

Governance

Community Development in Samegrelo and Abkhazia



Background

The target region had been heavily affected by the armed conflict in Abkhazia and the civil war in Samegrelo during the first half of the 1990s. Despite a few positive developments, the overall situation in Abkhazia and Samegrelo still remains bleak.

The area continues to suffer from a very high rate of unemployment, and from a low level of small business and agriculture productions, stemming from limited access to markets and resources, and to the collapse of most basic social services and infrastructures since the early 1990s.

As a result of the conflict in Abkhazia, the ethnic Georgian and the ethnic Abkhazian populations live primarily isolated from each other, which effectively stymies conflict resolution and the overall social and economic development of the region.

General Information

Project region:
Georgia

Project duration:
2003-2007

Total budget:
CHF 1'400'000

Project partner:

**Accion Contra El Hambre (ACH),
South Caucasus Mission**

Tel/Fax: + 995 32 29 39 24
achhom@caucasus.net

Swiss Cooperation Office Georgia

Tel.: +995 32 25 36 82/83

Fax.: +995 32 25 36 84

tbilisi@sdc.net

www.swisscoop.ge

Objectives

Overall objective:

To increase the readiness of communities living in Samegrelo and Abkhazia to contribute to a peace-building process through economic and social development, as well as civic education at the community level.

Project objective:

To promote economic and social development opportunities at the community level, through increased participation, communication, and cooperation, inside and between the communities of Samegrelo and Abkhazia.

<i>Expected Results</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Economic and social development opportunities are promoted at the community level	Implementation of selected local community projects
Civil society practices are developed through increased capacity-building	Training of local NGO partners, youth club members, and targeted communities

Updated: 05.04.07.