



Mehmet AÇIKGÖZ

He was born in 1963 in Antakya-Hatay. After graduating from Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Field Crops, he completed his master's degree in the same department. Mr. Açıkgöz started to his career at GERKONSAN INC. in 1987. After completing his military service, he started working as an expert at the Agricultural Coordination and Social Projects Group of Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP) Regional Directorate in 1992. He served as the Manager of the Group between 1995-2001, Deputy Regional Director between 2001-2008, as well as the Director of Social and Economic Development Group.

Between January 2008-November 2013 he served as the Regional Director of the same institution and since November 2013 he has been working as the Vice President of the GAP Regional Development Administration.

He took part in large and small scale planning of GAP and made an active contribution especially to the Regional Development Plan and GAP Action Plan.

He has nearly 28 years of project management and implementation experience in regional development, entrepreneurship, clustering, branding, preparation of competition agendas, implementation of social action plans, strengthening of social infrastructure, development of suitable models for the region, implementation of Tourism Master Plan and sub-projects, agriculture and rural development studies including international projects in the GAP region.

Mr. Açıkgöz has many presentations and notices about the fields he works in many conferences, workshops and symposiums.

As of January 16th, 2020, he has been appointed as the Deputy President of GAP Regional Development Administration of the Ministry of Industry and Technology.