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**"THANKS TO PURCHASED SPECIAL EQUIPMENT,
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Real fruits of LSG accountability to communities: experience of solving issues of local meaning in Kuntuyskiy aiyl aimak of Sokuluk rayon, Chui oblast.

In December 2015, a village gathering with participation of local residents took place in Kuntuyskiy aiyl aimak of Sokuluk rayon, Chui oblast. During the meeting, the head of aiyl okmotu presented results of priority rural assessment (PRA) conducted in the summer of 2015, with participation of 393 aimak residents, out of them 197 were women. The results showed that the residents were troubled by various issues starting with a lack of information on spending budget funds and ending with traditional issues of improvement. To solve the issues, AO jointly with deputies of local

kenesh and activists developed an action plan with noting the need for acquisition of special equipment to address problems with garbage, repair of internal roads, etc.

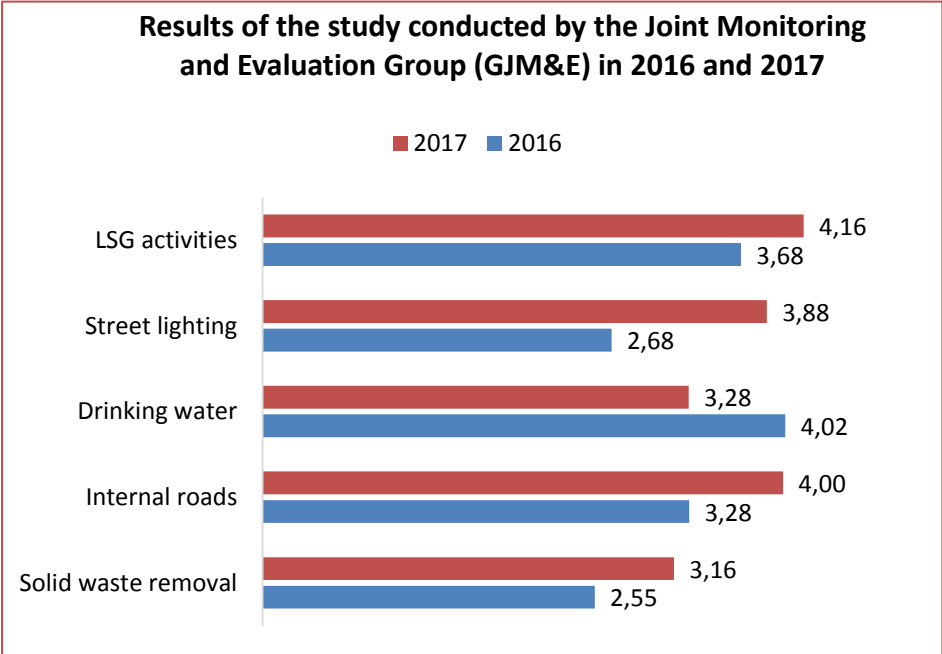
"The issue of collection and removal of garbage has always been topical for us. Previously, garbage was exported once a year, in the spring, during the month of improvement and gardening. We were forced to rent special equipment at the expense of local budget funds for 50,000 soms. When studying the rural needs (PRA) with the local residents' participation, 68% of the participants identified this problem as the highest priority of all presented. Having received the largest number of votes and people's support, the problem was formalized in the project proposal and was sent for participation in the

Small Grants Program organized by the Project. Now we have our own equipment, which brings cleanliness in our municipality. Maintenance of special equipment is carried out at the expense of the local budget. AO appointed a specialist responsible for the safety, maintenance and operation of the special equipment," says Valery Shilov, specialist of housing and communal services of Kuntuyskiy AO.

The competition of the Small Grants Program was announced among all the municipalities of Chui oblast in the framework of the "Voice of Citizens and Accountability of Local Self-Government: Budget Process" Project implemented by the Development Policy Institute with the financial support of the Government of Switzerland through the Swiss Agency for Development

and Cooperation (SDC) (hereinafter- the Project). Lacking amount of 1.5 million soms for purchase of cherished special machinery based on the appeal of the local self-government body of Kuntuyskiy AA was allocated by the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under the Government of KR. Thus, for a total of 2.5 million soms, the excavator-loader "Amkador E702" was purchased, which made the dream of Kuntuyskiy residents' dream come true. Using special equipment, the local self-government body of the municipality promptly and qualitatively carries out repair works of water supply networks (28 leaks were eliminated); rehabilitated about 10 km of irrigation system, road maintenance works are carried out throughout the municipality (12 km of internal roads were repaired on 6 streets); removed solid household waste from five villages of aimak (in just 2 years 380 tons of garbage was exported) and 2 km of the canal channel was cleaned.

Previously, various circumstances directly or indirectly affected the work of the AO and, of course, including the solutions



to issues of local importance, which aroused dissatisfaction of the local community. With the acquisition of special equipment, the AO's work has become lively and efficient, and all works are performed promptly and more efficiently; all problems are solved as: solid waste removal, repair of roads, and system for irrigation of farmland and sludge channels. This is confirmed by the people who notice improvements. This was acknowledged in a study conducted by the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Group (GJM&E).

The survey results showed that the solid waste removal improved and the internal roads became better thanks to the use of technology (see diagram).

To ensure the sustainability and systemic solution of the garbage collection and removal, consultations were held with the Project "Public Service Improvement" (PSI) for training the staff of aiyl okmotu staff on the organization of this service and on calculating the garbage removal tariff.

At present, the management of the Kuntuyskiy aiyl okmotu

is considering creation of a micro-enterprise for two services - garbage disposal and drinking water. Tariff calculations are carried out and the draft charter of the municipal enterprise is developed, afterwards Kuntuyskiy AO plans to hold public hearings on the discussion of tariffs with the citizens' participation, and then send to the local kenesh deputies for consideration. The municipality already knows how to conduct public hearings.

