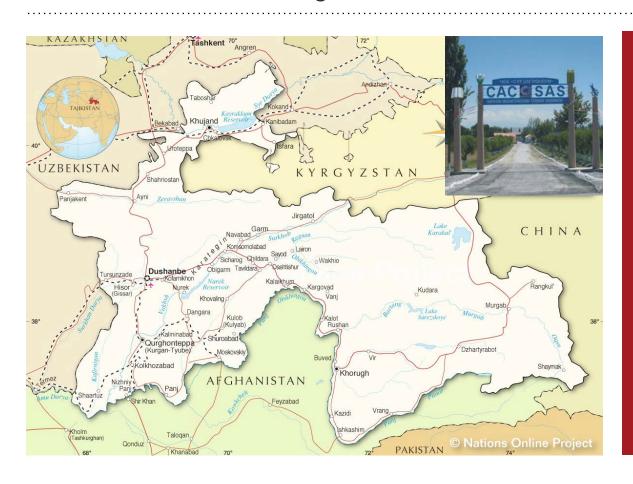




### SAS Consulting - Innovations for Sustainable Agrobusiness



Stefanie Kaegi SFRAS Meeting October 31, 2014

## SAS Consulting<sup>1</sup>



2009

Foundation of Sugdagroserv (SAS)
Consulting

20092012

Service provision in Northern Tajikistan

2013

Expanding activities to Southern Tajikistan

2014

Getting national status, further expansion foreseen.



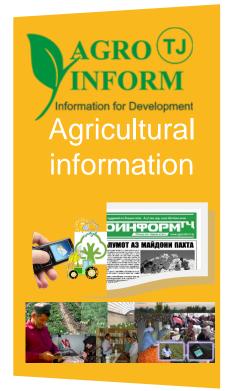






### SAS consulting - core functions





Agricultural training



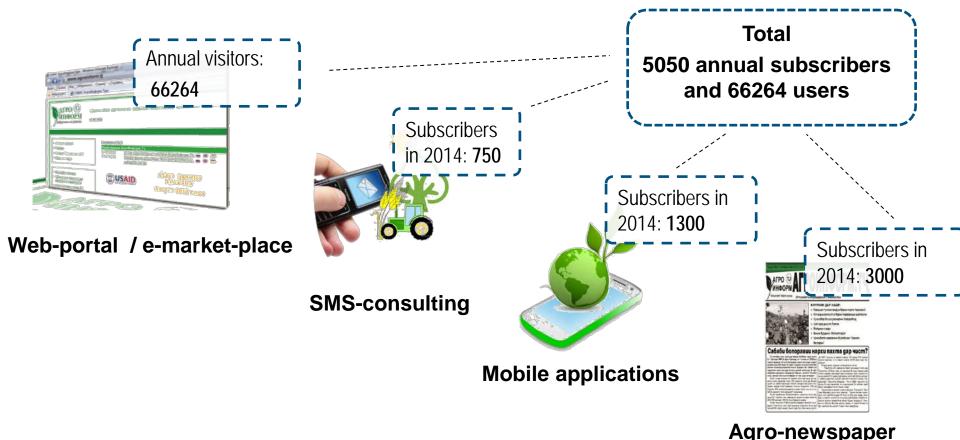


Agricultural innovation

## Services of AgroInform



**AGROINFORM** strives to strengthen markets for agricultural products by facilitating business relations and providing accurate and updated market information.



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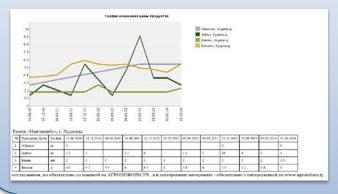


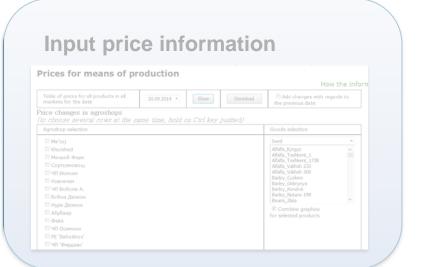


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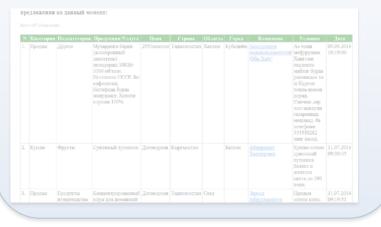


## Product retail prices and Cotlook Index for cotton





#### E-market place





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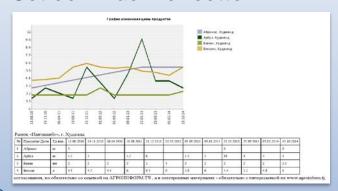
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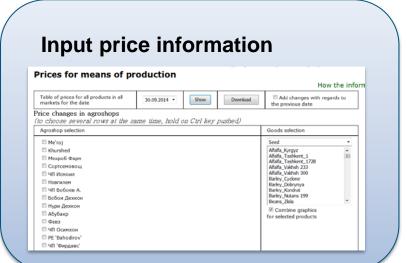


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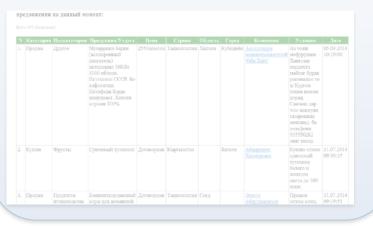


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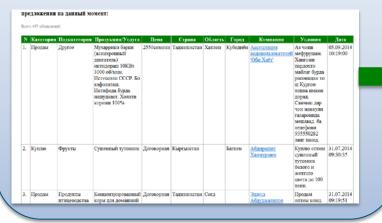
### Web-portal



**Development** 

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1.	Продам	Другое	Мухаррики барки (асинхронный двигатель) иктидораш 10КВт 3000 об/мин. Истехсоли СССР. Бо кафолаташ. Истифода бурда нашудааст. Холати кориаш 100%	2550сомони	Таджикистан	Хатлон		Ассоциация водопользователей 'Оби Хаёт'	Аз чояш мефурушам. Хангоми пардохти мабла бурда расонида то ш Кургон теппа имкон дорад. Санчиш дар чои маъкул газаронида мешавад. ба телефони 935550282 зані занед.
2.	Куплю	Фрукты	Сушенный тутовник	Договорная	Кыргызстан	•	Баткен	Абдирашит Халмурзаев	Куплю оптом сушенный

#### E-market place



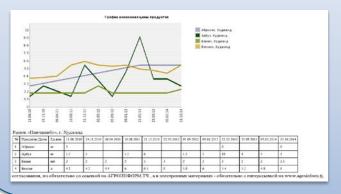


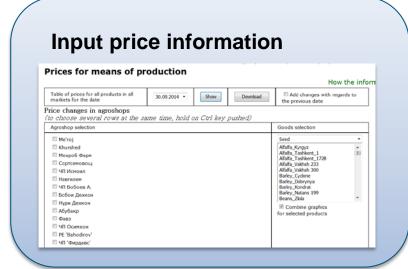






## Product retail prices and Cotlook index for cotton







- 50-100 monthly market transactions
- Initiated by USAID and HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- Currently cross-subsidised by other project implementation activities





## SMS - consulting





## Weather forecast and warning

Every 3 days

1\$ / month

#### **Market prices**

1 product;

3 market places

Weekly sms

0.6\$ / month



#### **Liverpool Index**

Liverpool Cotlock cotton index

Daily

3\$ / month

#### **Complex**

Information on selected crops and related pest warnings

3\$ / vegetation period

## SMS - consulting

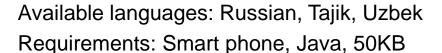






Target group: Farmers without access to internet Monthly number of subscribers ≈ 700

- ✓ Timely crop information and pest warnings
- ✓ No need for smart phones or internet access
- ✓ Monthly subscription possible
- Timing of information not decided by users, but by provider
- More expensive than the web-portal







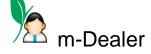












- ✓ Contact information of agricultural producers, input companies, credit institutions, processors, traders
- Research by name, location, services and products
- App price: 1\$

Available languages: Russian, Tajik, Uzbek Requirements: Smart phone, Java, 50KB









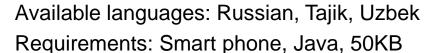








- ✓ Information on market demand and supply
- Adding ads is free of charge
- Searching ads costs 0.04\$ / search



















- Retail price information of main agricultural products and inputs
- ✓ Weekly update
- Monthly fee 0.4 \$

Available languages: Russian, Tajik, Uzbek

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✓ Continuously and everywhere available















m-Dealer

- Detailed weather forecast by districts
- Monthly fee 0.4 \$

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- ✓ Daily Cotton Cotlook Index from Liverpool Exchange
- ✓ Evolution of the Cotton Cotlook Index over time
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- Interested persons spread mobile applications as mdealers
- ✓ Payment of commission through mobile phone
- ✓ Credit institutions as main users
- Free of charge, registration needed

### Agroinform Newspaper







МАХСУЛОТИ КИШОВАРЗЙ ДАК БОЗОРХОИ ЧУМХУРЙ ВА



САВОЛИ ХОНАНДА

бодом дар бораи тарзи



#### ЧАШНИ ИСТИКЛОЛ ДОРАД ТОЧИКИСТОН



#### Дуруди Агроинформ.ТЦ ба заркорони шарафманд!



#### Нигохубини агротехникии Лаблабуи сурх (ошй)



- Distributed to 3000 users
- Monthly publication
- 5 \$ / year
- Subsribtions from farmers, but mostly from projects for farmers
- Advertisment opportunities offered, but not yet used
- Main income source of Agroinfrom

## Market logic & financial sustainability















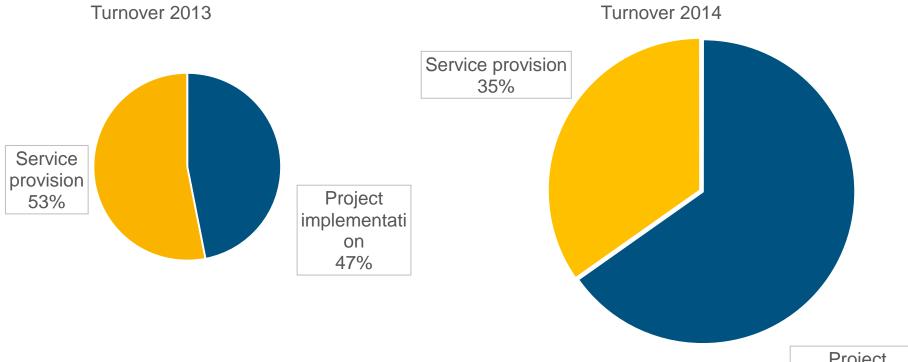


# Financial indicators of SAS Consulting in 2013 and 2014



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Project implementation	\$175'849
Service provision	\$93'735



Project implementation as considerable source of funds

- Weak donor coordination, diversity of objectives
- High fluctuations of funds, great flexibility of SAS consulting to react on fluctuations

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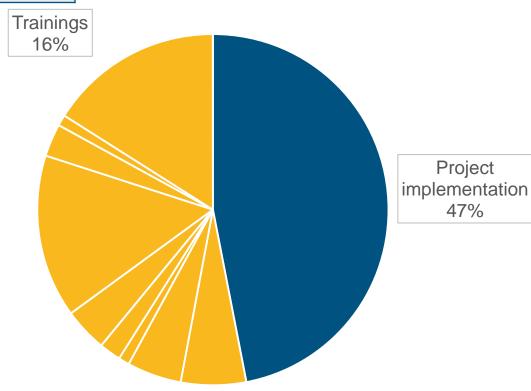
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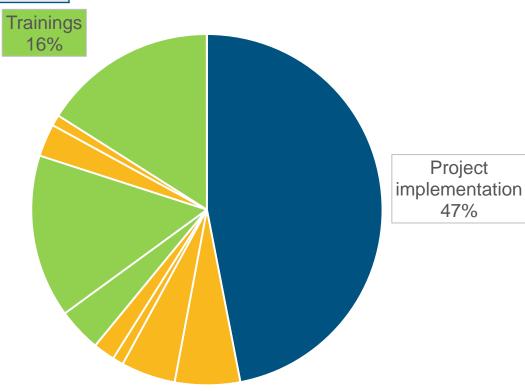
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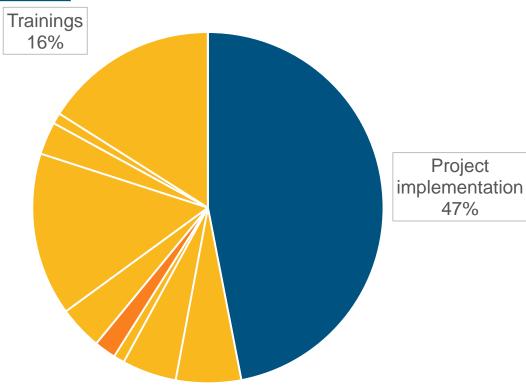
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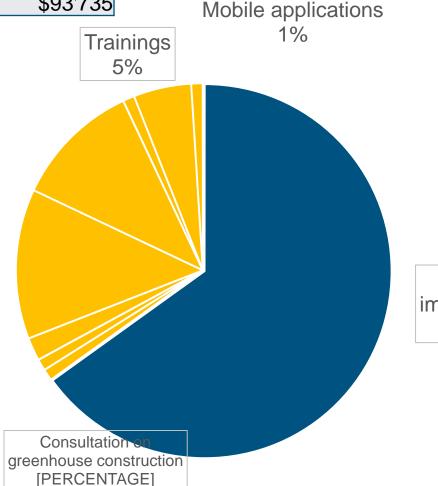


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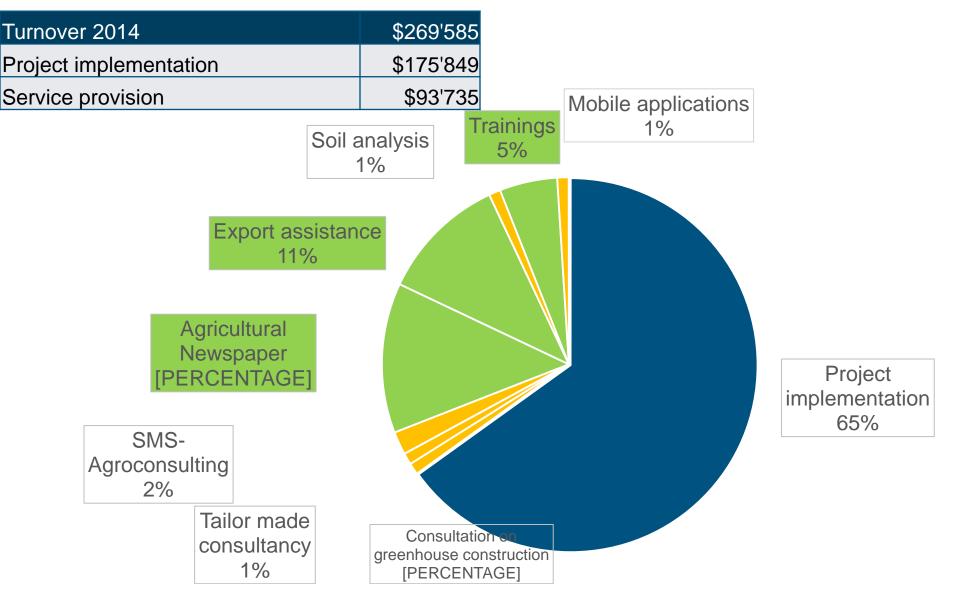
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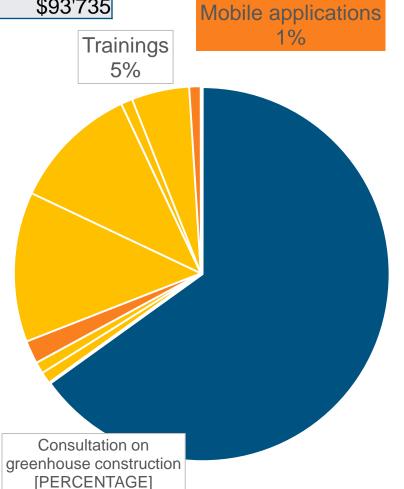


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### Conclusions



Income generation through the provision of e-services is limited

- > But e-services are a unique selling point of the organisation
- E- services are cross-subsidised by margins of project implementation activities

Most of the organisation's activities are financed directly or indirectly by donors and projects

- Both, producers and donors have an interest in the services provided by SAS consulting
- Donors are ready to pay for services, also in the long-term
- Donor orientation makes sense and is rational from a market point of view

Weak coordination of donor funds: inconstant objectives and fluctuating funds

- Great flexibility of the organisation to react on fluctuations
- But, limited motivation to offer services that are independent from donor support









