

## Brief report of the training on wool organized in centre of Uvs aimag

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In training held on 21-28 December of 2007 were attended 5 people in total: 2 members of Uureg community and 3 members of Argalt-kharig community of Sagil soum.

The training on processing wool and producing felt organized everyday between 08.15 and 22.00 and started in time as it was planned. During the training the members of two communities actively participated and did class work well.

One (Argalt-Kharig) of the five people attended in a training previously participated in training for beginners, thus the person did advanced level training. During the training totally 50 products of 11 types have been produced.

1. Socks – 12 pcs
2. Souvenir with five types of domestic animal – 15 pcs
3. Jacket – 3 pcs
4. Hats and caps – 2 pcs
5. Saddle pad with relieved knitting – 2 pcs
6. Picture – 3 pcs
7. stitched saddle pad -2 pcs
8. slippers – 1 piece
9. Tea bag – 1 piece
10. Bag for anklebones – 2 pcs
11. Souvenirs – 7 pcs

During the training they learnt the following:

- how to classify, clean, wash a wool using 4 bath method,
- independently cut out the figures and sketches,
- define amount of wool or felt needed for product,
- how to make, design relief and kazakh ornaments,
- different methods of cutting (cutting in 2,4,6,8 bends),
- design, color wool and felt using different methods (evenly, absorbing, packing),
- edging using traditional methods as one layered, two layered and with different colors,
- drawing on felt or paper with different scales,
- Produce double felt from one felting practice.

D. Oyuntuya, member of “Argalt Kharig” community, made socks and learnt how to color and draw on the felt using manganese, stitch on felt using felt needle.

Ts. Narantuya, Uvs Nuur Basin SPA's service personnel helped us to organize the training.

Comparing to the previous training participants were more active and willing to work overtime independently.

### **Results of the training**

Members of two communities gained knowledge and experiences on processing wool which would help them to cover the household needs.

They understood how valuable is lamb wool which they used to send to the market with sheep wool. They learnt how much products they can produce from 1 kilogram of wool collected. That knowledge can support on alternative income generation at the household level. Five members from 2 different communities attended in the training planned to organize small training among their communities between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 for 3 days in total. For this reason they received necessary material as preparation for the action.

Members of Argalt-Kharig community organized meeting among the herders from their winter place and surroundings to introduce the products they did during the training session. The people attended were inspired by the activity and established community named Uureg. This showed how strong is the influence of the community established with mutual understanding and trust to each other.