USAID Agricultural Growth and Rural Opportunities is developing a more competitive agricultural sector in Kosovo by improving farm production and food processing, increasing linkages to domestic and export markets, and strengthening strategic partners. This $17M, six-year Activity funded by USAID started in March 2015.

**INCREASED SALES:** USAID assists strategic partners including producers’ associations, collection centers and processors to increase domestic and export sales of high value agricultural products (results as of Q4 FY19)

**VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT:** USAID supports overall value chain development focusing on fruits and vegetables, medicinal and aromatic plants and dairy subsectors.

**SALES PER VALUE CHAIN (TO DATE)**

- Linking Producers to Viable Markets
  - $125.97 million in domestic and export sales
  - $17 million in sales under supply contracts
    - 2,873 supply contracts between producers and buyers
    - 2,305 participants to B2B events and trade shows sponsored
      - 3,851 hectares of crop under new technologies
      - 12,154 persons trained in agricultural productivity

**ADOPTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES:** USAID has introduced improved varieties of targeted crops and new production, post harvest handling, storage and processing technologies to increase agricultural productivity and improve the quality of local products. 888 firms and farms have obtained globally recognized Global G.A.P or HAACP quality certifications. In FY19, USAID continues to facilitate the process of recertification and new certifications for interested farmers. See map plotting raspberry fields assisted throughout Kosovo.

**LIFE OF PROJECT TARGETS:** Agricultural Growth and Rural Opportunities is on track to achieve these life of project targets:

- **5,012** New jobs created
- **$18M** in private sector investment
- **12,000** individuals trained in agricultural productivity
- **4,000** hectares under new technologies
- **$152.5M** in domestic and export sales
- **28** new export markets captured
- **$2.8M** in PPP funds mobilized

**YOUTH 42%**

- **3,063** MEN
- **2,112** WOMEN

**MINORITIES 18%**

**JOB CREATION:** Strategic partners’ enhanced production and processing capacity is generating jobs all along targeted value chains and encouraging youth to directly engage in commercial agriculture.