



PROJECT SUMMARY

"SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAM (EDPRP) OF GEORGIA

Total budget: 202,640US\$.

UNDP Sector: Poverty Reduction

Partner Organizations: Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia.

Background: Georgia is one of the almost 70 countries worldwide engaged in Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) process. Georgian Government started preparation of Poverty Reduction Strategy in March 2000. Following intensive negotiations with donors and civil society the final document – Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Paper (EDPRP) was prepared and approved on 25th of June 2003.

The Government of Georgia committed itself to implement EDPRP. Dramatic political changes in the country resulted in the re-structuring of Governmental agencies. Cabinet of Ministers was created, which has elaborated Reform and Development Strategy. The latter necessitates the review of EDPRP for the nearest three-year period. Ministry of Economic Development, which is in charge of long-term social-economic development and planning, was given the responsibility of coordinating and monitoring the implementation of EDPRP. As a consequence, a new Department of Coordination and Monitoring of the EDPRP was created on the basis of the former Department of Macroeconomic Analyses and Forecasting. The Department will also be in charge of long and middle term forecasting and preparing draft indicative plans for socio-economic development. The Department will work in close collaboration with other relevant agencies of the government, such as Ministry of Finance, National Bank of Georgia, Department of Statistics. This will provide an excellent opportunity to provide adequacy of the EDPRP with the changing realities and especially with the budgetary process.

Objective: The Overall objective of this Project is to increase the capacity of the Government of Georgia for the efficient and timely implementation of the EDPRP. The Project Specific Objectives include:

1. Preparation of Government Action Plan for 2004 and 2005-07.
2. Regular monitoring of implementation of EDPRP Action Plans through the system of economic and social indicators. Preparation of relevant policy recommendations.
3. Introduction of communicational strategy of EDPRP (PR), educating public on the objectives and the results of the program.

Target Areas and Beneficiaries: The direct beneficiary of the project is the Ministry of Economy and the Government of Georgia, whose capacity to coordinate and implement EDPRP will improve as a result of project. Georgian society as a whole, and especially the vulnerable and poor citizens of Georgia, whose livelihoods will improve as a result of EDPRP implementation, are considered to be indirect beneficiaries of the project.