



Global Entrepreneurship Week Tajikistan

In 2014 and 2015, the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia – Tajikistan was involved in the organization of Global Entrepreneurship Week Tajikistan, which was held in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy and the American Chamber of Commerce in Tajikistan. These events aimed to create awareness about entrepreneurship and its value for economic growth of the country.

Poverty and unemployment are endemic in Tajikistan, exacerbated by the legacy of a difficult post-1991 transition, the civil war, recurring natural disasters, poor infrastructure, lack of high quality education and limited access to finance. Lack of innovation and technology reduces the competitiveness of Tajik businesses, and many young men migrate to Russia to find employment. Tajikistan has one of the youngest populations in the world, and developing and realizing the full potential of its youth is crucial.

Research conducted by EFCA has shown that many young people are hesitant to start their own business for income generation due to uncertainty on how to begin, a lack of knowledge of how to attract funding, or because they simply have not considered the option. Furthermore, women face significant barriers to employment. The Tajik business sector – through interaction with foreign businesses – can play a vital role in helping to overcome problems of poverty, economic exclusion, and social dislocation.



Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and improve human welfare.

During one week each November, Global Entrepreneurship Week inspires people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators.



From large-scale events to intimate networking gatherings, these activities connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities.