

Governance

## Children's Tolerance Education Project



### Background

The countries of the South Caucasus have long endured destabilizing conflicts and turmoil. These conflicts and upheavals, combined with residual problems left over from the Soviet era, have created societies marked by a lack of tolerance, cooperation, trust, and willingness to compromise, a weak or non-existent civil society, and limited critical thinking skills, which harshly limits the ability of these countries to develop into secure and stable democracies.

### General Information

Project region:  
**South Caucasus**

Project duration:  
**2003-2008**

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### Objectives

**Overall Objective:** Contribute to peace and stability in the South Caucasus

**Project Objective:** Promote among children and their caregivers the values and practice of tolerance, cooperation and compassion through the consolidation of peace education skills, knowledge, behaviors and attitudes in primary school classrooms.

<i>Expected Results</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Increased access to and quality of pedagogical materials for primary school teachers and children, with a focus on peace education.	Development of peace education materials (teachers manual and the story book) and its introduction to the primary school curriculum as elective classes via respective Ministries of Education.
Strengthened local and national human resources for promotion of peace education practice and behavior.	Tolerance related school events, contests, exchange visits, initiating of tolerance clubs at schools, etc.