



**SUB-PROJECT SUMMARY**  
**Women's Training and Resource Center in Samtskhe-Javakheti (WTRC)**

**Total budget:** USD 420,000.000  
**Starting date:** 2003  
**Duration:** 24 months

**Background:**

Under the Samtskhe-Javakheti Integrated Development Programme (SJIDP), UNDP plans its intervention in the area of gender mainstreaming and empowerment of women in the decision-making. Despite considerable progress in some areas, a lot remains to be done in Georgia to improve the lot of women, especially at a local, grass-root level.

**Objective:**

The overall objective of the project is to establish the Women's Training and Resource Center at the regional level that will spread its links and create its branches in all the six districts of the region. The Center will address the regional needs for the collection, analysis and sharing of gender-disaggregated data and statistics; to raise awareness (among policy makers, civil society, media representative, and public at large) about the importance to address gender inequality in the region, and strengthen the capacity of governments to analyze and design policies from a gender perspective to further advance women's human development in the region. This will be done through:

- ✘ Establishing and proceeding with the capacity building of the Regional Women's Center
- ✘ Addressing regional needs for the collection, analysis and sharing of gender- disaggregated data and statistics
- ✘ Supporting women in leadership positions to participate in the decision-making process on the local level
- ✘ Facilitating social and economic empowerment of women in the region
- ✘ Raising awareness among policy makers, civil society, media representative, and public at large about importance to address gender inequality in the region
- ✘ Within the framework of SJIDP and the sub-project 'Supporting Social Cohesion Through Good Governance' to build the capacity of local governments to analyze and design policies from a gender perspective

**Activities:**

Under this proposal there will be the following phases of interventions:

1. The first phase will focus on establishing and building the capacity of the Women's Center providing direct assistance in terms of training, set up of the office and procurement of the equipment
2. The second phase will seek to promote women's participation in the regional development through the Women's Center which will provide training on gender issues, vocational and leadership training, as well as conduct research, acting as an information clearing house, and offer advisory services.
3. The third phase will focus on two areas of activities, advocacy and networking through constant publication of gender-disaggregated data and information in the local and central newspapers, and establishing the networks with other regional and central women organizations/associations as well as international organisations.
4. The fourth phase will complement the sub-project 'Supporting Social Cohesion through Good Governance'. This will be done through establishing a good communication and cooperation by the Center with the local government to enact them to analyze and design policies from a gender perspective in order to address gender inequality in the regional development processes.
5. The final phase will focus on the sustainability of the Center by assisting it to develop and implement a strategy for long-term financial solvency. This will initially be done through income-generating sub-projects with the women's participation to support financial viability of the Center.