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Health and Social sector

Introduction of Primary Healthcare Quality Improvement System in Georgia



The purpose of the project is to create primary healthcare quality assessment and improvement system in Georgia

- In 2017-2018 the project started introducing primary healthcare quality assessment and improvement system in 5 pilot medical facilities of Tbilisi, in cooperation with the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social affairs of Georgia (MoILHSA).
- ➡ MoILHSA selected clinical priorities, for which quality indicators for management of common clinical conditions (non-communicable diseases) and preventive care (child development surveillance, immunisation, etc.) were created. Family doctors of each of the pilot medical facilities completed clinical trainings, held by project quality improvement experts. Training cycle continues in 2019 as well.
- Health information system for collecting and analyzing primary healthcare data was developed, which enables the Ministry to assess quality of services provided by the pilot primary healthcare institutions and analyze its reasonability and efficiency.
- Model created by the project will be replicated to other medical facilities and will serve as the basis of introducing results-based financing system in primary healthcare.











Establishment of Children's long term and palliative care services in Georgia



The purpose of the project is to create long term care services (LTC) for Children in Georgia

Cooperation with the ministry:

- Special multi-disciplinary working group was set up at the MolLHSA composed of consultants from various fields with the purpose of developing national framework for establishment of Children's LTC services in Georgia. The final target of the project is to ensure operation of Children's LTC unit which is planned to open at Jvania Children's hospital in 2020 with the support of Czech Development Agency.
- In 2018 CCRG developed a concept paper on the Children's long-term care services for Georgia, in cooperation with MoILHSA. The paper will be submitted to the government of Georgia.
- Health and social policy-makers from the Ministry participated in a study tour to Czech Republic to see some of the best practices in the field of children's long-term care. Representatives of the Ministry visited various similar institutions throughout the Czech Republic and learned about different options for operating LTC services.

Cooperation with Children's hospice:

- ⇒ The second component of the project included renovation and equipping of a special Multisensory room Snoezelen at the Children's hospice where 25 beneficiaries received therapies during 8 months in 2018.
- To ensure the quality of Snoezelen therapies at the newly-established settings, special training was organized for hospice staff by





- CCRG on Snoezelen therapies which was delivered by Czech expert.
- To improve accessibility to state health and social care services and facilitate improvement of conditions of hospice beneficiaries, the social worker employed through CCRG project provided assistance to hospice beneficiaries. Assistance covered provision of psycho-social support to hospice beneficiary's parents, linking to available individual state and other funding opportunities and services.

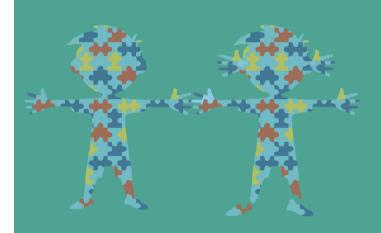
Supporting development of services for persons with autism spectrum disorder in Georgia



The purpose of the project is to create supportive environment and implement systemic changes for people with autism spectrum disorder in Georgia

- During 2018, the project working group developed standards for ABA (applied behavioral analysis) services, as requested by the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social affairs of Georgia (MolLHSA) and Tbilisi City Hall.
- □ In 2018, representatives of local municipalities of 4 regions of Georgia, providers of autism services and primary healthcare specialists completed trainings with the purpose of introduction and advocacy of State protocol "Detection, Diagnosis and Management of Autism Spectrum Disorder", recently adopted by the Ministry. The protocol was created by the project working group in 2016-2017.
- ➡ With support of the project, Child Development Institute of Ilia State University – project partner – received translation rights for the official version of the "Gold Standard" (ADOS-2) instrument for diagnosing autism spectrum disorder, with the purpose of using for research purposes. In 2018, the ADOS-2 instrument was adapted to the Georgian cultural context.
- ◆ 4 regions of Georgia (Ajara, Imereti, Samegrelo, and Kakheti) already offer diagnostic assessment of autism spectrum disorder using ADOS-2 instrument, which is implemented by the team of local specialists (psychiatrist, psychologist) trained by the project. In 2018 up to 100 children and adolescents with possible autism disorder were diagnosed under the supervision of the project.
- During 2018, trainings in the use of individual assessment instruments (ABLLS-R, EFL) continued for behavioral therapists from target regions.
- Another transitional group (other groups were opened in Tbilisi and Zugdidi in 2017) for children with autism spectrum disorder was opened in Kindergarten #7 in Telavi in 2018. All staff of the kindergarten were trained on preschool inclusive education module and management of behavior of children with autism.
- Professional development of Telavi early development center and support to ABA therapy of children with autism continued throughout the year.







Establishment and promotion of Cancer Screening Center in Zugdidi Municipality



The purpose of the project is to promote geographic accessibility to national cancer screening programs in the region

- To achieve the aim, CCRG completed construction of the special building in Zugdidi in 2018. The building is being equipped. CCRG consultants are working on the organizational set up of the center;
- To ensure the quality of delivered services, the quality management system is being developed for the center and the qualified staff will be selected and trained at the beginning of 2019;
- ⇒ The center will serve around 300 000

- persons in the region and also people from the conflict area of Abkhazia:
- The Center will be operational in the spring of 2019;
- Along with this activity the educational sessions for primary health care workers and awareness raising campaign in the population on the importance of cancer prevention and early detection has been implemented in the region by CCRG throughout many years including 2018, in cooperation with the partner NGOs, Cancer Prevention Center and Center for information and counselling on reproductive health "Tanadgoma".









Agriculture and Rural Development

Supporting Traditional Livelihood Systems in Tusheti



Project activities were focused on restoring and strengthening traditional agricultural systems as well as integrating modern approaches

- More than 30 shepherds have mastered modern sheep trimming technologies using electric devices, enabling quicker and higher quality wool production and increased income.
- With the purpose of better processing and storage of raw materials, in Zemo Alvani capacity of existing wool processing plant was expanded from 20 to 80 tones.
- More than 40 farmers were introduced to modern agricultural practices of land userestoration, production of potatoes and various vegetables, storage and sales and with the help of the project practical activities were implemented.
- With the help of the new knowledge and technical assistance, farmers were able to increase potato harvest from 8-12 tons per hectare to 22-22 tons. Cucumber production was started within closed ground, based on cooperation.
- 13 local producers and farmers received funding to create and develop local arts workshops, bakeries, beer, dried fruit and honey production, family guesthouses and other tourist infrastructure.











Rural Development and Diversification in Khulo Municipality



The overall objective of the project is to improve employment and living conditions in Khulo Municipality through diversification of the rural economy

- Local Action Group (LAG) was established in 2018 as part of the project, which developed and approved Local Development Strategy. The Local Development Strategy (LDS) of Khulo Municipality provides a framework to support the socio-economic development of the municipality and improve quality of life of its residents. LDS was developed based on wide range of consultations with local communities, civil society, business sector and local authorities.
- □ In May, with the support of EU, project partner organization, Croatian Rural Development Network (HMRR) organized a study visit of Khulo Local Action Group (LAG) members to Croatia. Objective of the visit was to get handson experience in the implementation of the European rural development model LEADER approach, to understand the principles of the work of Croatian LAG's and learn about their successful initiatives.
- On August 25, Khulo Fest was organized by Khulo Local Action Group (LAG) in cooperation with municipality City Hall, with support from EU and Caritas Czech Republic in Georgia (CCRG). The objective of the Festival was to promote local products. Local produce and





products of art were presented at the festival.

Within the framework of ENPARD program, Caritas Czech Republic in Georgia, in cooperation with CENN, together with the respective LAGs of Khulo and Keda Municipalities organized official presentation of Local Development Strategies. At the same time, activities implemented under Caritas Czech Republic project "Promotion of Rural Development and Diversification in Khulo Municipality" and CENN's project "Keda LEADER" were also presented. LAGs from Khulo and Keda Municipalities discussed strategic directions of Local Development Strategies of their respective municipalities.





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