

# **UN Global Compact**

## **Communication on Engagement**

### **2020-2022**

## STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT TO UNGC

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I am pleased to confirm that the Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

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## WHO WE ARE

CENN is a non-governmental organisation working to protect our environment through fostering sustainable development throughout the South Caucasus. We specialise in a number of areas including combating climate change, sustainable management of resources, building and developing healthy and prosperous climate resilient communities, and empowering women and girls to participate in creating inclusive solutions.

Since 1998, we have worked with local communities and national governments through region-wide initiatives to engender green growth at every level. At CENN, we believe that sustainable development is best achieved through networking, cooperation, and engaging with all sections of society. We implement joint initiatives with equal participation across Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to find viable solutions to local and regional environmental challenges.

With representation throughout the South Caucasus, more than 60 full time members of staff, and a network of volunteers across the region, CENN has the capability and commitment to provide a service that is consistent, professional and of the highest quality. We create and deliver modern solutions for the public and business sectors and communities, assisting them in managing their environmental and related risks and helping them to achieve a competitive advantage through improved environmental and social performance.

## OUR SLOGAN

Shaping the future by changing today.

## OUR MISSION

Working with communities, governments, and businesses across the South Caucasus to create sustainable solutions for a healthy environment.

## OUR VISION

To foster modern and sustainable development values, build bridges between communities, and develop a progressive society that values and protects the environment.

## OUR GOALS

- Work with communities, governments and businesses to develop sustainable solutions, safeguard our environment and improve people's lives
- Be innovative and proactive in response to environmental concerns
- Build a strong and responsible civil society
- Provide open, inclusive and effective multi-stakeholder networking
- Support good governance and responsible businesses
- Lead by example as one of the most effective NGOs in the Caucasus

## OUR COMPETENCES

- Civil society development and institutional strengthening
- Environmental research and policy
- Compliance management
- Education, knowledge management and networking

## OUR THEMATIC DIRECTIONS

- Climate Change, Environment and Energy
- Agriculture and Rural development
- Economic growth
- Democracy and Good Governance
- Education and Youth
- Public Health and Well-being

## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS

### Education and Youth

Education is central to the development and improvement of the lives of young people in the Caucasus region and globally. Education is critical in eradicating poverty and inequalities and in promoting sustainable and inclusive growth of societies.

CENN has mainstreamed youth inclusive formal and non-formal education in its various programs and projects in the region, as we recognize the importance of the role of educated youth in shaping an environmentally conscious and responsible society. CENN offers numerous opportunities for adolescents and youth for self-expression and growth as well as leadership towards sustainable development. We partner with central and local government representatives, educational institutions, namely, schools, universities, VET centers, policy and decision-makers to educate youth and accelerate the green and digital transition of societies.

With the support of CENN's past and ongoing engagements, 500+ school eco-clubs were established in the region, diverse university curricula were introduced in the Caucasus countries, as well as hundreds of young people, were empowered via non-formal education – Green Camps, environmental and youth campaigns and activism. With formal and non-formal education endeavours we also contribute to youth's further transition to the job market.

Under education and youth, CENN focuses on the strengthening of education systems, human capital development as well as youth development, entrepreneurship and leadership. In 2020-2022, CENN continued diverse educational efforts, combining physical and online formats. The main results include incorporating sustainable development in formal education, professional and non-formal education, reaching thousands of people via awareness-raising campaigns and promoting the development of rural youth through entrepreneurship.

CENN's efforts under this direction contribute to the following SDGs:

- SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

### **Empowering CSOs to Promote Inclusive and Green Post-COVID Recovery in Multi-ethnic Kvemo Kartli Region**

In 2022 with the support Of EU CENN started implementation of new initiative - *Empowering CSOs to Promote Inclusive and Green Post-COVID Recovery in Multi-ethnic Kvemo Kartli Region*. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the realisation of human rights and building robust and climate-resilient communities via strengthening local institutions to better perform their roles as

actors of local governance for improved access to social services for people in vulnerable situations in rural areas of Georgia.

The specific objective of the action is to increase the capacity of local CSOs to apply the five working principles of RBA and act as community integration and development actors for the promotion of inclusive and green post-COVID recovery and provision of person-centred and gender sensitive social services, with a particular focus on water and health, for marginalised, disadvantaged and excluded groups in the multi-ethnic regions of Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti.

Expected results:

- Enhanced local CSOs capable to advocate effectively for access to gender and child-sensitive social services (with a specific focus on human rights to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and health) and promoting meaningful and inclusive participation for a green and resilient post-COVID recovery in the Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions;
- Community-led mechanisms are established that reinforce transparency and accountability of duty-bearers and promote participatory development and delivery of gender- and child-sensitive quality social services to respond to the post-COVID needs of VGs;
- Increased capacities of local stakeholders to practice cooperative and innovative approaches to engage, develop and deliver gender-sensitive social services via providing financial support to third parties for the implementation of innovative projects (with a focus on new technologies, digital solutions, WASH and circular economy) and piloting joint social initiatives responding to the post-COVID needs to demonstrate effective CSOs-LAs partnership practices.

#### **Promoting the use of renewable energy solutions in Kazbegi Municipality**

The project was implemented in 2022 with the support of UNDP Georgia. The overall objective of the project is to respond to rural energy needs by introducing renewable energy solutions in Kazbegi Municipality.

- Enhanced Kazbegi LAG's capacity to explain and promote renewable energy solutions in rural areas;
- Increased public awareness about Green/renewable energy solutions in Kazbegi Municipality with special focus on Solar PV;
- Supported Solar PV systems in Kazbegi Municipality via a grant competition to respond to rural energy needs.

#### **Development of cost-effective and sustainable timber management to increase the National Forestry Agency resources and finance forest conservation**

The project was implemented in 2021-2022 with the support of UNDP Georgia. The overall objective of the action is to create a sustainable, cost-efficient long-term timber business model, ensuring sustainable forest use and sustainable income generation.

- Analyzed existing setup, including market analysis and current supply chain in wood sales
- Identified structural gaps leading to financial inefficiency;
- Identified best applicable international practices to ensure stable long-term revenue generation to be spent on biodiversity and forest ecosystems;
- Created cost-efficient long-term business model including timber stock inventory system;
- Elaborated relevant legislative amendments.

## **Empowering CSOs to Promote Inclusive and Green Post-COVID Recovery in Multi-ethnic Kvemo Kartli Region**

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The specific objective of the action is to increase the capacity of local CSOs to apply the five working principles of RBA1 and act as community integration and development actors for the promotion of inclusive and green post-COVID recovery and provision of person-centred and gender sensitive social services, with a particular focus on water and health, for marginalised, disadvantaged and excluded groups in the multi-ethnic regions of Kvemo Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti.

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### **Innovating Climate services through Integrating Scientific and local Knowledge – I-CISK**

The project is being implemented with the support of the EU and will run from 2021 to 2025. The objective of the project is to develop the next generation of end-user Climate Service (CS), which follows a social and behaviourally informed approach to co-producing services that meet climate information needs at a relevant spatial and temporal scale. CISK takes a trans-disciplinary approach to develop CS by working with stakeholders in 7 Living Labs established in climate hotspots in Europe, it's neighbours, and Africa, to address climate change and extremes (droughts, floods, and heatwaves) faced by agriculture, forestry, tourism, energy, health, and the humanitarian sectors. With end-users, I-CISK will co-design, co-create, co-implement, and co-evaluate pre-operational CS that provide a step-change in integrating local knowledge, perceptions and preferences with scientific knowledge. This co-production framework is unique as it (i) links climate impact and adaptation at different temporal scales from (sub)-seasonal forecasts through to climate scale projections, and (ii) explicitly considers the human-climate feedbacks of adaptation and options in a multi-time scale, multi-sector, and multi-hazard setting. The novel CS will be built on a highly customisable cloud-based web platform that I-CISK develops; freely available, and easily replicable. The I-CISK co-production framework, supported by online open courses, guidelines, business stories and strategic dissemination, will catalyse the production and adoption of CS that integrate end-user local knowledge with scientific knowledge, contribute to improved decisions and policies, and a flourishing market for end-user CS.

### **Towards Green Future: Youth for Forests Awareness Raising and Education Campaign on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) including EE/AE/RE**

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<sup>1</sup> Five working principles of RBA: (1) applying all rights, (2) participation and access to the decision-making process, (3) non-discrimination and equal access, (4) accountability and access to the rule of law, (5) transparency and access to information.

The project was implemented in 2021 with the support of German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development .The objective of the project was to identify and implement gender-balanced awareness-raising measures on sustainable forest management (SFM), including energy efficiency/alternative energy/renewable energy (EE/AE/RE), with a particular focus on youth (age group: 14 to 29) at the national and local level in the Akhmeta Municipality.

Results:

- A Guidebook was prepared (including syllabus and visual materials) on SFM and EE/AE for the schools;
- The Guidebook was piloted in schools of Akhmeta municipality;
- The Guidebook was adapted and incorporated into the Niko Ketskhoveli School Award;
- A Competition for the youth of Akhmeta Municipality “Green Economy School” was conducted.

### **Watersheds, Forest Management, and DRR in Georgia**

The project was implemented in 2021-2022 with the support of United State Forest Service (USFS). The objective of the project was a disaster risk reduction (DRR) through improved watershed management, specifically:

- Development of Hazard zoning map;
- Training of MEPA on watershed management based on USFS watershed condition framework;
- Development of watershed management plans;

Results:

- The capacity of stakeholders on sustainable forest management, watershed management, and disaster risk reduction was improved;
- Documents/plans in a participatory way covering sectoral and intersectoral tools for watershed management and DRR were developed;
- Watershed management tools and best practices/showcases in the USA were introduced. The institutional capacity of the NFA on integrated watershed management and DRR was strengthened.

### **Georgia Climate Action Project (GEO-CAP):**

#### **Promoting Civil Society Engagement in Climate Change Policy Design and Implementation**

The project is being implemented with the support of the EU and will run from 2021 to 2025. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the civil society of Georgia and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, with a particular focus on the rights to water and a healthy environment. The specific objective of the action is to strengthen the role of CSOs in tackling climate change (CC) via establishing multi-stakeholder regional action groups and a national platform on climate change, environment and health and building trust and collaboration between state and non-state actors for inclusive policy development and increased climate change resilience and water security (as defined by UN-Water). The project will empower local CSOs in their actions for inclusive governance and equitable development.

### **Assessing the Climate Change Impact of the Bakhmaro Resort Zone**

The project was implemented in 2021 with the support of the British Embassy in Tbilisi. The overall objective of the action was to advance science and research and encourage informed and evidence-based environmental and political decisions.

The specific objective of the action was to study and assess the existing climate parameters of the Bakhmaro resort zone (Guria region), determine climate change impacts, and prepare recommendations on climate-resilient adaptation measures.

Results:

- Hydrological and climate change assessments were conducted in order to determine the potential issues for scientific, technical, and socio-economic knowledge on climate change impacts for the Bakhmaro landscape and community;
- A climate change adaptation plan was developed, and evidence-based decisions and policy measures for climate change resilience building were lobbied at the local, regional and central levels

### **Fostering Sustainable Food Systems for Climate Resilience in Georgia**

The project was implemented in 2021 with the support of the British Embassy in Tbilisi. The objective of the project was to contributing to the reduction of the country's GHG emissions by initiating dialogue and reaching agreement among Food Businesses Operators on key priority issues that address food loss and waste and promote sustainable food systems in Georgia.

Results:

- A policy brief was developed that addresses food loss and waste and promotes sustainable food systems in Georgia, agreed among target businesses and submitted to the government of Georgia;
- 3,000 people were reached through the awareness-raising campaign on the importance and methods of food waste reduction for the mitigation of GHG emissions.

### **National Plastic Waste Prevention Program for Georgia (NPWPP)**

The project was implemented in 2021 with the support of the Embassy of Norway in Georgia, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The objective of the project was to provide technical assistance to the Government of Georgia (GoG) in order to: (a) Develop the National Plastic Waste Prevention Program (NPWPP) via a multi-stakeholder participatory process to meet the requirements of national legislation and the EU-Georgia AA and (b) Raise stakeholder awareness on the importance of plastic waste prevention.

Results:

- The National Plastic Waste Prevention Program (NPWPP) was developed via a participatory approach and consensus was reached at the political level among main stakeholders to reduce plastic pollution via implementation of the NPWPP;
- Awareness of the stakeholders and the general public about the benefits of plastic waste prevention was increased and the importance of the NPWPP was promoted and recognized.



## **Resilient Agriculture - PRAISE Marneuli: Promoting Climate Resilient Agriculture for Sustainable Livelihoods in Multi-ethnic Marneuli Municipality**

The project is being implemented with the support of the HEKS-EPER and will run from 2021 to 2025. The overall objective of the project is to support income generation opportunities of vulnerable populations in the Marneuli Municipality of Georgia through the development and promotion of environmentally-friendly and Climate Resilient Agricultural (CRA) practices.

### **Selecting business-to-business (B2B) partner for facilitating business linkages and promoting economies of scale**

The project was implemented in 2020 and 2021 with the support of the USAID Chemonics International. The objective of the project was to assist the Pankisi Community Links Activity to connect Pankisi businesses and individual entrepreneurs to the Georgian agricultural, tourism, and service sector community and to foster Pankisi producers' access to buyers, sellers, expertise, and training to grow their businesses.

The project promoted multi-destination tourism in the Caucasus and helped diversify the regional tourism industry while capitalizing on the Caucasus region's natural and cultural assets and contributing to regional trade integration and social and economic growth.

In addition to establishing inter-firm relationships that may grow over time, this project aimed at helping local producers understand what the market demands and how they may adjust their practices accordingly. It served to the interest of Pankisi-based companies by exposing them to more productive farming practices and/or ways to increase their sales and reduce operating costs.

#### **Results:**

- Capacity of local producers and service providers (agricultural/tourist/hospitality businesses) increased via workshops, trainings, and knowledge exchange aimed at introducing better practices. Knowledge and experience exchange for local producers and service providers facilitated.
- B2B linkages established: B2B partnerships facilitated among local producers/service providers and large companies, associations, alliances, including distribution companies and e-commerce platforms.

## **Community Action to Improve WASH Services in Vulnerable Rural Communities of Georgia (GEO-WASH)**

The project was implemented in 2020 and 2021 with the support of TCCF, GWC. The project had the following objectives:

1. Develop the human capital of community institutions and empower local women and youth to take a leading role in climate-smart water resources management and improving accessibility to WASH services reflecting the post-COVID reality;
2. Foster technology transfer, innovation integration, and new opportunities in the WASH sector and mainstream WASH issues among young entrepreneurs and innovators;
3. Engage local women and youth to actively address current WASH challenges by implementing innovative pilot infrastructural projects and providing financial support (sub-grants).

#### **Results:**

- Community institutions, local women and youth gained knowledge, skills, and competence and took the lead in water resources management, improving accessibility to WASH services,

raising awareness of local communities and marginalized groups to ensure protection against human-to-human transmission of COVID-19;

- Innovative solutions for the healthcare centers in WASH sector management were provided, technology transfer and development opportunities were introduced; Schools in target municipalities were aware of international hygiene standards for safely re-opening schools and disease prevention;
- WASH conditions of local communities in the target regions were improved through the implementation of the pilot projects and youth- and women-led WASH projects (sub-granting);
- Public awareness on WASH in rural schools was increased;
- Capacity of people involved in WASH (i.e. local authorities, state-owned and private service providers, WASH councils of local communities) was increased;
- Approximately 1,500 people (at least 3 public schools/ health care centres) benefited from improved access to safe water and basic sanitary needs.

### **Synergies and Digital Transformation of SMEs for Smart Economic Growth in the Caucasus**

The project was implemented in 2020 and 2021 with the support of the USAID, E&E Bureau International Development Group Advisory Services, LLC. The objective of the project was to support the growth of SMEs involved in the sustainable tourism value chain (VC) by developing and promoting the Caucasus regional tourism brand and market, sophisticating businesses, and expanding linkages in the region and beyond.

Results:

- Marketing and Branding of the Caucasus Region as a Unique Tourist Destination Improved using Modern ICT Tools: The first tourism destination portal – GoCaucasusToday was created that features unique experiences in adventure, eco and rural tourism in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, including information about 180 beneficiary SMEs and promotes multi-destination tourism in the region. The portal contributes to an increase in both extra-regional market and intra-regional tourist flows.
- Business Sophistication improved by Promoting ICT Tools and E-Commerce Solutions and Digital Transformation of the SMEs involved in the Sustainable Tourism VC: more than 200 SMEs improved their business operation and management practices via tailored trainings, match-making events and B2Bs, as well as by providing ICT applications.
- Market Integration Enhanced and Linkages Expanded for SMEs in Sustainable Tourism VC via Improving the Services of Business Associations, conducting Caucasus Branding and Marketing Campaigns and Women and Youth Engagement.

### **Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (SEED) Program for Green Growth in Borderline Communities**

The project is being implemented with the support of EU and will run from 2019 to 2023. The overall objective of the project is to develop the entrepreneurial potential of young people from the EaP region in the field of social entrepreneurship, with a view to contributing to social cohesion, employment, inclusion, and reduction of inequalities.

The specific objective of the action is to facilitate employability of the youth in Georgia and Armenia by capacity building, promoting sub-national, national and cross-border cooperation actions, supporting the establishment of favourable ecosystems for social entrepreneurship (SE) and green innovation (GI) as tools for social transformation.

### **Local LEADERs Embrace Sustainable Development in Multi-Ethnic Tsalka Municipality**

The project was implemented in 2018-2022 with the support of the EU. The overall objective of the action is to improve the economic and social integration of vulnerable households in disadvantaged rural regions of Georgia via social inclusion, capacity development and sustainable growth. The specific objective of the action is to improve social integration, access to basic social services and economic opportunities for vulnerable households (i.e. high-mountainous communities, ethnic minorities, eco-migrants, and IDPs) in Tsalka municipality via participatory planning and implementing a rural development strategy. The proposed project will support local actors to overcome existing development constraints including the (i) absence of community institutions and participatory governance; (ii) absence of a common vision and participatory initiatives for rural development; (iii) ineffective agricultural practices, lack of innovative approaches, new technologies and business linkages with market players; (iv) limited access to information, education and employment opportunities and lack of women, youth and vulnerable groups (VGs) involvement in rural development.

Results:

- Tsalka LAG is established with equal gender and youth participation, represents VGs and is engaged in the rural development process following the participatory approach and LEADER principles;
- A gender and youth-sensitive LDS is developed and incorporates the specific needs of VGs;
- Employment and livelihood opportunities are created and the quality of life is improved, particularly for the poor and marginalized population, through financing projects prioritised by the Tsalka LDS and building the capacity of local stakeholders;
- Socioeconomic integration of vulnerable households is improved by empowering women and youth.

### **Promoting Sustainable Forest Management for Climate Resilient Rural Development in Georgia**

The project was implemented in 2018-2022 with the support of ADC. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the reduction of rural poverty and delivery of commitments taken by the government of Georgia under the SDGs, NDC, and EU AA with regard to sustainable green growth.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Building intersectoral interagency cooperation for sustainable resources management
- Promoting sustainable energy solutions in rural areas;
- Stimulating income generation from sustainable use of forest-based products and services;
- Disaster risk reduction (DRR) through improved watershed management;
- Increasing public awareness and building knowledge for informed public participation and evidence-based decision-making; and
- Women empowerment to increase their participation and income.

Results:

- Effective intersectoral interagency cooperation for sustainable management of forest re-sources established and functioning;
- Regulatory framework and state programs for introduction of sustainable energy solutions prepared and related incentives created and tested;
- Government has the tools to support programs that will enable and expand job opportunities through sustainable use of rural forest-related products;

- Government has developed mechanisms for addressing integrated watershed management in forestry sector to reduce disaster risks and improve climate resilience of local communities;
- Capacity for informed public participation and evidence-based decision-making (central and local authorities, parliament) on sustainable and efficient resource management and DRR is in place and advances delivery of SDGs (7, 8, 12, 13, 15), NDC, and EU AA targets;
- Women's employment opportunities are increased and their income generating ability from multifunctional forest use is enhanced (SDGs 5 and 8).

### **Water for the Poor: Eliminating Discrimination and Inequalities in Access to Water and Sanitation in Vulnerable Multi-Ethnic Rural Communities**

The project was implemented in 2017-2020 with the support of the EU Commission. The overall objective of the action was to protect and promote the right to health and to adequate living standards of citizens in vulnerable multi-ethnic communities of Georgia. The specific objective of the action was to protect health and social rights and improve well-being of the women and youth in vulnerable multi-ethnic rural communities of Kakheti (Akhmeta, Sagarejo and Lagodekhi municipalities) and Kvemo Kartli (Dmanisi, Marneuli, Tetritskaro, Tsalka municipalities) regions through reduction of discrimination and introduction of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) standards.

#### **Results:**

The project has advocated and lobbied for protection of health and social rights of vulnerable groups through enforcement and improvement of WASH related legislative and policy instruments. Local actors are mobilized to: identify the key types of HR violations and priority measures to be addressed, organize community led WASH advocacy campaigns and set up multi-stakeholder task-forces - Regional WASH Advisory Committees - for a structural dialogue on WASH.

The project has empowered women and youth groups through capacity and institutional building (creation of Rural Women Councils - RWCs), provision of knowledge materials on human rights and WASH, technical support and sub-grants to resolve water conflicts and inequalities in vulnerable communities. Specific WASH measures has been implemented to address immediate WASH needs of selected vulnerable schools, shelters, kindergartens, orphanages and health centers in multi-ethnic communities with participation of local actors.

The project has advocated for state and non-state financing of WASH issues. An active media advocacy campaign throughout the project has ensured increased public awareness about Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) conditions in the target communities and visibility of the project.

### **Optimising the Potential of Local Assets for Rural Development of Keda Municipality**

The project was implemented in 2017-2021 with the support of the EU Commission. The overall objective of the action was to reduce poverty in Georgia by addressing economic, social, and environmental concerns in rural areas; making use of local potential for sustainable and inclusive growth. The specific objective of the action was to diversify local economic activities, fostering investment and empowering competitive agricultural and environmental practices in Keda Municipality via bottom-up strategic planning of rural development. The proposed project aims to catalyse existing preconditions for growth, and optimize the potential of local assets for diversifying the rural economy in Keda Municipality.

#### **Results:**

- Keda Local Action Group (LAG) was strengthened and enlarged with equal gender participation;
- Gender and Youth Sensitive Keda Rural Development Strategy was developed;
- Rural economic diversification and inclusive growth opportunities were demonstrated and offered via implementation of innovative (smart, sustainable, resilient) projects.

## **Waste Management Technologies in Regions (Phase II)**

The project was implemented in 2017-2020 with the support of the USAID. WMTR II program assisted the Government of Georgia (GoG) to modernize the country's waste management sector and support sustainable development and inclusive economic growth, ensuring responsible management of natural endowments that has minimized adverse impacts from waste on human health and natural resources.

The program mainstreamed innovative approaches, apply new technologies, and streamline strong partnerships, to achieve, sustain and extend set objectives and solve development challenges. WMTR II was built on lessons learned and knowledge and experience accumulated over phase I of the program and was organized in the following main directions:

- Implementation of an Integrated Waste Management System
- Private Sector-Led Recycling
- Illegal Dumping Penalties and Tariff Policy
- Public Outreach

### **Results:**

- Integrated waste management systems adopted and as a result, natural resource management is improved;
- An increase in the amount of recyclable waste originating in Georgia sorted, sold, recycled and aggregating is achieved;
- Waste management systems are properly funded through public tariffs and fines, which are imposed in targeted municipalities to reduce public littering/dumping;
- An increase in the number of people who report a willingness to sort is achieved.