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# Newsletter

**CHCA operates  
in four program  
areas**

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Community Development and Advocacy

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Peace and Confidence Building



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## Seven IDP Community-Based Projects Financed in Zugdidi Empowering and Improving IDP livelihood



Seven CSO projects were funded in Zugdidi, with each project costing 3,000-10,000 GEL. These community-based projects give significant opportunities to IDPs who are living in settlements in order to handle settlement issues, to encourage self-sustainability, to improve living conditions condition, and also to increase incomes. The implementation of this project will start in February and will end in May. projects aim at strengthening the IDP community and improving the living conditions there.

### **Davit Karchava, Community based Project “Cleaning water wells”**

„CHCA gave me the tools I needed for my business a well cleaning machine and a compressor, which allows me able to clean wells 15-18 meters deep for schools, kindergartens, and also in the private sector. I have worked in this business before, but with inferior equipment, I was unable to provide full service to deep wells, and as a result, the number of orders was much lower. Currently, I am awaiting new requests from public organizations and the private sector. My CSR in this project is to provide well cleaning services to those in the IDP community”.



### **Mzeona Gamisonia, Community based Project Playground**

„In the area, we have 20 families with about 30 children. We wanted to create a playground for the children in our community. We drafted the proposal for this project to another organization, but we were not able to get the necessary resources. Now, our efforts have paid off, and our children will have a playground with slides and swings in it in February 2019.”

## Study Tour in Telavi Social Enterprises: Step Towards an Independent Life and Elva Delivery



On January 24, a study tour was organized in Telavi's social enterprises. 20 project participants attended the event and visited two social enterprises - Step Towards an Independent Life and Elva Delivery which were established by CHCA within the project framework. The adolescents met with the managers and with their peers, who were previously involved in the same project and now are working in social enterprises. Three employed youth shared their experience and answered questions about their successes and lives.

## Empowering Young Women New Project Starts in Zugdidi and Abkhazia

CHCA will establish a social enterprise for the economic empowerment of vulnerable young women living in Zugdidi. In this social enterprise, young women will learn how to create new handicrafts and also will develop new skills. The social enterprise has two main purposes: 1) Creating new jobs for the beneficiaries who were involved in a similar handicraft project in 2018. These beneficiaries will be able to improve their abilities and will be able to take private orders and earn money. 2) Empowering new beneficiaries, mostly vulnerable women, who will be able to acquire new professions and skills.

There are a variety of training courses in the social enterprise, such as working with polymer clay, soutache techniques, embroidery, working with felt, and utilizing knitting beads. The learning process will start in February and will continue for the subsequent three months.

The project will be implemented in Abkhazia as well. Participants from Zugdidi and from Abkhazia will share their experiences and impressions via online communication.



**B | S | T** The Black Sea Trust  
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## “Housemaster” Service will Help Protect Citizens from Accidents CHCA offers to the government to establish “Housemaster” service



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Nukri Milorava, the Executive Director of CHCA, noted:

“Gas Providers and City Halls are not the only parties responsible for ensuring security in residential buildings. The issue is that we do not have adequate security standards in these residential buildings, and we

do not have specialists who ensure the safe use of energy sources in these residential buildings.

In 2018, CHCA implemented the project in the Imereti region, which aimed to launch this German concept in Georgia. Thirty adults from IDP settlements were trained in several subjects related to housing issues, and 10 of them had a study visit in Bochum, Germany to understand how Housemasters operate there.

We saw how influential the Housemasters are in Germany. Without the Housemaster’s permission, no one is allowed repair or install separate heating and water supply systems or even put a flower pot on balcony. What do we have here in Georgia? We do not have Housemasters here, and there is little organization around property management, and there are many more accidents as a result.”