPS IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM

- The parties with Suzak District State Administration constructed a trench around the burial site,
- The trench measures 465 meters in circumference



TERRACING ACTIVITIES





FENCING





SECURITY GUARD







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