



**HELVETAS**  
Swiss Intercooperation

KOSOVO

**S4RE** Skills for Rural  
Employment  
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# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2013



After successful training completion many of the youth have moved into income generation activities. 47 youth are engaged either in job placement or self-employed.

## STIMULATING YOUTH TO DEVELOP SKILLS AND IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME GENERATION OPPORTUNITIES

■ A total of 16 Learning Groups completed the learning cycle in 2013, totalling 193 participants. Of the participants, 47% are female (target 50%) and 24% from minorities (target 25%). Learning Groups are a new implementation methodology for Kosovo. Youth have been trained in various occupation such as

beekeeping, chicken farming, flower cultivation, jewellery, hairdressing, patisserie, electrical installation, central heating, IT Essentials (CISCO certified), waiters etc.

A more formal approach to the development of the curriculum for each learning groups has also been implemented.

### What do we do: The project has four major components where project intervenes:

- Learning Groups targeting young unemployed people
- Private sector training programs to new and existing employees
- Supply chain linkages strengthened
- Capacity building of local service providers

### Our project aims to target:

- Youth, unemployed
- Existing businesses
- Supply chain actors e.g. Farmers
- Resource persons

### Where do we work: Our project is active in four municipalities:

- Kamenica
- Novo Brdo
- Dragash
- Strpce

### Our partners:

- Municipalities
- Public Employment Centers
- Youth Centers
- Private Sector



## SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRATION THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATING WITH NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES

■ Collaboration agreements have been reached with a total of six businesses.

A total of 505 producers in 4 value chains were trained in improved production and management practices, including Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP), raspberries, honey and dairy. These producers were organised in 31 groups.

Strong linkages have been formed with buyers in each of these value chains, resulting in production increase. Project positive results encouraged more farmers to join training programs.

Training packages were also used to encourage investments, where the project used small funds to purchase inputs, but only where farmers and buyers also supported such investments.

## SUPPORT TO LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFER SKILLS AND TRAINING SERVICES

■ The project promotes activities through a website and a Facebook page, with events and milestones of the project promoted to all stakeholders on a regular basis. The contact details and area of specialty of the resource persons and service providers engaged by the project are available on the project webpage, promoting services available by resource persons.