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TERRITORIES, LABOUR, HEALTH AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

Economic and Social Participation of Vulnerable Displaced and Local Population in the South Caucasus (EPIC)

Timeframe: November 2017 – November 2024

Locations: Georgia (Abkhazia, Samegrelo, Kvemo Kartli)



AIM

We offer a needs-based approach and aim to improve economic and social participation of vulnerable displaced and local population.



TARGET GROUP



We target vulnerable displaced and local population, especially women and youth.

We leave
no one
behind





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Capacitating state institutions and civil society organizations to provide improved services directed towards economic and social participation of vulnerable displaced and local population



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Increasing business and employability opportunities

5

Promoting dialogue among state institutions, non-state actors and vulnerable population

COMPONENTS

3

Creating economic perspectives for women

4

Promoting social inclusion and positive changes in communities



RESULTS AND IMPACT



111 public actors
received trainings
to improve
services for around
5000 users



4 women clubs
and **5 youth clubs**
were established

**10 community
projects** were
implemented

174 persons
have found
jobs

**55 Micro Small and
Medium Enterprises**
were trained and
40 MSMEs received
grants

46 start-ups
were initiated



RESULTS AND IMPACT OF COVID19 RESPONSE MEASURE



- › Sanitary conditions were improved for more than **33000 internally displaced persons**
- › Water and sanitary facilities were rehabilitated in **16 schools and IDP collective centers**
- › **154 disadvantaged school graduates** received internet packages and computers
- › **1330 IDPs** were supported with household items
- › The rehabilitation of **community center "Chemi Mordu"** was supported
- › A study was conducted on **community resilience during COVID-19**
- › **33 small farmers** and **5 social enterprises** were supported
- › **2 local media actors** were capacitated



VOICES

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Now I understand that we all should stand together and help each other in case of violence. I know whom to contact if women are in danger.

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Thanks to EPIC, people get the opportunity to make their dreams come true. After receiving the necessary equipment and skills, I am confident that sooner or later, I will become a successful businesswoman.

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Following enterpreneurship training, I have notably developed my sewing salon business, even presented my collection abroad, which I am very proud of.

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After joining the Women's Club, I felt as if I was reborn as a new person. Every topic discussed in the Women's club was carefully selected and adjusted to us, focused precisely on our problems and showed us how we could address and deal with them.



1 NO
POVERTY



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



Project contributes
to Sustainable
Development
Goals (SDGs)

**SDG1; SDG4; SDG5;
SDG8; SDG10**

Partnership

Ministry of
Internally
Displaced Persons
from the Occupied
Territories, Labour,
Health and Social
Affairs of Georgia
(MOH); IDPs,
Ecomigrants and
Livelihood Agency

Collaboration

Action Against
Hunger (AAH);
Danish Refugee
Council (DRC); DVV
International (DVVi)

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