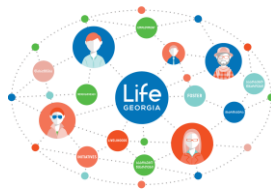




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“Livelihood Initiatives to Foster Employability and Entrepreneurship of IDPs and host populations in Georgia” – LIFE Georgia

CLOSING EVENT

13 September, 2016

Senaki



ACF, in consortium with its partner organizations, has successfully completed the **LIFE Georgia** project implemented with financial support from the European Union (EU). The project is part of an EU-funded program in support of IDPs and their host communities, aiming at providing them with Durable Housing Solutions and securing their socio-economic integration.

The **LIFE Georgia** project aimed to contribute to poverty reduction among conflict affected/displaced persons and their host communities by facilitating their socio-economic integration and inclusive participation in economic development processes. The implementation process was carried out through the application of innovative and inclusive approaches to employment and entrepreneurship together with other traditional practices. It succeeded in achieving increased livelihoods opportunities for more than **1000** internally displaced women, men and youth, including people with disabilities and their host communities in Samegrelo and Shida Kartli:

➤ **1067** participants attended Business Development and Job Seekers Training Program

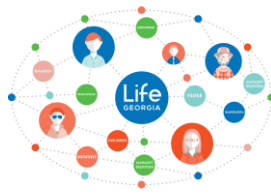
This resulted in:

- **12** beneficiaries receiving middle-scale livelihoods grants
- **188** persons receiving small-scale grants
- **104** beneficiaries being awarded toolkits to start or expand their self-employment potential
- **201** beneficiaries taking part in an internship program with further **62** employed
- **638** beneficiaries participated in vocational trainings and acquired qualifications resulting in **188** job placements
- **126** people were involved in the innovative methodology of the “Employment Shuttle” succeeding in the overall employment of **73** beneficiaries





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The outcomes and applied methodologies have been recorded by the LIFE-Georgia consortium for all stakeholders to benefit and learn from the experience acquired. This information is captured in the following publications, which can be found under partners' websites:

- ❖ *Toolkit "Employment of Persons with Disability"; Disability Resource Mapping* and amazing human *LIFE Stories – Fostering Disability Livelihood* by Liana Barabadze at World Vision Georgia / <http://www.wvi.org/georgia>
- ❖ *Legal Training Module on Business and Entrepreneurship Skills* and information leaflets on different forms of business registration including *Sole Proprietor, Micro and Small Business and Limited Liability Company* prepared by Irakli Bokuchava from Social Programs Fund and Dimitri Zviadadze from Legal Aid Georgia / <http://lag.ge/>
- ❖ *Handbook "Change your future – Roadmap to Employment"* by Manana Kvachakhia from Education for Democracy / WWW.EDDEM.GE
- ❖ *Methodological Guide for Business Grant Support Schemes* by Murtaz Kvirkvaia at Rural Development for Future Georgia / <http://rdfg.ge/>
- ❖ *Methodological Guide on Employment Shuttles* by Ioseba Amatriain Losa at ACF/ <https://www.accioncontraelhambre.org/en>

To demonstrate these major achievements, ACF and its partners are pleased to invite the project beneficiaries, stakeholders and other guests to a closing event to be held on 13th September in Senaki IDP settlement, where documentaries and success stories will be presented along with productions by the beneficiaries. The project publications will be distributed at this event.



The event will be attended by the representatives of the EU Delegation, ACF Regional Office, state entities, regional and local authorities who will take part in the certification ceremony for the graduates of the VET and entrepreneurship training courses and the hand-over of tool kits to the beneficiaries.

The project has been implemented by the Consortium of organizations led by Action Against Hunger (ACF) in partnership with Rural Development for Future Georgia (RDFG), ATINATI, Education for Democracy (EFD), Social Programs Foundation (SPF) / Legal Aid Georgia (LAG) and World Vision Georgia in 6 municipalities of Samegrelo and Shida Kartli within the period of January 2015 to September 2016.

