

INITIATIVE: INovative Income Tools and Integrated Approaches To Improve Villagers' Employment

## Press release: Plastic pipes now produced in Ala-Buka.

February 9, 2017 in Ala-Buka village of the Ala-Buka region with the participation of the region Akim, heads of aiyl aimaks, members of local councils, representatives of business community and elders the official opening of the plant for the production of plastic pipes was held.

The plant for the production of pipes for drip irrigation was established within the framework of the project " INITIATIVE: INovative Income Tools and Integrated Approaches to Improve Villagers' Employment with the support of the European Union.



This project is implemented by the Austrian organization «Eco-Himal» in partnership with local associations: "Agents of Changes", and "Centre for strategizing of budget process".

Event participants were able to see two lines: on processing secondary raw materials (polyethylene) and production of granules and plastic pipe production line of granules and appreciated its power and performance.

According to project experts, opening the plant will bring economic and environmental benefits for the development of the region, namely: 12 men and women belonging to vulnerable groups were given permanent work at the plant; forecasted cost is 40% lower than in the markets of Bishkek and 70% cheaper than in the markets of Ala-Buka region, will make procedure to install drip irrigation systems more accessible for local farmers; pipes for drip irrigation will be mainly produced from plastic waste through its processing, and thus local residents will benefit from collection of plastic waste and products and deliver them to a plant, and thus, it will greatly reduce the pollution of the environment.

The equipment has been produced on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic. Power and productivity of the plant will provide plastic pipes not only for Ala-Buka region but also for neighboring districts of Chatkal and Aksy regions.