



## **MODERNIZATION OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND EXTENSION SYSTEMS RELATED TO AGRICULTURE IN GEORGIA**

**Duration:** 1-June-2013- 31-Dec-2018  
**Total budget :** \$5,900,00 (SDC - \$5,800,000, UNDP - \$100,000)  
**Implementing Partner:** Ministry of Education and Sciences

### **Overall goal and strategy**

The overall goal of the project is **to contribute to the development of a system of high quality vocational training and extension services in agriculture that results in improved livelihoods of the rural population.**

The project aims to improve livelihood by increasing productivity and incomes of farmers in rural areas. Farmers will be provided with the necessary training and advice to be able to increase productivity and income.

The project foresees at intervening at *macro*, *meso* and *micro* level. At a *macro level*, the project intends to strengthen the national level policy planning and coordination in VET and extension services by facilitating the development of a platform that brings together all public and private stakeholders involved in vocational training and extension services provision. At *meso* level, the project will contribute to the development of public and private institutions and organizations directly or indirectly involved at the regional or local level in provision of VET and extension services to farmers by involving them in joint capacity development activities and improving their access to resources, infrastructure and best practices. At *micro* level, the project will facilitate the development of a system for training and professional development of vocational teachers, extension service consultants and specialists that provide services to farmers and assist in the elaboration of requirements and standards to be considered for designing of flexible models of VET for them.

The project will support the development of a system of a high quality VET and extension services in agriculture that includes:

- The innovative development and delivery of high quality training and extension services to farmers,
- Establishing and strengthening of an institutional set-up up that will be capable to take over responsibility for the delivery of these services, and
- the setting up of a system that ensures the availability of a high quality workforce to deliver these services to farmers.

Expected results of the project activities are as follows: a) farmers have access to high quality VET and extension services in agriculture, b) professional and well trained VET teachers, agricultural extension workers and multipliers provide training and extension services to farmers, c) institutional set-up that includes public and private stakeholders and ensures delivery of relevant, efficient and effective VET and extension services in agriculture is in place.