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Vulnerable Households' Accommodation and Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project in Samegrelo



Project title

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General information

Region: Zugdidi District, Samegrelo Region (Georgia)
Duration: 01.12.2010 – 31.12.2012
Budget: CHF 900'000 (SDC), CHF 411'360 (DRC's contribution for income-generation component)

Project partners

- Implementing partner: Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Institutional partner: Zugdidi District Municipality; Selected Village authorities (Gangebels); Social Service Agency (SSA) of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

Project objectives

The project aims to contribute to making the dignified living conditions, small-scale social infrastructure facilities and livelihood opportunities (DRC's co-funding) available for the conflict affected and vulnerable local families (including IDPs) in the selected villages of the Zugdidi District.

Background

Almost 20 years after the internal conflicts in early '90s in Georgia, which have resulted in the displacement of thousands of ethnic Georgians from Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia, the majority of IDPs' living and socio-economic conditions are still far from being satisfactory, although development of the State IDP Strategy and its Action Plan meaningfully contributed to the improvement of their living conditions. The situation was further aggravated by the 2008 August conflict between Georgia and Russia, which resulted in an additional influx of IDPs

from the conflict zone. At present more than 50'000 IDP families are still in need of durable housing solutions in Georgia. The situation is often times graver with the host communities (e.g. in Samegrelo) who have to survive with scanty livelihood means and in deplorable living conditions.

Project activities

- Living conditions of vulnerable and extremely vulnerable households (including IDPs) will be comparably improved.
- Extremely vulnerable families will receive non-food item (NFI) packages.
- Wider community will have access to improved small community infrastructure facilities rehabilitated with their own efforts; Village Development Plans (VDPs) will be elaborated to serve as reference points for coordinated assistance at the community/village level.
- Municipal authorities will become aware of the population's needs and better utilize their resources to meet them.
- Vulnerable IDPs and other conflict affected persons will become economically active and self-reliant after receiving small business grants and self-reliance grants.

Expected results

- 156 vulnerable and 50 extremely vulnerable households had their living conditions improved in villages of Tsaishi, Zedaetseri, Dzveli Abastumani and Ckhorla. 56 extremely vulnerable households additionally received non-food item (NFI) packages.
- 8 small community projects (primary school in Tsaishi, school in Zedaetseri, gravelling of internal road in Dzveli Abastumani, ambulance in Chkhorla) were implemented (including 4 kindergarten projects followed-up from the previous phase); 4 VDPs were elaborated.
- 86 business grants and 12 SME grants distributed (DRC's co-funding).



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