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# Social Assistance to Trafficked Persons



<b>Project title</b>	<b>Social Assistance to Trafficked Persons</b>
<b>General information</b>	Project area: Georgia Duration: December 2008 – December 2011 Budget: CHF 520'000
<b>Project partners</b>	Implementing partner: World Vision Georgia and local sub-contracting partners Institutional partner: Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs
<b>Project objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To strengthen mechanisms to assist and protect trafficking victims in Georgia</li> <li>2. To build and increase the capacities of social workers and concerned government bodies to address the needs of trafficking victims</li> <li>3. To support trafficking victims in reintegrating into a “normal” life</li> <li>4. To increase the awareness of the Georgian population on actual human trafficking practices in the country and the risks incurred by targeted people</li> </ol>
<b>Background</b>	Human trafficking is a sad reality in Georgia. The experiences a trafficked person has to go through are traumatic and mark them for the rest of their life. Persons who have survived and escaped trafficking need help and assistance to be able to re-integrate into a “normal” life. Only professionals who have been trained in this domain can provide this support. At the same time, the large population and in particular people at risk to become victims of trafficking need to become aware of the mechanisms and dangers related to international trafficking in human beings.

The government of Georgia is committed to the fight against trafficking, but still lacks capacities in this domain.

The project has been implemented since 2006 with the objective to ensure that victims of trafficking in Georgia are given proper attention and help. Since then, the project netted a number of achievements, which include the set-up of a national hotline and multiple trainings for various professionals in touch with the human trafficking world.

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### Project activities

The main project activities include training and capacity building of social workers, social agents, shelter workers and public health workers as well as youth and teachers. Social work and human trafficking courses are taught at the Tbilisi State University at undergraduate level and will be integrated in graduate-level curricula.

Trafficking victims are supported, among others, with a view to link them to future employment opportunities.

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### Project achievements

At the end of the project, 172 social workers, 406 social agents, 100 public health workers, 200 youth in orphanages and 100 teachers as well as key staff of State Fund for Protection and Assistance of Trafficking Victims will have been trained.

The graduate-level curriculum on human trafficking for social workers will have been developed and taught to 20 students.

3 safe migration desks in the regions of Georgia will have been set up and a targeted awareness campaign launched to promote the use of the national hotline.



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