

# **INITIATIVE: INnovative Income Tools and Integrated Approaches To Improve Villagers’ Employment in Kyrgyzstan, EcoHimal**

Presentation of EU funded Project “**INITIATIVE: INnovative Income Tools and Integrated Approaches To Improve Villagers’ Employment**” took place on 25 January 2016 in Ala-Buka village of Ala-Buka rayon.

Heads of local self-government bodies of 8 Aiyl Aimaks of Ala-Buka rayon, heads of WUAs, Deputy head of Ala-Buka rayon state administration, heads of rayon healthcare and education institutions, local NGOs and community leaders and mass media representatives participated in the presentation event, in total 53 people.

Project team made a presentation of Project objectives, goals, components and estimated results. After Project presentation, during general discussion presentation participants posed questions of their interest.



Deputy head of Ala-Buka rayon state administration pointed out the significance and relevance of the Project for the target rayon and the oblast as a whole, heads of Aiyl Aimaks accentuated this issue as well. All presentation participants particularly representatives of local self-government bodies expressed their willingness to give every assistance in achieving project objectives and results, which was confirmed by signing of memorandums.



## Brief description of Project progress

The Project started on 1 December 2015, at this stage project team is working on one of the first components – rehabilitation of 550 m section of irrigation channel in Oruktu Aiyl Aimak, at the moment preparatory works are being implemented.



During December 2015 and January 2016 project team held a number of meetings with representatives of local self-government bodies and local community of Oruktu AA to discuss activities on channel rehabilitation. During these meetings a list of local inhabitants participating in channel rehabilitation works was drawn up and working schedule was agreed and approved. During January local self-government bodies and local community implemented works on preparation of channel for concreting, namely felling of trees growing in the channel floodplain and extraction of stumps.



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