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Mission

Strengthen the capacity of micro-finance institutions and to promote effective collective action in the micro-finance community and its clients.

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EU funded “Building female professionals and promoting women entrepreneurship development in rural regions of Azerbaijan” project



“Plan Your Future” Trainings in rural areas of Azerbaijan

Under the EU funded “Building female professionals and promoting women entrepreneurship development in rural regions of Azerbaijan” project implemented by AMFA in cooperation with MFC, ten Financial Education trainings “Plan Your Future” were conducted in Ganja, Guba, Agdash, Goychay, Zagatala, Mingechevir and Shamkir regions. Rural women from all regions were trained in “Plan your Future” educational tool. The trainings were delivered by trainers Irada Mikayilova, Sevinj Rustamova, Gunay Bayramova, Elnara Alakbarova, Gulshan Vahidova, Aytekin Bakhishova, Aysu Jabrayilova, Jale Efendiyeva, Gulser Kerimova and Sevda Huseynova. In total 350 women participated in the trainings.

The “Plan Your Future” module helps to change negative attitudes towards long-term financial planning and saving. It also helps training participants to acquire basic skills in the area of financial education thanks to a multitude of interactive exercises and games. After the training course, participants have identified financial goals, developed household budget and savings plan.



“Start and Improve Your Business” Trainings in Shamkir and Goychay regions

Under the EU funded “Building female professionals and promoting women entrepreneurship development in rural regions of Azerbaijan” project implemented by AMFA in cooperation with MFC, “Start and Improve Your Business” trainings were conducted in Shamkir and Goychay regions. Rural women from Shamkir and Goychay regions were trained in “Start and Improve Your Business” educational tool. The trainings were delivered by AMFA expert – Sevda Huseynova. In total 52 women participated in the trainings.

The “Start and Improve Your Business” training was teaching women how to start a business and run it and thus, make a sustainable life for themselves, access and use financial services and indirectly gain moral reliance in and literate defense for themselves. At the end of training participating women had their business plan developed.



Gender oriented microfinance performance

High-Level Event on Women's Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Development

To highlight the importance of women and girls as central actors in moving towards sustainable development and to combine proposals for unlocking women's full economic potential in context of post-2015 framework, a high level political event is organized in Riga by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the European Commission, the Latvian government, and in close cooperation with civil society, specially women's movement and private sector. The event is taken place in March - the thematic month dedicated to women and girls during the European Year for Development.

It would be possible to watch the live-stream from the conference at www.eu2016.lv, and at www.mfa.gov.lv. Students of the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of Latvia will provide information via social media. Using the hashtag #gender2015 on Twitter, all have an opportunity to put questions to the panel speakers. The event was feature a press conference with participation of Latvian MFA Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica and the Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica.

Members' Corner

FINCA president visited to Azerbaijan

FINCA President Rupert Scofield payed a visit to Azerbaijan from 25-27 April, 2016.

Mr Rupert visited FINCA Azerbaijan's head office and several branch offices. Also, he held business meetings at international and regional financial institutions working in Azerbaijan.

FINCA Azerbaijan is the leading non-bank microfinance institution in Azerbaijan and part of FINCA's global microfinance network

Together with leading socially responsible investment partners, FINCA owns and operates a network of microfinance institutions serving nearly 2 million low-income entrepreneurs and their communities in 23 countries, with an emphasis on financial sustainability and social performance.

For more information about the organization, visit www.finca.az or www.finca.org



THE 8TH AMFA BIENNIAL MICRO-FINANCE CONFERENCE

October 6-7, 2016
Baku, Azerbaijan

*The Biggest Micro-finance Event
of The Year !*

**Coaching Program on Motivation of Staff effectiveness, in cooperation
with "CBSolutions" company by AMFA**

Language: Azerbaijan

Format: individual coaching sessions through 3 months, 4 sessions for 1 month

Target Audience: Head staff members who participate decision making process

Coach: Jamal Shahverdiyev. He is director of "CBSolutions" with his 17 years experiences.

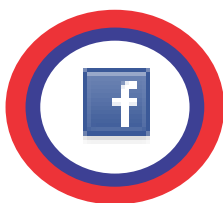
He completed certificated program as a professional coach from MAXIMUM international coaching academy in 2011.

For more information and registration, please contact with Sevda Huseynova (email:
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19th MFC Annual Conference: Save the Date!

We are pleased to announce that the MFC will hold its 19th annual conference on 22-24 June 2016
in Tirana, Albania.

For more information about the agenda and the registration process, head to www.mfc2016.org



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