

**Support to the development of small family businesses  
in the Sheki-Zagatala Economic Zone through ABAD  
regional centre in Balakan**

**Period of implementation:** 17.11.2017 - 31.03.2021

**EaP countries:**  
Azerbaijan

**EU contribution:** € 820 000

**Total budget:** € 820 000

**Implementing organisation(s):**  
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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**Project description:**

The main objective of the project is to contribute to the socio-economic development of the regions of Azerbaijan by fostering the creation of modern and sustainable family businesses in rural areas, and enabling equal opportunities and inclusivity in line with European standards and practices. It will also support community-based family businesses to produce high quality competitive value-added products.

Covering all 6 districts of Balakan, Gakh, Gabala, Oguz, Sheki and Zagatala, the project acts in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal 8: "Promotion of sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all"; this helps to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, full and productive employment, shared prosperity and decent work for all, and promote sustainable agriculture.

**Expected results:**

- Pilot families will be selected, trained and equipped;
- Pre-production and pre-sale system will be established;
- Family brands will be created;
- Production and sale process will be organised.