

6th GFRAS Annual Meeting
Global Good Practices in Rural Advisory Services
14 - 17 September 2015, Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan

FIELD DAY PROGRAM
Women's Self Help Groups (full day)

Women's economic advance (full day)

We will visit Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the village of Boz Bulun at the Eastern end of Lake Issyk Kul. These groups engage in the production of medicinal herbs and organic vegetables to improve the profitability of their farms with support by the Agency of Development Initiatives (ADI). ADI also facilitates the establishment of village funds which allow access to improved seeds and other investments into agricultural improvements. We will talk with activists and members of the women SHGs and village funds on the impact of RAS on their livelihoods and the types of RAS that are necessary for such successes.

The distance of Boz Bulun from the meeting venue is around 130 km and therefore this field trip includes around 1 hr 45 min travelling each way.

Facilitator: Indira Kulmurzaeva, TAIC (Training Advisory and Innovation Centre)

Other key persons: Sonun Chyltyrova, Coordinator ADI (Agency for Development Initiatives)

Program:

Time	Activity, discussion topics	Responsible
8.00 - 10.15	Departure from hotels to village Boz Bulun (Tiup rayon)	Facilitator
10.15 - 10.45	Introduction to ADI	Sonun Chyltyrova
10.45 - 12.00	Functioning of women self-help groups and village funds Work of SHGs on organic farming, cultivation of medicinal herbs and vegetables, their harvesting, processing and marketing. Role of advisory services	Sonun Chyltyrova, SHG leaders
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch (at farm)	
13.00 - 15.00	Meeting with women's group. Talk about the group's activities in production and marketing, the benefits of being group member, utility of advisory and training services etc.	Facilitator, farmers, participants
15.00 - 15.30	Discussions, ideas and recommendations by participants	Facilitator, participants
15.30 - 18.00	Departure to Hotel (including visit to the shore of Issyk Kul lake)	Facilitator