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### The need for a Homecare program in Kakheti

Social challenges of the elderly are emerging in Kakheti - more and more are living alone in the villages, are left without a caregiver and are in need of the daily assistance.

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# Nature Based Solutions in Poti

Chronic flooding of the basements of apartment buildings in the Poti IDP settlement has remained one of the most pressing challenges for years. Constant humidity, damaged infrastructure and an unsanitary environment have threatened both the sustainability of the buildings and the health of the population. The project's goal was to systematically address these problems and implement climate-smart, sustainable solutions.

The project implemented a number of interconnected infrastructural and community activities that reinforced each other. In the first phase, basements were cleaned in three targeted buildings, damaged water and sewage pipes were repaired and replaced. These works not only improved the technical and sanitary condition of the basements, but also laid the foundation for further, more sustainable interventions.

Of particular importance was the fact that local volunteers, representatives of homeowners' associations and members of the youth energy club were actively involved in the process, which strengthened the community's trust in the project.



One of the main innovative components of the project was the introduction of nature-based solutions - the rain gardens. Three rain gardens were integrated with newly installed drainage systems and today they function as natural mechanisms for managing surface water. Using plants suitable for the local climate, spaces were created that reduce rapid waterlogging, improve infiltration and at the same time enrich the living environment visually and ecologically. This change is especially noticeable for the local population, who saw for the first time how an infrastructural problem can be transformed into a green and useful space.

In addition to the infrastructural interventions, significant attention was paid to the human factor. A community mobilization and small-scale crowdfunding campaign gave the population the opportunity to financially and symbolically engage in the project. Despite the small amount, this step clearly demonstrated the community's willingness to take part in improving the living environment. In parallel, training seminars were held where local residents received practical knowledge about the maintenance of basements, drainage systems, and rain gardens.

The project is implemented with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP Georgia) and the Government of Denmark, within the framework of the project "Green Future, Advancing Rights and Stability".

# Reintegration of Migrants Returning from Ireland to Georgia

In the modern reality, migrants returning to their homeland face multifaceted and complex challenges. After a long period of immigration, citizens returning to the country have severed social ties, lack information about the current situation in the labor market, and lack the initial financial capital to start their own income generating activities. Economic instability and limited employment opportunities create a high risk that the reintegration process will end unsuccessfully. Without appropriate social and economic support, there is a risk that the majority of beneficiaries will choose the path of migration again, which will negatively affect the demographic and social composition of the country. That is why targeted interventions are crucial to help returnees fully integrate into their communities.

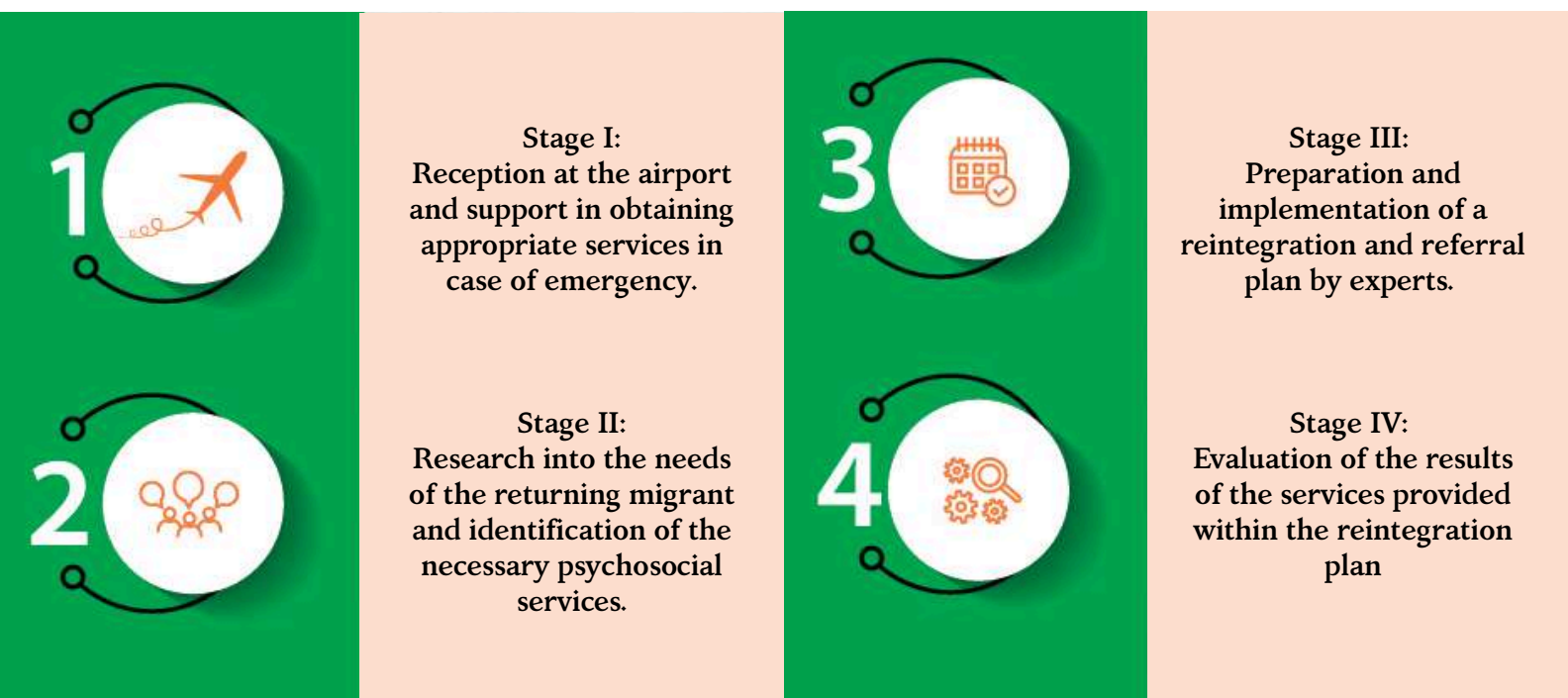
Therefore, the goal of our new project is to promote sustainable and long-term reintegration of returned migrants, and the activities are focused on creating mechanisms that will allow beneficiaries to effectively realize their potential.

During the first quarter of 2026, the CHCA carried out significant work to achieve the set goals:

- Reception of 32 cases/individuals and their post arrival support.
- Preparation of a reintegration plans for 19 families/individuals - an individual action strategy. This process included in-depth market research, analysis of possible risks and financial planning, so that the initiated activity would be stable and profitable.
- Referral of 19 beneficiaries - Our team redirected 19 individuals/families to various state and non-governmental services. The referral mechanism ensured the inclusion of beneficiaries in health programs, providing them with legal consultations and ensuring access to vocational education. This approach provides complex support that goes beyond financial assistance alone.

A striking example of the effectiveness of the project is the beneficiary (Case 42), who received support worth 1,000 euros to start an income generating activity. With this financial resource, we purchased pigs and high-quality combined feed for them. This investment became the basis for the formation of his small farm. Today, the beneficiary successfully runs his farm, which allows him to ensure family stability and integration in the local community.

The project is implemented with the support of IRARA and the Department of Migration of the Republic of Ireland.



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# CHCA and Odishi 1919 Partnership

## Sport for Social Change

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We are pleased to announce an important partnership, which is another step towards strengthening social responsibility and developing an inclusive society. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Zugdidi Football Club “Odishi 1919” and the Charity Humanitarian Center “Abkhazeti” (CHCA).

This partnership is based on shared values and goals - both parties recognize the strong social impact that sport has on society. “Odishi 1919” is committed to the values that its history and identity carry, and a special responsibility to the development of the next generation.

As part of this important decision, this year, the CHCA symbolism was placed on the club’s jersey instead of the commercial logo. This is a clear message that sport can be not only a competitive sport, but also a platform for social support and solidarity.

The main directions of the partnership include:

- **Social Inclusion** - Active involvement of CHCA beneficiaries children with disabilities and from vulnerable households in sports and public life;
- **Promotion of a healthy lifestyle** - Support for inclusive sports and creation of an appropriate environment;
- **Charitable initiatives** - Mobilization of resources for the development of CHCA's Rukhi Children's Daycare Center and provision of adapted transportation.

CHCA's 30 years of experience in supporting vulnerable communities and Odishi 1919's social responsibility create a strong foundation for real change. We believe that this collaboration will advance not only the meeting people’s specific needs, but also to create a broader social impact - strengthening society, where equality and solidarity are real values.

Together - for greater good and a better future.



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# 10 Beneficiaries of the Homecare Program Were Given Special Bathroom Chairs

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For people with disabilities, daily hygiene procedures often become a serious challenge. Self-care or even frequent movement is associated with risks and creates both physical and emotional stress for beneficiaries and their families.

With the support of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons, Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia, CHCA received special bathroom chairs, which we handed over to 10 homecare beneficiaries with special needs. These chairs ensure their safety, independence and comfort.

As a result:

- The risk of injuries will be reduced;
- The self-care skills of beneficiaries will be improved;
- The burden on family members will be reduced;
- The quality of life will be improved;
- The efficiency of home care services will be increased.

The goal of the homecare program is to improve the quality of life of people in need of care, in particular, to maximize the independence of beneficiaries in their daily activities in their usual living conditions, with respect for privacy and ethical norms.



# Spring Activities of our Small Family-type Children's Homes

Two interrelated challenges are evident in the development process of beneficiaries of a small family-type children's homes: insufficient development of responsibility and teamwork skills in caring for the daily environment, and insufficient knowledge of the Georgian language, which hinders communication, self-expression and full involvement in the educational process. In response to these needs, we have set ourselves the goal of strengthening both social and linguistic competencies in children through practical engagement and additional learning, which will support their development and integration.

Spring yard cleaning and tidying activities were carried out during the first quarter, where children were actively involved in teamwork. They shared tasks, performed work together and cared for the improvement of the common space. This process practically strengthened their sense of responsibility and cooperation skills.



In parallel, additional Georgian language lessons were planned and implemented in the Kurdgelauri Home. This activity responds to the language needs of some beneficiaries, which were related to communication difficulties and low engagement in the educational process. The lessons were aimed at strengthening language competencies and developing self-expression skills.

Beneficiaries of different ages, including children in need of language support, were involved taking into account individual needs, which ensured maximum efficiency of the process and participation tailored to the abilities of each child.

As a result of the implemented activities, positive changes are observed both at the behavioral and communication levels. Children's responsibility and teamwork skills have been strengthened, and as a result of additional language teaching, the use of the Georgian language and social relations have improved. This approach creates the basis for their more sustainable social integration and development.



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# Supporting Community Groups Working on Social and Humanitarian Issues

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We completed a large-scale project focused on institutional strengthening of community groups working on social and humanitarian issues in Abkhazia and Samegrelo and strengthening support for vulnerable groups. The need for the project was due to the fact that community organizations operating in these regions often work with limited institutional resources, insufficiently functioning internal management systems and a lack of professional development opportunities, which reduces the effectiveness and sustainability of their activities. Accordingly, without strengthening, they were unable to fully and systematically respond to the growing social and humanitarian needs in the communities, which made the project's goal - their institutional strengthening and the creation of effective support systems - particularly relevant:

- Institutional strengthening of community organizations - one of the main priorities of the project was to support local organizations and their professional growth.
- 10 organizations were selected and underwent an in-depth assessment, identifying their strengths and weaknesses.
- A 3-phase action and development plan was prepared for each organization.
- Key internal documentation templates were created: internal regulations, financial management manual, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) manual, and code of ethics.
- The project supported the legal registration of initiative groups, which allows them to independently raise resources.
- The organizations' staff underwent 8 thematic trainings, which helped them improve the quality of services. The participants' knowledge level increased by an average of 47%.
- Our team conducted unique research that will form the basis for future humanitarian interventions.
- We provided more than 10,000 people with information on the importance of inclusion. An essay competition was held in Gali schools, which helped raise civic awareness among young people.

The project created a solid foundation for local organizations to independently, professionally, and ethically protect and develop their communities.



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# Supporting the Reintegration of Migrants Returning to Georgia from Switzerland

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Migrants go through a difficult reintegration process after returning to their homeland. After immigration, they often lack social connections, are unaware of the labor market requirements, and do not have sufficient resources to start income generating activities. These factors increase the risk of unsuccessful return and push some to re-immigrate, which leads to negative consequences for the country. Therefore, targeted support is critical to help them effectively establish themselves locally.

In this context, CHCA, in cooperation with the Swiss office of the partner organization ISS, has been implementing the program “Reintegration of Migrants Returning from Switzerland” for 15 years. In the first quarter of this year, the 8th case was successfully implemented within the program. Nata’s story clearly shows how important such initiatives are for the full inclusion of returning citizens in the social and economic life.

Before leaving Georgia, Nata lived with her family in the city of Zugdidi, where she had many years of experience working in a children's clothing store. This experience later proved to be important when she started an income-generating activity to strengthen her sources of income, which provided a solid foundation for her professional skills.

After returning to her homeland, Nata was given a unique opportunity to get involved in a project initiated by the International Social Service (ISS) and CHCA, which aims to effectively re-integrate migrants returning to Georgia from Switzerland and create new beginnings for them. This program provides both financial and advisory support to help beneficiaries adapt and self-realize.

As part of the reintegration program, Nata was provided with material support in the amount of 4,700 Swiss francs, which turned out to be critically important for the realization of her idea and obtaining initial capital. Through the resources allocated, CHCA purchased a variety of children's clothing and accessories for Nata, thus laying the foundation for her own store. As a result of this targeted support, Nata continues to successfully operate. Her children's clothing store has not only become financially stable but also enjoys great popularity and trust in the local community, thereby contributing to the economic development of the region and creating an exemplary precedent for other re-integrators.

This success story once again emphasizes the potential of returned migrants and the need to support them for the sustainable development of the country.



The project is implemented with the support of the Swiss office of International Social Services (ISS).

# The Need for a Homecare Program in Kakheti

Kakheti is facing a social challenge - the number of elderly people living alone in villages, without a caregiver and requiring daily assistance, is increasing. As a result of the migration of young people, the traditional family model has significantly weakened, and many elderly people have found themselves isolated and without support.

A significant part of the elderly has to deal with various difficulties in their daily lives. Taking medications on time and correctly is especially problematic, which directly affects their health. It is also difficult to effectively control chronic diseases, which require constant attention and monitoring. In addition, the elderly often have difficulty regularly visits the doctor, which is due to both limited mobility and financial and infrastructural barriers.

Performing daily household activities, including preparing food, maintaining personal hygiene and maintaining the living environment, is also a significant challenge. These difficulties are especially acute in cases where a person lives completely alone and is deprived of both family and social support.

Loneliness and social isolation are no less serious problems. Elderly people often lack communication, emotional support and attention, which also negatively affects their psychological state.

The current situation clearly shows that it is necessary to develop and strengthen the home care program in the Kakheti region. Such projects include regular visits to beneficiaries, monitoring of health status, medication management, as well as assistance with daily activities.

The effective functioning of the homecare program would significantly simplify the lives of lonely elderly, improve their health status and help them maintain a dignified life in their own environment.

Charity Humanitarian Center "Abkhazeti" has been providing homecare services to people in need living in Samegrelo since 2020, and its plan for 2026 is to provide services to people in similar need in different regions!



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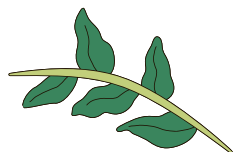


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