



Project Brief

EQUAL ACCESS OF IDPs TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN GEORGIA

Implementing partners:

Action implemented jointly by UN Women and FAO

Funding partner:

European Union (EU) (EUR 1,446,060)

UN Women project amount

EUR 255,939

Activities start and end date:

February 2016 – May 2017

Main objective:

Promote the gender-sensitive socioeconomic empowerment of the most vulnerable IDPs in Georgia through their equitable access to rural livelihood opportunities.

Main result:

700 vulnerable IDP households have received co-funding to implement their livelihood projects, and vulnerable IDP communities have access to legal aid services.



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Enhancing the sustainable livelihoods of poor and marginalized groups, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), is of paramount importance for the inclusive development of societies. Poverty reduction, social and economic development and the promotion of gender equality are integral parts of the Sustainable Development Agenda, as well as key components of the European Union's support to Georgia.

The **EU Delegation to Georgia** and the **Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia** (MRA) have set ambitious objectives to achieve the socioeconomic integration of internally displaced and conflict-affected persons. Under the EU-funded IDP IV programme supporting the conflict-affected and displaced population and their host communities, **UN Women Georgia** and the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations** (FAO) have joined forces with the MRA to support the gender-sensitive socioeconomic empowerment of the most vulnerable IDPs. Each agency contributes its expertise and distinct comparative advantages in line with their mandates.

The project, entitled "Equal Access of IDPs to Economic Opportunities", has already reached out to over 2,000 IDPs through field visits, and at least 700 vulnerable IDP households will receive financial support for the implementation of their livelihood projects to sustain food security, reduce poverty and promote income generation through the **Livelihoods entity of the MRA**. The project is benefiting wider IDP communities through activities aimed at social empowerment, capacity development and the provision of pro bono legal advice.

UN Women is partnering with the **Taso Foundation**, a local non-governmental organization, to support the social mobilization, capacity development and project participation of the most vulnerable groups of IDPs, including single-parent households and households with family members with disabilities. In collaboration with the MRA, legal aid services are also being provided to thousands of IDPs in different regions of Georgia. UN Women also provides technical assistance to the MRA for the gender mainstreaming of policies and programmes and capacity development of MRA staff on gender equality issues. As a result, the MRA has adopted a Gender Equality Strategy and Action Plan (2016-2017) and appointed a Gender Equality Commission to monitor its implementation.

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