
Pakiza Company invited 30 female dairy farmers of Dawlatabad district for an event in Pakiza processing plant on 25th August.

The project discussed this opportunity with a number of companies which process milk into various dairy products and informed them that there were incentives for them to buy and process the milk from Dawlatabad district.

Pakiza Dairy Company which is one of the two biggest milk processing companies in Mazar, expressed its willingness to partner with R2J project to buy and process milk of livestock farmers of Dawlatabad district.

R2J project and Pakiza Company reached an agreement based on which 1,500 female milk farmers will be trained on cattle management and hygiene milk production. Moreover; two milk collection centers will be established in two different locations of Dawlatabad district. Around 750 farmers will be bringing their milk to each center which will then be transported to Pakiza processing plant in Mazar.

According to this partnership agreement, Pakiza Company will be buying and processing around 2,000 liters of milk from

A training event:
On 25th August, Pakiza Company invited 30 women from Dawlatabad district to Pakiza processing site who are part of the training program. The purpose of the event was to hold one day training in Pakiza processing plant site and ILO and Pakiza officials talk to them regarding the intervention. One of the participants of this event, Fatima a livestock farmer of Dawlatabad district who has two cows and produce more milk than what her family can consume stated that “we produce milk and we do not consume all of it and we have to sell a portion of it to the market to fulfill our other needs but there is no market and we either have to give it to others for free or just throw it away”. She further added that they do not know how to properly milk their cows and that is why their milk is contaminated and will not be accepted by the buyers so they desperately need such training.

Once the farmers receive training and the milk collection centers are established, these farmers will have a reliable and stable market for the milk they produce and therefore their income will be increased which will help improve livelihood and eradicate poverty in the district.

It is worth noting that Pakiza is looking for diversifying its products and producing new dairy products such as fruit yogurt, “ready to drink milk” etc which will increase its market share and therefore in future it can scale up and buy from more farmers of Dawlatabad and other districts of Balkh province.