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Project title

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General information

Region: Goris (Armenia)
Duration: August 2010-July 2012
Budget: CHF 500'000

Project partners

- Implementing partner: The project is self-implemented by SDC
- Institutional partners: Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Government of Syunik region and Municipality of Goris.

Project objectives

The objective of the project is to support local authorities of the Government of Armenia (GoA) in providing social protection and housing for most vulnerable and disadvantaged persons in need of social assistance through the application of a decentralized sustainable model and in accordance with the long-term strategy of the Ministries of Urban Development and of Labor and Social Affairs.

Background

The population of Syunik Region makes about 4% of the total population of Armenia and with number of urban population is the second after Yerevan. The main social-economic and other problems are conditioned by the high unemployment level, low incomes of the population's overwhelming part, a great number of border and partly high-mountainous land-starved and thinly populated with refugees settlements, big damages of war and unfavorable climatic conditions.

On account of the difficult economic situation of the country as a whole, the Government is lacking capacity to meet all needs of its refugees and internally displaced people. There are 3'607 refugees and 8'400 IDPs in Armenia. Almost 90% of them are living in Syunik, Tavush and Gegharkunik provinces and have not been able to return to their villages (in the conflict areas) or are not interested in going back due to socio-economic hardships or the fear of land mines.

Project activities

The project is implemented in cooperation with the local partners and has two components:

- Construction of the building implemented directly by SDC involving the experts for backstopping
- Beneficiary selection implemented by local partners according to the jointly defined selection criteria

Project results

Approximately 20 vulnerable households will have improved living conditions and will benefit from the social services provided by the local authorities. The social protection system of the country will be strengthened through the experience of decentralized sustainable approach applied in the project and the knowledge capitalization.



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