



Highlights and Challenges across sites





Breeding programs - Highlights

- ❑ At all sites farmers are very interested and engaged in the programs
- ❑ Breeding structures adapted to the local conditions have been developed under guidance of Joaquin
- ❑ Matazim, Fazzlidin, Qonun and Nariman managed to send 8 Altay bucks in very good condition from Russia to Khorog
- ❑ Liba Brent and Gaby Foxworth managed semen collection from 8 American Angora bucks (1812 straws)



Breeding programs - Challenges

- ❑ Sustain breeding programs after the project ends – responsibility of national research centers
 - Recording
 - Fiber testing
 - Selection of bucks/rams and females
 - Controlled mating schemes
- ❑ Maintain incentives for farmers to continue breeding
- ❑ Document improvements in animal performance through breeding and other practices
- ❑ Production of fine fiber is still low



Processing - Highlights

- ❑ Excellent women leaders are emerging at the different sites
- ❑ Women are very interested in acquiring new skills and we saw striking improvements in their skills
- ❑ Very efficient and targeted training
- ❑ Core equipment is being locally produced
- ❑ New designs and colours have been adopted
- ❑ Good linkages to other organization



Processing - Challenges

- ❑ Dehairing of cashmere/cashgora
- ❑ Organize/sustain supply of women groups with suitable raw material
- ❑ Sustain supply of women groups with equipment, dyes, etc. and technical know-how
- ❑ Support development of organizational structures of women groups
- ❑ Prepare technical guidelines/reference material easily accessible
- ❑ Full documentation of economics of processing



Marketing - Highlights

- Market for Magic Mohair yarn has been established
- Marketing of new felt products at the fairs was very successful
- Marketing website initiated



Marketing - Challenges

- Market channels have to be fully developed for fine fiber and all products
- Ensuring participation of women groups at important fairs