**The Healing Mountains**

Azbi Calleku, is a farmer from Sheqeras village in Korce. While the villagers relied on traditional farming for their livelihoods, Azbi had discovered a different path—one that brought him closer to nature. Having a deep understanding of the collection of wild medicinal plants, he transformed this knowledge into his main source of income for 30 years. He is the only one contributing for the family economy.

He had spent countless hours learning about their characteristics, medicinal uses, and the techniques required to collect them sustainably. He shared his knowledge with others, encouraging them to join him in this venture. Together, they created a sustainable ecosystem that ensured the availability of these medicinal plants for generations to come selling them to the local businesses. His main partner is Natural Herbal in Maliq!

Through his dedication, and cooperation with the local business in Maliq, Azbi mentioned that” through Solar dryer in Maliq, he could collect and sell 4 tons of wild medicinal plants compared with one ton he was collecting before. The solar Dryer extended the drying season for medicinal plants by utilizing sunlight even during colder months. This allows collectors to dry plants throughout the year, maximizing their harvest and productivity”.

Azbi showed to other farmers that by respecting the resources, they could find abundance and prosperity. The mountains where he collects not only became a source of income but also a symbol of the harmony that could exist between humans and the nature.