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Newsletter

Merab Shavadze Tsitelubani, Gori

“You won’t be able to even recognize this place in 3 years. I am planning to have orchards of walnuts, quinces, cherries and apples on this 10 hectares of land.”

In December 2019 Merab Shavadze received an interest-free loan of 5,000 GEL. He used the money to plant new varieties of fruit gardens.



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Children Participating In Maintaining Baisubani's Small Group Home Greenhouse



In 2017, a social project was held in Baisubani Small Group Home to support children with disabilities. As part of the project, children continue to work in greenhouses nowadays too. Besides the creation of a family environment, greenhouse gives adolescent more knowledge and the elementary skills they will need in the future. Currently, there are 9 children living in Baisubani, which grew different types of vegetables in the greenhouse, like – salad plants, spinaches, radishes, onions and other garden stuffs. They wait for their crops in the end of March and they're going to use it for various needs.

Informational meetings with community leaders in Gori and Kutaisi

Informational meetings were held in the CHCA Gori and Kutaisi offices with the participation of IDPs and local community leaders from Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Samegrelo, and Imereti. They received information about planned activities and the project schedule, and they informed the organization about the problems and challenges in their communities. The project IDP Communities – New Vision and New Resources is implementing with financial support of Europe Foundation in 4 regions of Georgia. Within the project, a network of community-based organizations will be established, will perform the trainings, and conduct media advocacy campaigns and social projects.



“Zrda” Informational meetings with local entrepreneurs in Gori and Zugdidi



Informational meetings were held in Gori and Zugdidi, and attended by entrepreneurs living along the ABL of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti and Shida Kartli. Through USAID Zrda, local entrepreneurs have the opportunity to receive an interest-free loans up to 5,000 GEL and develop their business activities in agriculture, services, and tourism. Interested entrepreneurs have the opportunity to undergo business training after submitting applications. In April, 20 authors of the best business proposals will receive interest-free loans, based on the decisions of the Loan Committee.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a floral patterned sweater and blue jeans, stands smiling in a bakery. She is positioned next to a glass display case filled with various cakes. The cakes include a large rectangular one with red frosting, a smaller one with white frosting and blueberries, and another with white frosting and pink layers. The background shows more shelves with cakes and a bright, clean environment.

Eter Zakarashvili - Gori Cake House

Eter Zakarashvili lives in Gori and she is integrated into pastry business for a long time. Through USAID Zrda, she received an interest-free loan of 5,000 GEL and used the money for buying a fridge, tables, and other small items for her business, Cake House.

"I have many competitors in my town, but my 20 years of high-quality experience helps me to keep my regular clients and bring in new ones. In the near future, I want to expand my business and add Pizza and Khachapuri product lines."

A man wearing a dark beanie, a patterned sweater, and a brown jacket stands in an apple orchard. The trees are bare, indicating a dormant season. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The ground is covered with dry grass and fallen leaves.

Giorgi Konashvili - Kveshi, Gori Apple Orchards

Giorgi Konashvili started his business in 2015 and currently, he has 25 different varieties of apples on 13 hectares of land. His harvest includes 200 tons of apples which sells throughout the country. He received an interest-free loan of 5,000 GEL through USAID Zrda, which he used for fertilizers and pruning.

"Apple orchards are planted on my land, and my business's annual revenue is 180,000 GEL, about 20,000 GEL of which is spent on salaries of workers. Last year, apples from my orchards were even sold in Abkhazia."

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Zugdidi Livelihood Development Center Offers Services for IDPs and Host Community Representatives

Interested parties can apply to the Livelihood Development Center (LDC) and get information about programs and projects in Samegrelo. They can also receive consults and other types of help.

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