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Assisting Resettlement and Integration of Rural Natural Disaster Victims in Safer Rural Areas.



Project title	Assisting Resettlement and Integration of Rural Natural Disaster Victims in Safer Rural Areas.
General information	Region: Kakheti region (Georgia) Duration: 20.10.2011 - 31.05.2012 Budget: CHF 190'000 (SDC); CHF 60'000 (MRA)
Project partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing partner: Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees (MRA)• Institutional partner: Mestia Municipality
Project objectives	The project aims at provision of durable housing solutions and tailor-made livelihood start-up kits for rural natural disaster victim families from the Mestia Municipality willing to be resettled to safer villages of Kakheti region. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide decent living conditions and related livelihood support, which will be built upon the existing skills of beneficiaries in order to ensure self-reliance and economic independency of 17 natural disaster victim families, as well as support to their stable integration into places of relocation.
Background	Georgia is a natural disaster prone country, and Samegrelo/Upper Svaneti has been one of the mostly hardly hit regions starting from the '80s of the XX century. According to MRA, some 11'000 families out of 35'204 registered in 2010 need to be immediately relocated to safer areas. The allocated funding from the state budget is not sufficient to provide adequate number of houses to all those families, who are in need of resettlement. Due to the fact that natural disaster victims fall under the radar of international organizations and INGOs in Georgia, SDC's contribution becomes of a more added value. The mentioned project is well

in line with the Swiss Cooperation Strategy for the South Caucasus 2008-2012 supporting the displaced population's integration in Georgia and in compliance with Government's vision of assisting rural natural disaster victims by facilitating their resettlement as well as economic and social integration in safer regions.

Project activities

- The project will assess and identify 17 natural disaster victim families in need of urgent relocation from the villages of the Mestia Municipality.
- At the same time, 17 houses and agricultural land plots in safer villages of the Kakheti region will be selected for procurement. Selection of final beneficiaries in Mestia and of houses in Kakheti will be done jointly by SDC and MRA.
- Before relocation to Kakheti villages, 17 selected families will attend livelihood profiling to increase their knowledge on Kakheti agro cultures and modern practices of cultivating them; they will also be equipped with livelihood manuals.
- Based on beneficiaries' profiling in livelihood skills and capacities, tailor-made livelihood start-up kits (e.g. livestock, etc.) will be provided to them in new places of residence.

Expected results

- 17 natural disaster victim families benefit from relocation to safer villages and provision of durable housing solutions with agricultural land plots.
- 17 natural disaster victim families attend livelihood profiling tailored to increase their agricultural skills and competences, and will receive livelihood manuals.
- 17 natural disaster victim families benefit from the distribution of start-up livelihood kits (e.g. livestock, etc.).



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