

Governance

Georgian Returns Project



Background

The exodus of Georgian citizens seeking to live abroad has reached an alarming percentage of about 20% of the total population of the country, during the last several years. Of those who left, most of them reside illegally in other countries. In March 2005, Georgia was ranked 4th as a leading country which pours out a diaspora of asylum-seekers into European countries. Switzerland is particularly concerned, in that asylum-seekers from Georgia have been in the top ten list of countries supplying the bulk of these incoming immigrants, for quite a number of years.

A framework agreement for readmission of refused asylum-seekers was signed by Georgia and Switzerland in April 2005, giving the signal for the launching of a special program to assist these returned asylum-seekers who came originally from Georgia.

General Information

Project region:
Georgia

Project duration:
2006-2007

Total budget:
GEL 288'560

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Objectives

Overall objective:

Promote socially and economically sustainable solutions for Georgian returnees.

Project objective:

Assist the return and social integration of 50 Georgian returnees from Switzerland and ensure their sustainable economic insertion back into Georgia.

Expected Results	Activities
A fully functional Georgian Returns Program Unit.	Provision of social and economic assistance to returnees from Switzerland.
Plans for a Government Model Unit to be established for national re-integration program of returnees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issue recommendations to the Government of Georgia. - Sign letter of understanding with the Government of Georgia.

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