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2018-2020 Action Plan**

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Executive Summary

Over several years the Government of Georgia took significant steps to develop rural areas, yet the state policy for rural development was only developed in 2017. The Government of Georgia elaborated on the 2017-2020 Rural Development Strategy (hereinafter ‘the Strategy’) and the Action Plan for 2017. These documents represent steps forward in bringing Georgia closer to the European Union. At the same time, the Strategy Action Plan for 2018-2020 was developed. The European Union significantly assisted the process within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD).

The Strategy reflects the Georgian Government’s priorities in all sectoral or multispectral areas related to rural development. The strategy includes three priority areas:

- ✓ economy and competitiveness;
- ✓ social conditions and standard of living;
- ✓ environmental protection and sustainable management of natural resources.

The 2018-2020 Action Plan includes **67 activities** for the year 2019.

The 2018-2020 Action Plan estimated the total budget for the 2019 activities at **€596,176,400**. During the reporting period, the actual spending was **€733, 063,803**.

This monitoring report developed based on the Government of Georgia guidelines for policy planning includes detailed information on the performance of the Rural Development Action Plan for 2018-2020 in 2019 of the Rural Development Strategy of Georgia.

The Rural Development Action Plan for 2018-2020 Performance Indicators for 2019:

Priority Area	Objective	Number of activities	Budget estimate for 2019 (€)	Budget expenditure for 2019 (€)
1. Economy and Competitiveness	1.1. The economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains	11	135,600,000	143,316,667
	1.2. Diversification of the rural economy through strengthening the agricultural-related value chain and promoting various sustainable non-agricultural activities.	1	4,000,000	3,318,000
	1.3. The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	5	8,301,000	24,076,803
2. Social Conditions and Standard of Living	2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	9	20,792,000	17,399,146
	2.2. Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	27	399,216,300	521,090,996
	2.3. Local population engagement. Increase the involvement of the rural population (especially youth and women) in identifying local needs and the determination of solutions to these needs.	1	0	0
3. Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources	3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	10	12,012,200	13,107,585
	3.2. Waste management. The promotion of sustainable systems of waste management in rural areas.	1	10,000,000	4,489,000
	3.3. Climate change. Activities used to mitigate the negative impact of climate change	2	6,254,900	6,265,604

There are three objectives per each Strategic priority area. Correspondingly, there are nine objectives and 12 objective indicators in total. Seven indicators out of twelve objective indicators (1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 3.1.2, 3.3.2) were realized at more than **100%** compared to the planned. Three objective indicators (2.3, 3.2, 3.3.1) were met at **100%**, while two indicators (2.1, 3.1.1) was realized at **89%** and **96%**.

The 2019 Performance Indicators for the 2018-2020 Action Plan

Priority Area	Objective	Objective Indicators Targets for 2019	Realization of Objective Indicators for 2019
1. Economy and Competitiveness	1.1. The economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains	1.1.1: At least 636 beneficiaries made investments in 2019. 1.1.2: At least 3% increased inland amelioration compared with the previous year in 2019	1.1.1: At least 819 beneficiaries made investments in 2019. 1.1.2: At least 3.8% increased inland amelioration compared with the previous year in 2019
	1.2. Diversification of the rural economy through strengthening the agricultural-related value chain and promoting various sustainable non-agricultural activities.	1.2: At least 10 non-agriculture enterprises invested in 2019.	1.2: At least 41 non-agriculture enterprises invested in 2019.
	1.3. The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	The investment made in at least 60 tourism infrastructure and products in 2019.	The investment made in at least 139 tourism infrastructure and products in 2019.
2. Social Conditions and Standard of Living	2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	At least 14,220 beneficiaries improved/obtained skills required for the labor market in 2019.	At least 12,716 beneficiaries improved/obtained skills required for the labor market in 2019.
	2.2. Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	At least 50,350 rural residents have increased access to new and/or upgraded public infrastructure in 2019	At least 133,219 rural residents have increased access to new and/or upgraded public infrastructure in 2019
	2.3. Local population engagement. Increase the involvement of the rural population (especially youth and women) in identifying local needs and the determination of solutions to these needs.	Lessons learned from at least 3 community-led local development initiatives in Georgia will be generated to inform the annual review of the RDAP and the development of the next Rural Development Strategy for Georgia for greater local engagement in 2019.	Lessons learned from at least 3 community-led local development initiatives in Georgia will be generated to inform the annual review of the RDAP and the development of the next Rural Development Strategy for Georgia for greater local engagement in 2019.

3. Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources	3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	<p>3.1.1: At least a 10% increase in forest areas compared to the previous year managed, based on Forest Management Plans in 2019.</p> <p>3.1.2: 1 territorial unit within the System of Protected Areas of Georgia is managed through a management plan in 2019.</p>	<p>3.1.1: At least a 9,6% increase in forest areas compared to the previous year managed, based on Forest Management Plans in 2019.</p> <p>3.1.2: 2 territorial unit within the System of Protected Areas of Georgia is managed through a management plan in 2019.</p>
	3.2. Waste management. The promotion of sustainable systems of waste management in rural areas.	Design works related to the construction of 1 new regional landfill will begin in 2019.	Design works related to the construction of 1 new regional landfill will begin in 2019.
	3.3. Climate change. Activities used to mitigate the negative impact of climate change	<p>3.3.1. In 2019 compared to 2018, the number of meteorological observation stations will be increased by 6 new units and the number of hydrological observation stations will be increased by 6 new units.</p> <p>3.3.2 At least 13,000 hectares of agricultural land insured under the program "Agro-insurance" in 2019.</p>	<p>3.3.1. In 2019 compared to 2018, the number of meteorological observation stations will be increased by 6 new units and the number of hydrological observation stations will be increased by 6 new units.</p> <p>3.3.2 At least 13,852 hectares of agricultural land insured under the program "Agro-insurance" in 2019.</p>

Priority Area 1: Economy and Competitiveness

The Economy and Competitiveness Priority Area includes 3 objectives and a total of 17 activities. The objectives mainly incorporate activities to be implemented by the state for reviving farms and increasing their competitiveness, as well as for diversifying the rural economy and supporting tourism development.

The total estimated budget for the priority area is **€147,901,000**. In 2019 the actual spending was **€170,709,371**.

Objective 1.1. The economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains

1.1 to meet the objective the total of 11 activities were carried out in 2019, including preferential agricultural loans, the Young Entrepreneur Program, Plant the Future, co-funding for storing and processing enterprises, support of beekeeping agricultural cooperatives, development of infrastructure for agricultural cooperatives, modernization of agriculture, access to markets and sustainability, construction and rehabilitation of amelioration systems, improvement of irrigation and drainage systems and support of the Georgian tea production. The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and its agencies carried out all activities aimed at achieving this objective.

1.1 The budget for activities planned for achieving this objective was estimated at €135,600,000.

In 2019 activities aimed at achieving this objective generated the following results:

- ⇒ Funding was provided for 73 startups or existing enterprises for expansion/re-equipment/modernization projects
- ⇒ 100 young entrepreneurs were funded
- ⇒ New orchards with the area of 2,169 hectares were planted/contracted
- ⇒ 7 processing and 10 storage enterprises were created
- ⇒ 124 grants were awarded for primary production and 4 grants processing enterprises
- ⇒ 3 demonstration plots were constructed
- ⇒ 660 farmers were trained (including 192 women)
- ⇒ The area of regularly irrigated land increased by 2.85 thousand hectares
- ⇒ 1.48 thousand ha of agricultural land was drained

1.1 the budget for activities aimed at achieving this objective was estimated at €135,600,000. In 2019 the state spent € 143,316,667 to accomplish this objective.

- **Activity 1.1.1: Preferential Agro Credit**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: support processes of primary production, processing, storage and sales of agricultural products by providing cheap and accessible funding for physical and legal persons.

Realized activities

During 2019, credit options and related procedures were consulted. Consultations were carried out for potential and existing project beneficiaries. Besides, representatives of financial institutions. The Agency's informational service (call-centre) was actively involved in the consultations. Also, presentations and television releases were made. Visits were made to different regions; TV programs were prepared about new enterprises and about re-equipment/expansion of existing ones to raise awareness and accessibility of the program.

In 2019, four financial institutions, Credo Bank, Pasha Bank, IsBank Georgia, and BHL Leasing were involved in the Preferential Agrocredit project.

The following activities were carried out in 2019:

- ✓ Number of loans – 6,076;
- ✓ The total amount of loans – €432,866,951;
- ✓ Number of start-ups – 26;
- ✓ Number of people employed by start-up enterprises - 710 (including 206 seasonal workers);
- ✓ A total of €17,693,270 was invested in start-up enterprises. (The Amount under the Preferential Agrocredit is €10,959,270, the beneficiary's funds are €4,344,000. Information received from a telephone survey with beneficiaries).

The inclusion of new financial institutions in the project will further increase the means of obtaining cheap and affordable cash for farmers.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 the plan for this activity included expansion/re-equipment/modernization of 65 start-ups or existing enterprises. During the reporting period funding was provided for expansion/re-equipment/modernization of 73 start-ups or existing enterprises.

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at €49,000,000 while the actual budget expenditure was €71,257,000.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.1 Preferential agricultural credit

Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 funding will be provided for expansion/re-equipment/modernization of 65 start-ups or existing enterprises. The financing of co-funded loans will be continued.	Realized: - In 2019 funding was provided for expansion/re-equipment/modernization of 73 start-ups or existing enterprises. The financing of co-funded loans was implemented.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾49,000,000.00	Actual: ₾71,257,000.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed		
	Rating	X					
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed	
	Status		X				

- **Activity 1.1.2: Youth Entrepreneurship Support Programme**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: promoting economic growth in the regions, developing the private sector, supporting the engagement of youth in businesses

Realized activities

An effective public awareness campaign was conducted to raise awareness of the program: about ten presentations were held in all regions of Georgia. Billboards were set up in regions. The program implementation team participated in three TV programs to inform the public about the terms of this project. Business plans corresponding to the 100% of the program budget were approved. Accordingly, co-financing agreements have been signed and part of the projects have been realized. Several local TV companies provided coverage of the beneficiaries' start-up businesses and TV reportages prepared. Besides, within the framework of the program booklets about stories of successful beneficiaries were published.

The following activities were carried out:

- ✓ Number of approved projects - 100;
- ✓ Number of program beneficiaries - 100; (Including 39 women)
- ✓ Co-funding provided by the Agency for approved projects - ₾3,498,460;
- ✓ Total investments in approved projects - ₾8,882,382

The program includes both financial assistance (project financing) and technical assistance. Technical assistance is fully provided before funding. Most projects are funded. In 2019, the technical assistance component after funding has been activated, which includes:

- ✓ Conduct training in financial and management accounting for development business management skills;
- ✓ Facilitate the implementation of accounting management systems;
- ✓ Facilitate payroll systems;
- ✓ Elaboration of activities within the business plan timeframe.

The technical assistance component after funding has helped in the successful operation of the beneficiaries' business. All the above activities assisted the program goals.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to fund 100 young entrepreneurs as a part of this activity. During the reporting period, 100 young entrepreneurs were funded (contracts were signed)

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾5,450,000 while the actual budget expenditure was ₾3,972,586.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.2 Youth Entrepreneurship Support Programme
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: In 2019 100 young entrepreneurs will be financed	Realized: In 2019 100 young entrepreneurs were financed
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾5,450,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾3,972,586.00</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.3:** Plant the Future

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: Effective use of agricultural land of Georgia to plant perennial crops thereby substituting imports, increasing export potential and facilitating the supply of raw materials to processing enterprises and improving the social and economic conditions of the rural population.

Realized activities

Within the co-financing component of the orchards, the minimum area for planting the garden was reduced from 1 ha to 0.5 ha, while the maximum area of the garden was increased from 20 ha to 50 ha. Consequently, the co-financing limit was increased in proportion to one beneficiary and was set at ₾250,000 instead of ₾100,000. Within the component, agricultural status cooperatives in cross-border and mountainous villages will be funded by +10%. Grapevines and figs were added to the list of perennial crops. The Berries subcomponent is spread across all regions of Georgia. The change was also made within the co-financing component of the nursery, and the requirement was that the seedlings produced by the funded nursery should be virus-free. Accordingly, the co-financing capacity has increased, instead of ₾150,000, has reached ₾500,000. It also finances 70% of the total project cost, instead of 50%.

To study the current problems, together with the local authorities, the gardens funded under the program were visited in different municipalities. The meetings were further published by television channels. Besides, more than 900 potential beneficiaries were trained in both theoretical and practical areas by the LEPL Agricultural Research and Development Center.

In 2019 actions taken as a part of this activity generated the following results:

- ✓ Number of approved applications (projects) - 501 (Including, 197 approved applications, within the Berries subcomponent);
- ✓ The total area covered by applications - 2,169 ha (Including approved applications total area 68.44 ha, within the Berries subcomponent);
- ✓ Co-financing provided by the Agency for approved projects - ₾16,037,404 (Including co-financing of approved projects ₾2,535,888, within the Berries subcomponent);
- ✓ Area of planted orchards - 2,482 ha.

The program has been operating for the 5th year, but the number of beneficiaries involved in the program does not decrease, which is reflected in the area of cultivated orchards. Given that the co-financing of the project was planned regularly, additional activities were not planned, which only meant preparing and publishing releases on the orchards once a month.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to plant/contract 1,600 ha of new orchards as a part of this activity. During the reporting period, 2,167.59 ha of intensive and semi-intensive orchards were planted/contracted. (Including 68.44 ha planted/contracted within the Berries subcomponent) and 1.45 ha nursery.

In 2019 the budget for this activity was estimated at ₾10,000,000. The actual budget spending was ₾ 15,615,598.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name	Activity 1.1.3 Plant the Future
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture/ NE(NC)LE Agricultural and Rural Development Agency
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 1,600 ha of new orchards will be planted/contracted	Realized: - In 2019 2,169.04 ha of new orchards and nursery were planted/contracted
Budget	
Estimated: ₾10,000,000.00	Actual: ₾ 15,615,598.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed		
	Rating	X					
	Status	Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed	

- **Activity 1.1.4: Co-financing of storage and processing enterprises**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: the establishment of new processing enterprises and rehabilitation of non-active enterprises in municipalities; geographic diversification of processing enterprise; development of sources of raw materials; increasing revenues of the rural population.

Realized activities

On June 14, 2019, the Government of Georgia approved project revisions addressing certain technical issues of the project. The directions of the financed businesses increased (including the possibility of producing pellets and briquettes). Also, co-financing for beneficiaries interested in the creation of enterprises has increased from 40% to 50% (up to a maximum of ₾600,000) of the project(s) implemented in the mountainous area and villages adjacent to the demarcation line and/or implemented by agriculture. The co-operative status of the share will rise to 10%. In 2019, beneficiaries interested in setting up a savings enterprise were submitted in two stages. Co-financing of 19 new storage enterprises was launched based on applications received during the year. At the same time, the projects for the creation of 5 new processing plants approved in 2018 and 1 approved in 2019 have started. As a result of the changes made to the project, the storage businesses could also receive co-financing for the implementation of standards within the framework of technical assistance.

Within the framework of the technical assistance, a standard co-financing agreement has been signed with two processing companies to implement the ISO 22000 certification

In 2019 the actions carried out as a part of this activity generated the following results:

- ✓ Number of enterprises - 17;
- ✓ Number of municipalities where new enterprises were created – 11;
- ✓ Number of new projects approved through the Storage and Processing Enterprise Component - 25;
- ✓ The total value of approved applications - ₾29,850,303;
- ✓ Amount of co-financing provided by the Agency for approved projects - ₾12,932,003.

The number of enterprises created/completed due to the 31.12.2019 in a total of 58 enterprises. The number of municipalities where these enterprises are located is 30.

It is outstanding that the total number of projects at the end of the reporting period amounted to 83 units (50 processing and 33 storage enterprises).

The risk of setting up enterprises during project implementation is currency changes since operations are realized in different currencies (in ₾, USD, RUB and EUR). Also, climatic conditions may be hampered, as projects are being carried out in the regions and construction works in some regions are practically delayed from late autumn to mid-spring.

To decrease these obstacles, communication with the beneficiaries was undertaken to assist the process of eliminating the problems arising from project implementation. The above has helped achieve the performance indicators.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 this activity envisioned support for 8 processing and 7 storage startups. During the reporting period, 17 new enterprises were created (7 processing and 10 storage).

In 2019, the budget for this activity was estimated at ₾10,000,000. The actual spending was ₾10,671,056.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.4 Co-financing of storage and processing enterprises
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 8 processing and 7 storage enterprises will be created.	Realized: - In 2019 7 processing and 10 storage enterprises were created.
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾10,000,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾10,671,056.00</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.5:** Support for beekeeping agricultural cooperatives

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NE(NC)LE Agricultural and Rural Development Agency. (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency).

Aim of the activity: improving facilities and equipment of beekeeping agricultural cooperatives, improving quality and enhancing the amount of produced honey and other beekeeping products.

Realized activities

In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, for which appropriate activities that were undertaken, which in turn led to objective delays in the program implementation schedule. On October 10, 2019, the Resolution N461 (N429) of the Government of Georgia on Approval of the State Program for Support of Beekeeping Agricultural Cooperatives changes have been made. Program implementation procedures were developed and approved. Given the above, activities planned for 2019 will be implemented in 2020. Online registration has been announced and 7 cooperatives have applied, out of which, in 2019, 1 contract was signed with 1 (one) cooperative and the first tranche was awarded €2,700 for the purchase of 100 beehives.

- ✓ Number of beneficiaries who applied - 7;
- ✓ The number of beneficiaries with whom the contract has been signed – 1;
- ✓ Amount of co-financing provided by the Agency – €2,700.

A risk factor for the achievement of the program's objectives may be the fact that Western-style cooperation is a new challenge for the Georgian population. In the medium term, it is difficult to develop relevant business relationships and sustainability among cooperative owners. Also, unfavorable climatic conditions can be a risk factor.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the scope of the activity, it was planned to distribute 750 beehives, and/or 5 extractors, or/and 5 hive tools for 15 cooperatives. During the reporting period, 7 cooperatives submitted applications, the contract was signed with one of the (100 beehives were requested). The co-financing provided by the Agency amounted to €2,700.

In 2019, the budget for this activity was estimated at €150,000. The actual spending was €2,700.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.

Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.5 Support for beekeeping agricultural cooperatives
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency).
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, about 15 cooperatives will receive 750 beehives 5 extractors, or/and 5 hive tools	Realized: - In 2019, no actions were taken - about 15 cooperatives will receive 750 beehives 5 extractors, or/and 5 hive tools
Budget	
Estimated: ₾150,000.00	Actual: ₾2,700,00.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating			X		
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.6:** Introduce International Standards for Cooperatives and the Popularization of the Products

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency).

Aim of the activity: Ensure safety, traceability, and reliability of groceries produced by agricultural cooperatives and increase their competitiveness

Realized activities

The program started in 2019. An effective public awareness campaign was conducted to raise awareness of the program: Information leaflets were prepared, presentations were held in all regions of Georgia, the program implementation team participated in TV programs to inform the public about the terms of this project. Meetings were held at the community level through Information and Consultation Centers in the municipalities.

In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, for which appropriate activities that were undertaken, which in turn led to objective delays in the program implementation schedule. Work has begun on the electronic application process, which will be announced once beneficiaries are registered. On October 21, 2019, amendments were made to Government Cooperative Resolution 365 (N498) on the Adoption of the International Standards for the Implementation and Branding of International Standards in Agricultural Cooperatives. Program implementation procedures are approved. Given the above, activities planned for 2019 will be implemented in 2020.

- ✓ Number of beneficiaries who applied - 5;
- ✓ The number of beneficiaries with whom the contract has been concluded – 0.

Within each program, members of the beneficiary cooperatives are provided with technical assistance, including agronomic and technological consulting. Since 2020, the implementation of international standards in cooperatives and the popularization of manufactured products will be combined with the Agency's "technical assistance and marketing project", which will facilitate activities listed above.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, as a part of this activity were planned conduction of 2 local trade fairs and implementation of the HACCP system in at least 3 cooperatives. During the reporting period, ₾8,490 was spent within the framework of the program, which was used to attend the 19th International Exhibition on Agriculture, Food, Processing and Packaging Technologies of Agricultural Cooperatives. At the end of 2019, five cooperatives submitted applications for this program, which identified lacks. The process continues in 2020 (no contract was signed in 2019), and none of these applications include the introduction of the HACCP system, all of them relate to branding.

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾200,000.00. The actual spending was ₾8,490.00.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.6 Introduce International Standards for Cooperatives and the Popularization of the Products
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency. (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency).
Performance indicators	
Planned: In 2019 2 local trade fairs will be organized, HACCP system will be implemented in at least 3 cooperatives	Realized: In 2019 no local trade fairs were organized, HACCP system was not implemented in cooperatives
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾200,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾8,490.00</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating				X	
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.7: Development of Agricultural Cooperative Infrastructure**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency. (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency).

Aim of the activity: support production of dairy and grape products in Georgia, stimulate milk and grape collecting and processing start-ups equipped with modern technologies by supporting agricultural cooperatives, increase quality and competitiveness of local products, support improvement of cattle breeds in cooperatives and contribute to the improvement of social and economic conditions of rural residents.

Realized activities

In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, for which appropriate activities that were undertaken, which in turn led to objective delays in the program implementation schedule. Changes have also been made to the relevant government decrees, which have led to changes in the procedures required for program implementation. Given the above, activities planned for 2019 will be implemented in 2020.

Agricultural Cooperative Infrastructure Development Activity in 2019 included two Components:

1. State Program for Promotion of Viticulture Agricultural Cooperatives:

The program began in 2019. An effective information campaign was held to promote the program: brochures were created, presentations were held in all regions of Georgia. The program team participated in various TV programs to better. Meetings were held at the village level through information and consultation centers in the municipalities.

Resolution N34 of the Government of Georgia on Approval of the State Program for Promotion of Agriculture Cooperatives was amended on 08.11.2019 (N538). In 2019, 7 cooperatives applied, out of which 1 contract was signed with 1 cooperative in 2019 and the cooperative was awarded the first tranche of € 247,734.9 for agricultural equipment processing.

- ✓ Number of beneficiaries who applied - 7
- ✓ Number of beneficiaries with whom the contract was signed - 1;
- ✓ Agency co-financing (first tranche) - € 247,734.9 (Co-financing will continue in 2020)

A risk factor for the program's aim is the fact that the western type of cooperation is a new challenge for the Georgian population, it is difficult in the medium term, to create of the right business relations

within shareholders, which in turn can harm the effectiveness of the cooperative. Also, unfavorable climate conditions.

2.State Program for Support of Dairy Farming:

The program began in 2016. An effective information campaign was held to promote the program: brochures were created, presentations were held in all regions of Georgia. The program team participated in various TV programs to better. Meetings were held at the village level through information and consultation centers in the municipalities.

Resolution N390 of the Government of Georgia on Approval of the State Program for Promotion of Dairy Producers was amended on 16.08.2019. 3 cooperatives applied for the dairy program:

- ✓ Number of beneficiaries who applied - 3
- ✓ Several beneficiaries with whom the contract was signed - 0.

A risk factor for the program's aim is the fact that the western type of cooperation is a new challenge for the Georgian population, it is difficult in the medium term, to create of the proper business relations within shareholders, which in turn can harm the effectiveness of the cooperative.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

It was planned to provide processing equipment to 10 cooperatives in 2019. During the reporting period (Viticulture N34 and Milk N150) a total of 10 cooperatives (7-Viticulture, 3-milk) applied. Out of these, 1 viticulture cooperative signed a contract in 2019. All other processes will continue in 2020.

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾4,500,000.00. The actual spending was ₾247,734.9.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.7 Development of Agricultural Cooperative Infrastructure
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (In 2019, the functions of the Agricultural Cooperatives Development Agency shifted to the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, for which appropriate activities that were undertaken, which in turn led to objective delays in the program implementation schedule)
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 processing equipment will be provided to 10 cooperatives	Realized: - In 2019 cooperatives were not provided with processing equipment
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾4,500,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾247,734.90</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating			X		
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.10:** Agriculture Modernization, Market Access and Resilience Project (AMMAR)

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

Partner organization: The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Aim of the activity: sustainable growth of rural population's income and poverty reduction

Realized activities

The first component

1. Irrigation

- 1.1 As a result of the rehabilitation of the Saltvisi alternative irrigation system and Dzlevijvari canals (Gori and Kareli municipalities) in 2019, irrigation water supply improved to 1,032 hectares, benefiting 1,147 households.
- 1.2 Rehabilitation construction works of Kvemo-Alazani G-32 and G-35 distribution channels and their other distribution lines (Kakheti, Gurjaani) are in process. At this stage, 1,198 hectares have been obtained as a result of completed works. The realization of construction work is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020
- 1.3 Rehabilitation works of an internal network of G-3 distributors of the Tiriponi irrigation system (Gori municipality) are in process.
- 1.4 The contract is being prepared for the rehabilitation of the internal network of Tiriponi Irrigation System G-3-2-1 Distributor (Gori Municipality).
- 1.5 Rehabilitation of the Iakublo Reservoir is going to be fulfilled soon in Dmanisi Municipality. The reservoir supplies 4 irrigation systems with irrigation water.

2. Minor infrastructure

- 2.1 3 km of village road was rehabilitated in Akhalsopeli village of Khobi Municipality;
- 2.2 3 km of village road was rehabilitated in Sakasheti Village of Gori Municipality;
- 2.3 3 km of village road was rehabilitated in Kitsnisi Village of Gori Municipality;
- 2.4 3.3 km of village road and 21 bridge was rehabilitated in Bredza Village of Kareli Municipality;

3. Soil rehabilitation works

- 3.1 As part of the land erosion rehabilitation, the windbreak zone was installed in 2 municipalities of Kareli and 3 municipalities of Kakheti. 38 objects in total. As a result, 2,165 ha of agricultural land will be protected from land erosion.

The Second Component

4. Demonstration plots and training

4.1 In 2019, two demonstration plots of bio honey production were organized in Kazbegi and Oni municipalities. Also, a vermicompost demonstration plot in Akhmeta municipality. In total, 17 demonstration plots, as a part of the project, where theoretical and practical training was held for 660 farmers, including 192 women.

4.2 During 2019, eight "Exchange Visit" was held. Farmers from one region visit demonstration sites in another region, learn about traditional and modern approaches of the region, receive practical advice from landowners. 10-15 farmers participated in each visit.

5. Grant program

5.1 124 beneficiaries were funded for primary production under the grant program. Among them, 113 farmers (27 women), 6 cooperatives and five LLCs. The maximum grant is \$15,000.

5.2 Also, in 2019, 4 processing plants were funded. The maximum grant is \$100,000.

6. Improvement of the legal framework

6.1 Currently working on a Draft Law of Georgia on Soil Protection.

Table #1: the list of infrastructure projects that are completed and ongoing in 2019.

#	Name	Area	Region	Current status
1	Rehabilitation of the Dzevera – Shertuli irrigation system main internal network (lot 3a and lot 3b)	Irrigation	Shida Kartli, Gori	Completed
2	Rehabilitation of the g-3 distribution canal of Tiriponi irrigation system	Irrigation	Shida Kartli, Gori	Completed
3	Rehabilitation of the g-3 distribution canal of Tiriponi internal network	Irrigation	Shida Kartli, Gori	Construction works in progress
4	Rehabilitation of g-3-2-1 distribution canal of Tiriponi irrigation system and its other distribution canals	Irrigation	Shida Kartli, Gori	Construction works in progress
5	Rehabilitation of Kvemo Alazani c-32 distribution canal and other distribution canals.	Irrigation	Kakheti, Gurjaani	Construction works in progress
6	Rehabilitation of Saltvisi irrigation system distributors (alternative and Dzlevijvari canals) and rehabilitation of the internal network.	Irrigation	Shida Kartli, Gori, Kareli	Construction works in progress
7	Rehabilitation/modernization of Kvemo Alazani irrigation system c-35 distribution canal and other distributors.	Irrigation	Kakheti, Gurjaani	Construction works in progress
8	Rehabilitation of Iakublo reservoir	Irrigation	Kvemo Kartli, Dmanisi	Construction works in progress
9	Construction of shoreline protectors	Soil rehabilitation works	Kakheti, Lagodekhi, Giorgeti	Completed
10	Construction of shoreline protectors	Soil rehabilitation works	Kakheti, Gurjaani, Village Chumlaki	Completed

11	Actions against land erosion – a windbreak zone with a total length of 26.2 km was planted.	Soil rehabilitation works	Shida Kartli, Gori, and Kareli	Completed
12	Actions against land erosion – a windbreak zone with a total length of 25 km was planted.	Soil rehabilitation works	Shida Kartli, Gurjaani, Sagarejo, Signagi, Dedoplistskaro.	Completed
13	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 9,9 km.	Minor infrastructure	Kakheti, Lagodekhi, village Giorgeti	Completed
14	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 1,8 km.	Minor infrastructure	Senaki, Village Betlemi, Ushapati	Completed
15	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 1 km.	Minor infrastructure	Senaki, Village Old Senaki	Completed
16	Rehabilitation of bridge 20m	Minor infrastructure	Martvili, Village Nagvazao	Completed
17	Rehabilitation of internal roads and bridge in villages 0,2 km.	Minor infrastructure	Martvili, Village Abedi	Completed
18	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 4,3 km.	Minor infrastructure	Khobi, Village Akhalsopeli	Completed
19	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 1,3 km.	Minor infrastructure	Gori, Village Sakasheti	Completed
20	Rehabilitation of internal roads in villages 3 km.	Minor infrastructure	Kareli, Village Kintsisi	Completed
21	Rehabilitation of 3,3 km. internal road and 21 m. bridge in villages	Minor infrastructure	Kareli, Village Bredza	Completed
22	17 demonstration plots were arranged	Demonstration plots	Shida Kartli, Kakheti, Ajara, Samegrelo, Kazbegi, Oni	Completed

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned: to improve the supply of irrigation water on 1,000 hectares, to carry out soil restoration works at two facilities, to award 70 grants for primary production and 6 grants to processing enterprises, also to arrange 2 demonstration plots and retrain 200 farmers.

During the reporting period, the irrigation water supply was improved on 2,231 ha, soil restoration works (windbreak zone) were carried out at 38 facilities, 124 grants were awarded to primary production and 4 grants for processing enterprises. 3 demonstration plots were arranged, 660 farmers were trained (Including 192 women).

The 2019 budget for this activity estimated at €10,000,000.00. The actual spending was €10,671,290.00.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.10 Agriculture Modernization, Market Access and Resilience Project (AMMAR)
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
Partner Organization:	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Performance indicators	

Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 the supply of irrigation water will be improved on 1000 ha; - Soil restoration works will be carried out at two facilities; - 70 grants will be issued to primary production and 6 grants to processing enterprises; - 2 demonstration plots will be arranged, and 200 farmers will be retrained. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 irrigation water supply was improved on 2,231 ha; - Soil restoration works were carried out for 38 facilities; - 124 grants were awarded to primary production and 4 grants to processing enterprises; - 3 demonstration plots were arranged, 660 farmers were trained. (Including 192 women).
Budget	
Estimated: ₾10,000,000.00	Actual: 10,671,290.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed		
	Rating	X					
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed	
	Status		X				

- **Activity 1.1.11:** Rehabilitation and Construction of Amelioration Systems

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/Georgian Amelioration Ltd.

Aim of the activity: rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage systems

Realized activities

The 2019 activities included: rehabilitation of water intake structures, main canals, first and second-tier distributors, pipes and other hydro-technical structures; restoration of canal coating, an arrangement of additional distributing canals and hydro-technical structures to channel water to land plots; installation of water measurement equipment; an arrangement of small-capacity pumping stations and rehabilitation of existing ones to supply irrigation water to land plots in villages of Shida Kartli (near borderline), Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kakheti regions; connecting pumping stations to electricity supply networks, restoration of electronic-mechanical equipment and their replacement with new ones; rehabilitation of major water collecting canals and household drainage networks in Kolkheti valley and Kakheti irrigation zone. In 2019 the irrigation system rehabilitation works were carried out at 59 facilities, out of which 26 projects were completed. At the end of the period (01.01.2020) 33 projects, including transitional ones, were in progress.

In 2019 the drainage system rehabilitation works were carried out at 14 facilities. 6 projects were completed. At the end of the period (01.01.2020) 7 projects, including transitional ones, were in progress. 1 project stopped.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to increase the area of regularly irrigated land by 3.2 thousand hectares, to improve water supply on 12.7 thousand hectares of irrigated land, also to drain 1.2 thousand hectares of land, removal of excess water at 10.5 thousand ha. During the reporting period, the amelioration infrastructure was rehabilitated; about 2.851 thousand hectares of land have been moved from the category of land with conditional irrigation to the category of land with regular irrigation; water supply has been improved on 4.971 thousand hectares of irrigated land; 1.478 thousand hectares of land was drained, removal of excess water at 0,64 thousand ha.

The 2019 budget for this activity estimated at ₾36,000,000.00. The actual spending was ₾22,827,355.00.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity number and name:	Activity 1.1.11 Rehabilitation and Construction of Amelioration Systems
Responsible agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/Georgian Amelioration Ltd
Performance indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 the area of regularly irrigated land will increase by 3.2 thousand hectares; - Water supply will be improved on 12.7 thousand hectares of irrigated land; - 1.2 thousand hectares of land will be drained. - Removal of excess water at 10.5 thousand ha. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 2.85 thousand hectares of land was moved from the category of land with conditional irrigation to the category of land with regular irrigation; - Water supply was improved on 4.97 thousand hectares of irrigated land; - 1.48 thousand hectares of land was drained; - Removal of excess water at 0.64 thousand ha.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾36,000,000.00	Actual: ₾22,827,355.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.12:** Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Systems/Georgian Irrigation and Land Market Development Project (GILMDP)

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

Partner organization: World Bank (WB)

Aim of the activity: improved supply of irrigation and drainage services

Realized activities

The Irrigation and Land Market Development Project (ILMDP) includes three components: Component 1 - Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Systems (\$45.65 million). Component 2 - Land Market Development (USD 2.25 Million) and Component 3 - Project Management (USD 2.1 Million). Component 1 is implemented by the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture. Component 2 is implemented by the Ministry of Justice through the Public Registry.

Project Component 1 includes 2 sub-components:

4.3 Rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation systems

1.2 Strengthening the institutional and operational system of Georgian Amelioration Ltd

Subcomponent 1.1 Rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation systems

This sub-component includes rehabilitation of Zeda Ru, Tbilisi-Kumisi and Kvemo Samgori canals.

Subcomponent 1.2 Strengthening the institutional and operational system of Georgian Amelioration Ltd

This sub-component includes the institutional strengthening of Georgia Amelioration LLC, which includes several activities such as Support the drafting of draft laws on water users' organizations, the establishment of structural units to ensure the operation of water users' organizations, equipping them with modern equipment, etc.

Subcomponent 1.1 Rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation systems

1.1.1 2019 Successful conclusion of the one-year defects liability period following rehabilitation of the Zeda Ru, Tbilisi-Kumisi and Kvemo Samgori right main channel. Mistakes discovered during this period were corrected. In total, restoration of the open main channel Zeda Ru 27 km, Kvemo Samgori 25 km, Tbilisi-Kumisi open channel 15 km and pipeline repair works 24 km.

1.1.2 Tender documentation was prepared to select the company for preparation of detailed engineering design on the secondary channel and internal networks; A tender was announced and the company Su-Yapi was selected. Contract activities are ongoing. In March 2020, the company will present the final design document for the secondary channel and internal networks.

1.1.3 Sioni and Algeti Reservoir Dam rehabilitation and evaluation of the dam's safety bidding documents were prepared, a tender was announced and company Temelsu was selected. The company has fulfilled the contract activities and as a result, provided a final report on the status of the dams.

Subcomponent 1.2 Strengthening institutional and operational system of Ltd Georgian Amelioration

1.2.1 Water users' organizations assisting unit was established. Nine people were hired for this unit. Within this unit, the methodology for the establishment and operation of water users'

organizations and action plans was elaborated. Preparatory work in the targeted region has also begun. During the reporting period, 15 Water Consumer Councils were formed, members of which are local farmers and representatives of local municipalities.

1.2.2 During the reporting period, the legal framework for the establishment of water users' organizations was prepared. The terms of the law were agreed with the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission. The bill was sent to various ministries to prepare the final version of the document. The final draft of the bill was sent to Parliament and ratified in December 2019. The law will come into force from January 2020.

1.2.3 Laptops and tablets were purchased within the project. Also, 310 GPA navigators were purchased and transferred to Amelioration

1.2.4 In 2020, is planned to provide an evaluation of the activities carried out in the project area. A job description and a research project were prepared for the activity.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

Detailed engineering of the internal networks of the irrigation system is in process. The final project will be presented at the end of the first quarter of 2020. The bill was prepared and ratified in December 2019. The law came into force in January 2020. The design of two reservoir dams for safety has been completed.

In 2019 the actual spending for this activity was ₾9,800,000.00 instead of estimated ₾7,571,811.47.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.12 Improvement of irrigation and drainage systems
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
Partner organization:	World Bank (WB)
Performance indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A detailed engineering project of internal networks of three irrigation systems will be completed. - Draft law on water user organizations will be prepared; - The design of two reservoir dams will be completed. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed engineering of the internal networks of the irrigation system is underway. The final project will be presented at the end of the first quarter of 2020; - The draft Law was prepared and ratified in December 2019. The law will come into force in January 2020; - The design of two reservoir dams for safety has been completed.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾9,800,000.00	Actual: ₾7,571,811.47

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.1.13:** Support for Georgian Tea Production

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: effective use of tea plantations existing in Georgia, support for the growth of production of local tea (including bio tea), thereby increasing its share in the local market and export potential, rehabilitation of private and state-owned tea plantations; employment of residents and improvement of their social-economic conditions; support for the creation of modern primary processing tea enterprises

Realized activities

In 2019 several regions (Imereti, Guria) were visited to observe rehabilitation works carried out within the framework of the program. Several videos about program participants, potential beneficiaries and program implementation were developed to further raise awareness of the program.

During the reporting period, the agricultural cooperatives involved in the program were provided, free of charge, with the equipment required for the primary processing of the tea.

Also, in 2019, several beneficiaries had to apply for construction permits for the primary tea processing plant and for the commissioning of plant buildings required to fulfill the obligations under the project. At this stage, all the beneficiaries, except for one, have timely submitted documentation confirming the realization of the respective obligation.

In 2019 this activity generated the following results:

- ✓ Number of beneficiaries involved in the program - 5;
- ✓ The total area of rehabilitated plantations - 59 hectares;
- ✓ The total budget of rehabilitation works for plantations - ₾156,966;
- ✓ The number of cooperatives that were given equipment for primary processing of tea – 8 cooperatives;
- ✓ Cost of equipment given to cooperatives – ₾314,080;
- ✓ Total co-funding for approved projects - ₾96,537.

The factors limiting the achievement of the target figures during the reporting period were the failure of the relevant collection of rehabilitation works and the delay in the registration of unregistered land (tea plantations). It is also worth noting that the approval and subsequent process of leasing state-owned tea plantations by the LEPL National Agency of State Property were delayed. However, through daily communication with beneficiaries, consulting and other assistance, performance indicator targets have been achieved.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 production equipment will be provided to 5 cooperatives, under the activity. Also, the rehabilitation of tea plantations will continue).

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾500,000.00 The actual spending was ₾471,046.00.

Objective 1.1 Economic recovery of farming, restructuring, and modernizations through the diversification and development of effective supply chains.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.1.13 Support to Georgian Tea Production
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 5 cooperatives will be equipped with production equipment	Realized: - In 2019, 8 cooperatives were equipped with production equipment.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾500,000.00	Actual: ₾471,046.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed

Objective 1.2. Diversification of the rural economy through strengthening the agricultural-related value chain and promoting various sustainable non-agricultural activities

1.1 In 2019 a single activity was carried out to achieve this objective – enterprise development. The activity was carried out by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL “Enterprise Georgia”.

The budget for the activity aimed at achieving Objective 1.2 was estimated at ₾4,000,000.00.

As a result of activities aimed at achieving the objective, in 2019:

⇒ 41 enterprises were supported by co-funding credit (out of which 7 were contracted in 2019)

The budget for activities aimed at achieving the objective 1.2 was estimated at ₾4,000,000.00. In 2019 the state spent ₾3,318,000.00 to achieve this objective.

- **Objective 1.2.1:** Entrepreneurship Development

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Enterprise Georgia

Aim of the activity: Develop entrepreneurship in Georgia, support enterprises, support start-ups and expansion or re-equipment of existing enterprises

Realized activities

During 2019 the Enterprise Georgia Agency concluded contracts with 76 companies to co-finance their loan and leasing interest payments. Contracts were concluded with 20 beneficiaries in the manufacturing industry and 56 beneficiaries in the tourism industry.

Within the framework of the technical support of the program "Enterprise Georgia", the Agency organized a qualification program for managers, which included a visit to Germany. Within the framework of the program, both pieces of training and individual meetings were held with representatives of companies operating in Germany. During the event, Georgian entrepreneurs had the opportunity to get familiarized with the working conditions of German private entrepreneurs and for future cooperation establish contacts with companies. Representatives of 19 companies participated in the training. Four meetings were held with representatives of different business sectors organized by "Enterprise Georgia". Within the framework of the event, a meeting was held between "Le Roche" executive Director Karlo Dies De La Lastra and beneficiaries of the state program "Host in Georgia".

Besides, a workshop was held with beneficiaries involved in the construction sector, discussing problems in the business sector and state regulations in this area.

GIZ organized a workshop with the business sector, where entrepreneurs were informed about the projects implemented within the framework of the Agency and GIZ cooperation.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to support 10 startups and/or expansion of existing enterprises. During the reporting period, 41 enterprises were supported. (Contract was signed with 7 enterprises)

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾4,000,000.00. The actual spending was ₾3,318,000.00.

Objective 1.2 Diversification of the rural economy through strengthening the agricultural-related value chain and promoting various sustainable non-agricultural activities.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.2.1 Enterprise development
Responsible Agency	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Enterprise Georgia
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019-2020 about 10 regional start-ups and/or expanding enterprises will be supported by co-financing loans and leasing interest payments of beneficiary companies through the Access to Finance Component of the Enterprise Georgia State Program.	Realized: - In 2019 41 regional start-ups and/or expanding enterprises were supported by co-financing loans and leasing interest payments of beneficiary companies through the Access to Finance Component of the Enterprise Georgia State Program.
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾4,000,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾3,318,000.00</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed		
	Rating	X					
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed	
	Status		X				

Objective 1.3. The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity

1.3 In 2019 5 activities were carried out to achieve this objective, including tourism development, development, and support of tourism, supporting culture in the regions, protection of cultural heritage and advancement of the museum system. All activities were carried out by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports.

The budget for activities aimed at achieving the objective 1.3 was estimated at ₾8,301,000.00.

As a result of activities aimed at achieving this objective, in 2019:

- ⇒ 96 hotels were supported with leasing interest co-finance program in the tourism industry (Contract was signed with 15 hotels)
- ⇒ Additionally, 4 new tourism products and infrastructural projects were created
- ⇒ 600 tourism sector representatives are retrained
- ⇒ 35 cultural and educational projects were carried out in regions
- ⇒ 40 regional cultural heritage monuments were rehabilitated
- ⇒ 10 regional LEPLs subordinated to the Ministry (museums, historic house museums), also museum-natural reserves were financed.

The budget for activities aimed at achieving the objective 1.3 was estimated at ₾8,301,000. In 2019 the state spent ₾24,076,803 to achieve this objective.

- **Activity 1.3.1:** Tourism Development

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Enterprise Georgia

Aim of the activity: develop a tourism business in the regions, create new jobs, attract more visitors and support regional economic development

Realized activities

In 2019, 96 hotels were supported, from which contract was signed with 15 hotels. Target indicators

are exceeded. During the reporting period, a contract was signed for 56 new and/or existing hotel expansion projects. Also, in 2019 an international brand agreement was signed with Hotel Development LLC, which will open a new hotel in Borjomi under the brand name Best Western.

In 2019, increasing public awareness programs, increasing the number of foreign visitors, increasing interest and activity by entrepreneurs have led to an excess of target indicators, especially in the hotel industry.

In terms of challenges, despite the improvement of the entrepreneurial environment, SMEs still face difficulties in development and growth, as evidenced by their current share in the country's economy.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to support expanding of 15 start-up hotels and/or existing hotels. During the reporting period agreement signed with 56 start-up hotels and/or existing hotels regarding expanding support.

The budget for the 2018 activities was estimated at ₾2,000,000.00. The actual spending was ₾6,275,000.00.

Objective 1.3 The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.3.1 Tourism development
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Enterprise Georgia
Performance indicators	
Planned: - In 2019-2020 within the framework of the Hotel Industry Component of the Enterprise Georgia Program 15 start-up hotels and/or expanding hotels will be supported annually.	Realized: - In 2019 within the framework of the Hotel Industry Component of the Enterprise Georgia leasing interest co-finance Program 96 hotels were supported.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾2,000,000.00	Actual: ₾6,275,000.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.3.2:** Tourism development and support

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Georgian National Tourism Administration

Aim of the activity: tourism development and support

Realized activities

Ozurgeti and Martvili municipalities have installed 7 informational double-sided constructions. Marking of 3 individual and 1 network paths in Pankisi Gorge. In Gori, 4 new informational double-sided construction and 8 banners were installed. An infrastructure project for the Wine Road was implemented, which included the installation of labels for new facilities.

In 2019, 11 pieces of training of different topics were implemented within the framework of the Rural Development Program 600 participants were trained.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 this activity aimed to develop 3 new tourism products, to implement 2 new infrastructural projects, and to retrain 600 individuals. During the reporting period 4 new tourism products were created, 4 infrastructural projects were carried out. 600 individuals were trained.

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾700,000.00. The actual spending was ₾765,000.00.

Objective 1.3 The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.3.2 Tourism development and support
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Georgian National Tourism Administration
Performance indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2018-2020 3 new tourism products will be developed (annually), 2 new infrastructural projects will be implemented (annually); - In 2018-2020 600 representatives of the tourism sector will be retrained annually. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 4 new tourism products were developed, 4 new infrastructural projects were implemented, - In 2019 600 representatives of the tourism sector were retrained.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾700,000.00	Actual: ₾765,000.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.3.3:** Supporting culture in the regions

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia

Aim of the activity: revitalize cultural life in the regions of Georgia, carry out competitions, exhibitions, festivals, and other cultural activities; protect and preserve ethnic minorities' identities, cultural diversity, social value systems in the regions; support the realization of the regional residents' intellectual potential and increase their motivation.

Realized activities

During the reporting period, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia conducted 15 cultural projects/events in 30 municipalities of Georgia.

In 2019, within the scope of the activity, about 30 projects were implemented and funded by the Ministry, covering 60 municipalities of all regions of Georgia.

Various cultural projects have been implemented in the regions with the support of the Ministry, some of which have been funded by Check-In Georgia and some by the Cultural Assistance Program. Following projects:

- Festival 4GB, in Saguramo, implemented by Enso Plus LLC;
- Jazz and Wine Fest, Tsinandali, implemented by Eastern Promotions LLC;
- Bakhmaro SunSet Fest, implemented by Post Alioni LLC;
- Comedy Festival in Gori, implemented by LEPL Georgian Regional Art Development Center;
- Blues Festival in Lagodekhi, implemented by Blues Village Ltd.
- Chacha Festival in Telavi implemented by LEPL Tourism Development Association.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 15 cultural and education projects were planned in 30 municipalities as a part of this activity. During the reporting period, 35 projects were implemented in 60 municipalities.

The 2019 budget for this activity was estimated at ₾1,517,000. The actual spending was ₾1,679,036.

Objective 1.3 The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.3.3 Supporting culture in the regions
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia
Performance indicators	
Planned - In 2019 15 cultural projects will be carried out in regions.	Realized: - In 2019 35 cultural and educational projects were carried out in regions.
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾1,517,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾1,679,036.18</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.3.4:** Cultural Heritage Protection

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia/ National Agency for Cultural Heritage Protection

Aim of the activity: maintain-preserve cultural heritage monuments

Realized activities

During the reporting period, activities were planned according to the plan of restoration-rehabilitation of Georgian cultural heritage sites, archaeological study-conservation of objects and conservation of cultural heritage sites.

During the reporting period, up to 40 cultural heritage sites have been rehabilitated (including Samtskhe-Javakheti region: Akhaltsikhe municipality, S. Tiseli Shida Kartli region: Gori, Gori municipality, S. Kvakhvrelis Khashuri municipality, S. Nabakhtevi, Kaspi municipality, Grakliani Kakheti region, Kvareli municipality, Dedoplistskaro municipality, Didnauri Sagarejo Municipality, S. Ujarma S. Udabno Kvemo Kartli Region: Tetrtskaro Municipality, Samshvilde Racha-Lechkhumi-Kvemo-Svaneti Region: Lentekhi Municipality, S. Buleshii Tsageri Municipality Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Region: Tsalenjikha Municipality, Senaki Municipality, S.Nokalakevi Martvili Municipality, S.Khuntsi Zugdidis Municipality, S.Tsvane, Imereti Region: Chiatura Municipality, S. Itkhvisi Mtskheta-Mtianeti Region: Mtskheta Municipality, S. Dzalisa). Also, the following activities were implemented as part of the activity:

- Vardzia Infrastructure arrangement works;
- Works to replace the 3 doors of the priesthood the Kvauti Archana Church, In Senaki Municipality;
- Conservation of Ateni Sioni stonework;
- Conservation of Ateni Sioni stonework in Gori Municipality (conservation of the northern apse interior stonework);
- Services provided by the sculptor to repair inscriptions and dates, of the ancestral on tombs of Zurab Chavchavadze and his ancestors (st. John the Baptist Church), Kvareli municipality;
- Multidisciplinary Complex Studies and Related Works of Vardzia historical-architectural complex survival plan, Aspindza Municipality;
- Conducting activities to detect technological processing of metallurgical huts, megalithic cultural sites, metals in the region of Murguli;
- Development of hydro models of waters around the Ateni Sioni;
- Construction of new infrastructure and rehabilitation of the old one of a historical-architectural complexes of Vardzia, Aspindza municipality;
- Preventive-temporary fixing and reinforcement of the church of the Virgin Mary, of Rkoni complex, Aspindza Municipality;
- Preventive-temporary fixing and reinforcement of fragments of the northern arch, horizontal cornices, damaged and partially collapsed stone fragments in Ikalto Monastery, Telavi, Municipality;
- Reinforcement of the foundations of the church as a result of the breakdown of the complex of the Khevi Sioni Church, Stepantsminda Municipality;

- Rehabilitation of the administrative building on the territory of Vardzia Museum-Reserve;
- Emergency Rehabilitation (Phase II) Works of Sioni Church, Kazbegi municipality;
- West Gate stone conservation and rehabilitation work, etc. of Svetitskhoveli monastery Complex.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to rehabilitate 40 cultural heritage monuments as a part of this activity. During the reporting period, 40 cultural heritage monuments were rehabilitated.

The 2019 budget for the activity was estimated at ₾3,101,000.00. The actual spending was ₾14,198,767.00.

Objective 1.3 The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.3.4 Cultural heritage protection
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia/National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation
Performance indicators	
Planned	Realized:
- Over 40 cultural heritage monuments rehabilitated or in the process of rehabilitation annually	- In 2019 40 cultural heritage monuments were rehabilitated in the regions
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾3,101,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾14,198,767.00</u>

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 1.3.5:** Cultural Heritage Protection and Streamlining of the museum system

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Cultural heritage protection and advancement of the museum system

Realized activities

In 2019 the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia continued to finance 10 LEPLs (Museums and House Museums) in the regions:

- LEPL Ivane Machabeli Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾45,000);
- LEPL Ilia Chavchavadze State Museum in Kvareli (Funds received from the state budget - ₾95,000);
- LEPL Akaki Tsereteli State Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾80,000);

- LEPL Galaktion and Titsian Tabidze Historic House Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾50,000);
- LEPL Dadiani Chateau Historical-Architectural Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾180,000);
- LEPL Ilia Chavchavadze State Museum in Saguramo (Funds received from the state budget - ₾95,000);
- LEPL I.B. Stalin State Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾65,000);
- LEPL Vazha-Pshavela Historic House Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾40,000);
- LEPL- Iakob Gogebashvili Historic House Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾40,000);
- LEPL- Telavi Historical Museum (Funds received from the state budget - ₾469,000).

Within the framework of the above-mentioned funding, the museums carry out museum activities, providing administrative, utility costs and remuneration of the organization. With the 2019 budgetary allocations 100 activities of different types - exhibitions, conferences, educational programs, etc. - were carried out at 10 LEPL museums.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019 it was planned to provide funding for 13 LEPLs (museums and historic house museums) subordinated to the Ministry. During the reporting period 10 LEPLs (museums, historic house-museums), also museums – natural reserves were funded. In 2019 the Niko Nikoladze House Museum and the David and Giorgi Eristavi House Museum were merged into the structure of LEPL National Agency for Cultural Heritage Protection of Georgia. Consequently, the number of LEPLs indicated in the target indicator decreased.

The 2019 budget for the activity was estimated at ₾983,000. The actual spending was ₾1,159,000.

Objective 1.3 The development of tourism in rural areas, based on rural specificity and unique cultural identity.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 1.3.5 Cultural Heritage Protection and Streamlining of the museum system
Responsible agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of Georgia
Performance indicators	
Planned - 13 LEPLs (museums, museums – natural reserves, historic house museums) subordinated to the Ministry will be funded annually	Realized: - In 2019 10 LEPLs (museums, historic house-museums), also museums – natural reserves were funded.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾983,000.00	Actual: ₾1,159,000.00

Progress evaluation		Fully completed	Mostly completed	Partially completed	Not completed	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not initiated	Implementation process ongoing	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

Priority Area 2: Social Conditions and Living Standards

Priority Area “Social Conditions and Living Standards” encompasses 3 Objectives and 37 Activities in total. The Goals mostly cover activities conducted by the state for empowering rural population, boosting vocational education, development of innovations, as well as basic infrastructure and services.

The total estimated budget for the Priority Area 2 is €420,008,300, while in 2019 actual implementation cost was €538,490,142.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women)

To realize objective 2.1, 9 activities were conducted in 2019, including formation and development of national innovations ecosystem, professional development of vocational education teachers, support to the development of vocational education, professional training of national minorities, development of youth policy, Anaklia Future Camp and Shaori Camp, professional retraining of job-seekers and raising their qualifications, and promoting arts education. All the activities were conducted by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

The budget for the planned activities under objective 2.1 was estimated at €20,792,000.

As a result of activities conducted towards the realization of the Objective, in 2019:

- ⇒ €150 internet voucher for 907 individuals was issued
- ⇒ 992 beneficiaries were trained in information technology
- ⇒ 50 teachers and 12 directors completed “Entrepreneurial Skill development” training
- ⇒ 3,296 national minority representatives participated in the state language teaching program
- ⇒ 13,903 young people used self-help online service for career planning
- ⇒ 3,736 beneficiaries from the regions of Georgia participated in recreational camps
- ⇒ Funding was provided to 12 regional theater

The projected budget for the planned activities under Objective 2.1 was estimated at €20,792,000. In 2019, the state expenditure for the accomplishment of the Objective was €17,399,146.

- **Activity 2.1.1:** The Formation and Development of National Innovations Ecosystem (IBRD)

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency

Aim of the activity: Bolster innovative work of companies and individuals and ensure their participation in e-economy

Realized Activities

In 2019 LEPL Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency, as a part of the GENIE project, conducted awareness-raising training on digital literacy for 992 minor and medium Entrepreneurs. 30 entrepreneurs were able to sell their products through various e-commerce platforms. In 2020, it is planned to survey trained entrepreneurs to evaluate the effectiveness of the project. Besides, short videos were recorded for each training module (digital literacy, digital marketing, e-commerce, e-governance) for their future popularization and given attracting new beneficiaries. The program was covered by both televised and online media, which ensured an increased interest of citizens and there engaged in awareness-raising training. Besides, 907 households from high mountainous villages received vouchers, each equal to ₾150, in 2019. 2 trainings were conducted based on the most prioritized and in-demand research courses - Graphic Design and Interface Design in 10 regions of Georgia with the participation of approximately 350 beneficiaries. Participants received certificates, and most importantly, some (up to 30) were able to become freelancers in local companies or have completed internships in IT companies.

In 2019, a tender has been announced and the winning bidder has been identified, accordingly, technical details are negotiated with the international accelerator, which will ensure implementation of the accelerator program. After the World Bank restructured loans, the equipping of two innovation centers is planned in 2020 (Kaspi and Gurjaani).

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019: a) 907 internet connection vouchers (₾150) were issued for households; b) No internet connection vouchers were issued for entrepreneurs. In 2019: a) 922 beneficiaries were trained in Information Technology; b) Beneficiaries were not retrained under the Innovation Accelerator Program. In 2019: No innovation centers and no innovation hubs were established and equipped. 2 innovation centers will be equipped in 2020 (Kaspi and Gurjaani) and the renovation of 1 innovation regional hub will be completed in April 2020.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾4,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾983,983.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness of innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women)	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.1. The Formation and Development of National Innovations Ecosystem (IBRD)
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia/LEPL Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency

Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 will be issued: a) 150 ₾ internet connection vouchers for 4500 households (150) b) 200 ₾ internet connection vouchers for 1350 entrepreneurs - In 2019 will be trained: a) 900 beneficiaries in digital literacy and programming languages b) 1800 entrepreneurs in Innovation Accelerator Program - In 2019, 2 innovation centers and 1 innovation hub will be established and equipped 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019 were issued: a) 150 ₾ internet connection vouchers for 907 households b) no 200 ₾ internet connection vouchers for entrepreneurs - In 2019 were trained: a) 992 beneficiaries in digital literacy and programming languages b) no entrepreneurs in Innovation Accelerator Program - In 2019 no innovation centers and no innovation hub were established and equipped
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾4,000,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾983,983.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating			X		
	Status	Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed

- **Activity 2.1.2:** Professional Development of Vocational Education Teachers

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: support enhancement of public vocational institution teachers' competence, namely aimed at improvement of their entrepreneurial skills. Additionally, support the development of entrepreneurial vision and skills of teachers and directors of public vocational institutions necessary for entrepreneurship; personal empowerment to start a new business; formation of a sense of self-effectiveness in terms of entrepreneurship; support teachers and directors in nurturing entrepreneurial vision in their students.

Realized Activities

Vocational Education of Teacher Professional Development - includes training organized by the LEPL National Center for Teacher Professional Development in the field of Entrepreneurship Skills for teachers and administrators of public vocational schools.

During the reporting period, the Center for Teacher Professional Development Center of professional education of teachers and principals Development Program, the European Training Foundation (ETF) in cooperation with experts and consultants working for the trainer-group participation, developed a training module called "Developing Entrepreneurial Competencies for Professional Teachers" (duration of training - 24 hours), which was approved by Center Decree No. 146 5.07.2019.

The purpose of the training was to develop the competencies necessary for entrepreneurship, to promote entrepreneurial vision, personal empowerment to start an entrepreneurial business, and to

develop a sense of self-efficacy in entrepreneurial activity. The training is focused both directly on the target group with which the trainers will strive to achieve the above objective and indirectly on the students of vocational colleges, who should assist the training teachers in developing an entrepreneurial vision.

Training topics/plan included: Collaboration and Challenges; Participants' self-esteem; Master class on key competencies; Competency-based learning; A master class on value-based pedagogy; Non-profit entrepreneurs and more

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

At least 10% of public vocational education teachers and 30% of directors will be trained in "Entrepreneurial Skills Development" in 2019. Within the reporting year, 50 teachers (15%) and 12 Directors (30%) received training in Entrepreneurship Skills Development.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾9,000.00, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾25,000.00.

Objective 1.2 Diversification of the rural economy through strengthening the agricultural-related value chain and promoting various sustainable non-agricultural activities.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.1.2 Professional development of vocational education teachers
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- In 2019, "Entrepreneurial Skills Development" training will be held for a minimum of 10% of teachers and 30% of directors of public vocational institutions.	- In 2019, 50 teachers (15%) and 12 directors (30%) of public vocational institutions participated in "Entrepreneurial Skills Development" training.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾9,000.00	Actual: ₾25,000.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed		
	Rating	X					
		Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed	
	Status		X				

- **Activity 2.1.3:** Support for the Development of Vocational Education

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Meet the requirements of the rapidly ever-changing employment market

Realized Activities

During the reporting period, spring and fall admissions were carried out in state vocational education institutions, 3,253 individuals enrolled in vocational education institutions in rural areas. However, the number has not increased compared to 2018.

As part of the activity, financial aid in form of vouchers has been allocated to students enrolled in spring and fall 2019, as well as students enrolled in previous admissions who have not yet completed the program due to the duration of the program and have student status.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

The number of students enrolled in state educational institutions (rural) implementing vocational programs in 2019 will increase by at least 2% compared to 2018. In 2019, the total number of students enrolled in rural areas was 3,253. In 2019, the number of students enrolled in state vocational education institutions (Rural) has not increased compared to 2018.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾5,800,000.00, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾8,088,426.00.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.3 Support to the Development of Vocational Education
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- In 2019, the number of the students (living in the village) enrolled in state educational institutions carrying out vocational programs will increase by a minimum of 2% compared to 2018 data	- In 2019, the number of the students (living in the village) enrolled in state educational institutions carrying out vocational programs did not increase compared to 2018 data
Budget	
Estimated: ₾5,800,000.00	Actual: ₾8,088,426.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating				X	
	Status	Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed
			X			

- **Activity 2.1.4 Professional Training of National Minorities**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Professional development and employment assistance of national minorities

Realized Activities

The activity includes teaching the state language to national minorities, retrain them within the framework of the Public Governance and Administration Program. Program and is implemented by the Zurab Zhvania School of Public Administration at the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport.

In 2019, 3,545 national minority representatives, including 3,296 in the target regions, enrolled in the state language teaching program; 366 representatives enrolled in public administration and administration program.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, 3,300 national minority representatives were projected to participate in the state language teaching program; as part of the Public Governance and Administration Program, 300 potential students were to be trained. Within the reporting period, 3,296 national minority representatives participated in the state language teaching program and 366 individuals were trained as a part of the Public Governance and Administration Program.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾ 2,205,000 while the actual budget expenditure was ₾2,320,830.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.4 Professional Training of National Minorities
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, 3,300 national minority representatives will participate in the state language teaching program; - as part of the Public Governance and Administration Program, 300 potential students will be trained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, 3,296 national minority representatives participated in the state language teaching program; - 366 individuals were trained as a part of the Public Governance and Administration Program
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾2,205,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾2,320,830.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed

- **Activity 2.1.5:** Professional Retraining and Raising Qualifications of Jobseekers

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia / LELP Social Service Agency

Aim of the activity: Training/retraining and/or on-job internship of jobseekers in professions that are in high demand on the job market and assisting their employment by increasing their competitiveness.

Realized Activities

In 2019, the state program of professional retraining and raising qualifications of job seekers was implemented in 11 municipal units. In total, 2,457 job seekers signed up for the program. In regions/municipal units 1,255 job seekers participated in the program. 2,101 job seekers completed the educational course, including 1,073 participants in regions.

In 2019, 20 employers and 79 interns engaged through the internship component of the program in regions.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

As part of 2019 planned activities, it was projected to train a minimum of 200-350 beneficiaries in the regions. Within the reporting period, 1,073 jobseekers were trained.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾300,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾814,934.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.5 Professional Retraining and Raising Qualifications of Jobseekers
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia / LELP Social Service Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 minimum 200-350 beneficiaries will be trained in the regions	Realized: - In 2019, 1,073 beneficiaries were trained in the regions
Budget	
Estimated: ₾300,000.00	Actual: ₾814,934.30

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed

- **Activity 2.1.6:** Development of youth policy

Responsible Agency: LEPL Youth Agency

Aim of the activity: Support the increase of youth civic participation

Realized Activities

In 2019, the Future Camps program was implemented, using informal education methodology, to identify, shape and develop the intellectual, personal, professional and physical potential of young people.

Young people were able to use qualified, accessible career-planning self-assistance internet service; with the help of online psychological evaluation tools, different useful information and advisory materials they were able to receive information regarding their skills, abilities, major personality traits, as well as information on psychological types best corresponding to specific professions, on professions that may be interesting for them and tools for decision making in terms of their future profession. Awareness-raising among youth regarding the importance of professional orientation and career planning was supported.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

Under the activities planned for 2019 activities, 12 000 young people were projected to be involved in various youth activities. Within the reporting period, 13,903 young people were involved in various youth activities.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₺2,550,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₺66,636.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.6: Development of youth policy
Responsible Agency:	LEPL Youth Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- In 2019 12,000 young people will be involved online self-career planning services	- In 2019 13,903 young people were involved in online self-career planning services
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₺2,550,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₺66,636.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.1.7:** Anaklia Future Camp and Shaori Camp

Responsible Agency: LEPL Youth Agency

Aim of the activity: create suitable conditions using the non-formal education methodology, to discover, shape and develop the intellectual, personal, professional and physical potential of young people.

Realized Activities

In 2019, as a part of Future Camp program, the following activities were realized:

- “Future Camp” in Anaklia – 2,814 beneficiaries participated;
- “Future Camp” in Shaori – hosted 922 participants age 18-25. Projected indicators were met;

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, 3,000 beneficiaries from the regions of Georgia were projected to participate in educational and recreational camps. Within the reporting period, 3,376 beneficiaries from the regions of Georgia participated in the educational and recreational camps.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾1,200,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾1,578,913.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.7: Anaklia Future Camp and Shaori Camp
Responsible Agency:	LEPL Youth Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, 3,000 beneficiaries from the regions of Georgia will participate in educational and recreational camps	Realized: - In 2019, 3,376 beneficiaries from the regions of Georgia participated in educational and recreational camps
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾1,200,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾1,578,913.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.1.8: Art development activities**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Protection, development, and popularization of Georgian theatrical tradition in regions. Implementation of state policy in the theatrical art field.

Realized Activities

In 2019, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia supported regional LEPL theaters with deductions/excursions. Specifically, within the framework of the “Culture Promotion Program” (code 32 10 02), in total ₾ 259,336, the following events were financed through a competition or exclusively for the support of culture in the regions:

N	Event	Implemented by	Competition	Place (Region, Municipality, Village)	Actual budget
1	Akhaltsikhe Festival of Georgian Dramaturgy	LEPL Meskheti (Akhaltsikhe) State Professional Drama Theatre	Exclusively	Akhaltsikhe	20000
2	Play „Les Misérables“	LEPL Chiatura Theatre	Competition	Chiatura Municipality	23175
3	Play „The bomb“	LEPL Chiatura Theatre	exclusively	Chiatura Municipality	9993
4	Play „Nine lockers “	LEPL Telavi Theatre	exclusively	Telavi Municipality	10000
5	Play „When my Spirit was Leaving“	LEPL Telavi Theatre	exclusively	Zestaponi Municipality	10000
6	Play „Kiss“	LEPL Ozurgeti Theatre	exclusively	Ozurgeti Municipality	10000
7	Play „Enemy of Population“	LEPL Dmanisi Theatre	exclusively	Dmanisi Municipality	10000
8	Play “Stepmother of Samanishvili”	LEPL Gori Theatre	exclusively	Gori Municipality	10000
9	Play „Forced to be a Doctor“	LEPL Senaki Theatre	exclusively	Senaki Municipality	10000
10	Play “Knights of Sawdust”	LEPL Borjomi Theatre	exclusively	Senaki Municipality	7500
11	Play „At the Edge“	LEPL Zugdidi Theatre	exclusively	Zugdidi Municipality	7848
12	Play “The Yearling”	LEPL Gurjaani Theatre	exclusively	Gurjaani Municipality	7500
13	Tours in Georgia of LEPL Al. Griboedov Drama Theatre	LEPL Al. Griboedov Drama Theatre	Competition	Akhaltsikhe, Tkibuli, Chiatura	7330
14	Tours in Georgia of LEPL Shota Rustaveli Drama Theatre	LEPL Shota Rustaveli Drama Theatre	Competition	Oni, Ambrolauri, Tsageri, Lentekhi, Akhaltsikhe	17350
15	Play "Bakula pigs" tours in the regions	LEPL Kote Marjanishvili State Professional Theatre	Competition	Akhaltsikhe, Telavi	19460
16	Tours in Zemo and Kvemo Racha of Theatre of Shadows	LEPL State Theatre of Shadows “Abkhazia”	Competition	Oni, Amrolauri, Gebi	15000
17	Tours in Racha-Lechkumi and Svaneti of Youth Theatre	LEPL Nodar Dumbadze Professional State Youth Theatre	Competition	Tkibuli, Ambrolauri, Oni, Tsageri, Shovi, Utsera, Lentekhi, Terjola	15850
18	Tours in regions of LEPL Tbilisi Giorgi Mikeladze State Professional Puppet Theatre	LEPL Tbilisi Giorgi Mikeladze State Professional Puppet Theatre	Competition	Marneuli, Dmanisi, Ozurgeti, Samtredia, Khulo	14330
19	LEPL Mikheil Tumanishvili Theatre Tours in 3 regions of Georgian	LEPL Mikheil Tumanishvili Theatre	Competition	Abasha	10000
20	Play „Blown up“	LEPL Zestaponi Theatre	exclusively	Zestaponi	10000

21	Play "Colony"	LEPL Gori Theatre	exclusively	Gori	10000
22	Tours in Georgian cities of LEPL Tskhinvali Iv. Machabeli Theatre	LEPL Tskhinvali Iv. Machabeli Theatre	exclusively	Telavi, Vani	4000

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

Under the activities planned in 2019, it was envisaged to provide funding for 11 arts LEPLs in the regions of Georgia and for organizing 11 different events. Also, to provide funding for the functioning of 11 arts LELPs in the regions. Within the reporting period, 13 arts LELPs received funding to implement 15 projects. Additionally, 12 regional theatres under the Ministry received full funding required for functioning.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾4,248,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾3,040,716.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.8: Art development activities
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually, 11 regional arts LEPLs under the Ministry of Culture and Sport will be financed with the amount required for organizing 11 different events. 11 regional arts LEPLs under the Ministry of Culture will receive annual funding required for functioning. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019, 13 regional arts LEPLs under the Ministry of Culture and Sport received funding with the amount required for organizing 15 different events. 12 regional theater under the Ministry of Culture received funding required for functioning.
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾4,248,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾3,040,716.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.1.9:** Promoting arts education

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Assisting the development of various fields of arts in the regions, availability of arts education and boosting local artistic potential; annual funding of operation of two LELPs, under Ministry's control.

Realized Activities

In 2019, 2 arts under the Ministry LELPs (LEPL Extracurricular Art Educational Institution – Telavi Niko Sulkhaniashvili Music School and LEPL Gori Sulkhaniashvili State Music Public College) received funding required for functioning. Particularly, the 2019 budget of the Gori Sulkhaniashvili State Music Public College - Actual Expense (Program Codes 32 03 01 30 and 32 09 11) - ₾234,708. As for Niko Sulkhaniashvili Music School in Telavi, the annual funding of the school - actual expense (program code 32 09 07) - ₾245,000.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the framework of the activity was planned to finance the functioning of two LELPs under the Ministry. During the reporting period, 2 LELPs under the Ministry of Vocational Education were funded during the year.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾480,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾479,708.

Objective 2.1. Raising awareness in innovation and entrepreneurship. Also, the promotion of cooperation through contributing to the skills development and employment issues (especially for young people and women).	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.1.9: Promoting arts education
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science Culture and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, providing at least 2 vocational education institutions with the necessary expenses	Realized: - In 2019, providing 2 vocational education institutions were provided with the necessary expenses
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾480,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾479,708.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Completed	Mostly Completed	Partially Completed	Not Completed	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation Process Not Yet Started	Implementation Process Ongoing	Implementation Process Suspended	Implementation Process Terminated	Implementation Process Completed
	Status		X			

Objective 2.2. Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.

In 2019, 27 activities were carried out in total, given accomplishing the objective 2.2. These included development of the infrastructure of secondary educational institutions, development the infrastructure of vocational educational institutions, provision of psycho-social services to students, improvement of electricity and natural gas supply to the population, increase of access to natural gas consumption for residents of the high mountainous villages, development of sports infrastructure, improvement of road infrastructure in rural areas, assistance to pre-school education in rural areas, rehabilitation of water supply system in rural areas, installation of outdoor lighting in rural areas, management of eco-migrants' migration, construction, and equipment of public service halls in various municipalities of the country and assistance to improvement of the demographic situation. All activities under the objective were carried out by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia.

The estimated budget for the execution of the activities planned under objective 2.2 was €399,216,300.

In 2019, as a result of the activities conducted for the realization of the Objective:

- ⇒ 299 public schools received different types of school equipment
- ⇒ Wireless internet was installed in 120 schools
- ⇒ 1,250 students from rural areas participated in summer schools
- ⇒ 10,199 subscribers could join the natural gas grid
- ⇒ 6,000 subscribers residing permanently in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and the Dusheti municipalities have reimbursed the costs of supplied natural gas
- ⇒ 705 road sections of local significance were paved or rehabilitated
- ⇒ 44 Kindergartens were constructed/rehabilitated
- ⇒ 36 sports and cultural facilities were constructed/rehabilitated
- ⇒ External lighting was installed on 40.6 km roads
- ⇒ Residential homes were provided under ownership to 567 IDP families
- ⇒ 2 public service halls were constructed and equipped (Khoni and Bolnisi)

The estimated budget for the execution of the activities planned under objective 2.2 was €399,216,300. In 2019, the state expenditure for the accomplishment of the Objective was €521,090,996.

- **Activity 2.2.1: Developing the Infrastructure of Secondary Educational Institutions**

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Improvement of the educational environment for students residing in rural areas

Realized Activities

To improve the learning environment of students from rural areas, rehabilitation and construction of public schools, drinking water supply, and other activities were continued during the reporting period.

In 2019, 3 public schools were built in Martvili, Khashuri, and Lanchkhuti Municipalities; Rehabilitation of 24 public schools of Municipality of Baghdati, Zestafoni, Chiatura, Khoni, Vani, Zugdidi, Terjola, Lanchkhuti, Martvili, Ozurgeti, Kobuleti, Sighnaghi and Chkhorotskhu have been completed with the participation of the Agency, under the framework of the American Program – MCC; At the same time, rehabilitation of 2 state schools in Zestaphoni and Ozurgeti have been fully completed; Design of wells, supply reservoirs, and water supply network for 8 schools in Gurjaani, Dedoplistskaro, Zestaponi, Lanchkhuti, Sachkhere, Kareli, Chokhatauri and Khashuri municipalities has been completed; 258 public schools received funding for rehabilitation. 4 public schools are under construction in Dedoplistskaro, Zestaponi, Terjola, and Kaspi Municipalities. 2 schools and 1 Innovation Center are under construction in Ozurgeti and Zestaponi. Design of wells, supply reservoirs and water supply network for 4 schools in Akhmeta, Kvareli, Lanchkhuti and Martvili Municipalities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the activity, it was planned to provide equipment to and carry out various types of rehabilitation works at up to 350 public schools. During the reporting time, 299 public schools were equipped and rehabilitated. Construction of 3 public schools was completed, 26 public schools were rehabilitated, Design of wells, supply reservoirs and water supply network for 8. Also, 258 Public schools received funding for rehabilitation works. 4 public schools are under construction in Dedoplistskaro. Also, 2 public schools and 1 Innovation Centre are under construction; Designing of wells, supply reservoirs and water supply network for 4 schools;

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾40,761,000 while the actual budget expenditure was 21,061,597.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.1 Developing the Infrastructure of Secondary Educational Institutions
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Performance Indicator	
Planned: - At least 350 public schools will be equipped, and various types of rehabilitation works will be conducted annually.	Realized: - In 2019, 299 public schools were equipped and rehabilitated.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾40,761,000.00	Actual: ₾21,061,597.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status			X		

- **Activity 2.2.2:** Developing the Infrastructure of Vocational Educational Institutions

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Improvement of the educational environment at the vocational educational institutions

Realized Activities

During the reporting period, preparational works have been completed for developing the infrastructure of vocational educational institutions. The following locations have been identifying and started preparatory works for their infrastructural development: Borjomi, Akhalkalaki, Marneuli, Khashuri. Funding provided for constructing a new college in Zugdidi municipality, for development of the documentation for construction work in Borjomi and Akhalkalaki. Additional funding provided for construction of a college in Kaspi; Rehabilitation and equipment of Khulo municipality were realized. Moreover, the construction of a new branch will be completed soon in Shuakhevi Municipality.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to initiate construction works in at least one municipality given establishing a new vocational educational institution. Constructing one vocational educational institution has been realized. Also, construction works have started in 8 municipalities.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾2,090,000 while the actual budget expenditure was ₾4,258,355.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.2 Developing the Infrastructure of Vocational Educational Institutions

Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - Working process for the establishment of a new vocational educational institution initiated in at least one municipality, in 2019	Realized : - In 2019, the construction of one vocational educational institution has been realized.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾2,090,000.00	Actual: ₾4,258,355.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.3** Providing transportation to public school students

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the Activity: Increased access to general education institutions; reduce tardiness and absence of students at the lessons; safe transportation of students from home to school.

Realized Activities:

In 2019, about 12,079 beneficiaries (176 schools) were provided transportation in Ajara Region by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia. Also, Ministry provided transportation system for Adigeni, Aspindza, Akhaltsikhe, Akhmeta, Bolnisi, Borjomi, Gardabani, Zestaponi, Zugdidi, Tetrtskharo, Telavi, Terjola, Tianeti, Lanchkhuti, Marneuli, Martvili, Mtskheta, Ninotsminda, Ozurgeti, Oni, Samtredia, Tkibuli, Kareli, Chokhatauri, Chkhorotsku, Tsageri, Tsalenjikha, Tsalka, Tskaltubo, Chiatura, Khashuri, Khobi, Senaki, Kvareli, Kharagauli, Sachkhere, Dmanisi, Akhalkalaki, Gurjaani, Dedoplistskaro, Kaspi, Lagodekhi, Mestia, Sighnaghi, Khoni, Ambrolauri, Abasha, Dusheti, Lentekhi, Sagarejo, Chkhorotsku, etc.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, under the activity, it was planned to provide transportation to 100% of program beneficiaries. Within the reporting period, transportation was provided to 100% of program beneficiaries.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾20,100,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾24,664,509.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.

Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.3: Providing transportation to public school students
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Annually transportation to be provided to 100% of the program beneficiaries	Realized: - In 2019, transportation was provided to 100% of program beneficiaries
Budget	
Estimated: ₾20,100,000	Actual: ₾24,664,509.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.4** Providing Information and Communication Technologies to Educational Institutions

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Improvement of the information and communication infrastructure in the education system

Realized Activities :

In 2019, wireless network was set up in 120 schools in regions, specifically in Zugdidi, Kareli, Marneuli, Bolnisi, Gardabani, Akhaltsikhe, Kaspi, Gori, Senaki, Khashuri, Sachkhere, Lagodekhi, Gurjaani, Sighnaghi, Dedoplistskaro, Sagarejo, Khoni, Telavi, Zestaponi, Vani, Kazbegi, Chiatara, Terjola, Adigeni, Borjomi, Oni, Chokhatauri, Kobuleti, Martvili, Tetrtskaro, Lanchkhuti, Kvareli, Baghdati, Dusheti, and Khelvachauri.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

Under the activity, it was planned to install wireless (Wi-Fi) networks in 80 public schools annually. Within the reporting period, a wireless internet network was set up in 120 schools.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾2,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾3,582,146.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.4 Providing Information and Communication Technologies to Educational Institutions
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	

Planned: - Annually wireless internet communication systems will be installed (Wi-Fi network set up) at 80 public schools	Realized: - Wireless internet system was installed in 120 schools
Budget	
Estimated: ₾2,000,000	Actual: ₾3,582,146.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.5:** Providing psycho-social services to students

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Providing qualified psycho-social services to children and adolescents with behavioral and emotional problems, as well as their legal representative both in the capital city and the regions of Georgia.

Realized Activities :

6 psychological centers are functioning in Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti, Ajara, Shida Kartli, and Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Regions. From the first quartal of 2019, Psycho-social services can be provided in Zugdidi, Akhaltsikhe. So, the total number of Psycho-Social Services in the regions amounted to 8.

In 2019, the total number of the service users amounted to 3.410; Persons referred by school police or by various agencies or were self-appointed.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the scope of the activity, it was planned to have psychological service centers of the educational institution LELP Mandaturi Service functioning in the following regions: Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti, Ajara, Shida Kartli, and Samegrelo. Within the reporting period, psychological service centers of the educational institution LELP Mandaturi Service were functioning in the following regions: Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti, Ajara, Shida Kartli, and Samegrelo Also, added two centers in Zugdidi and Akhaltsikhe.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾534,000. From September 2018, psycho-social services are no longer being produced from a private company, so no specific budget has been allocated to the activities in 2019 and the project is being implemented entirely through administrative resources.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.

Activity Number and Name:	2.2.5 Providing psycho-social services to students
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Annually, psychological service centers of the educational institution LELP Mandaturi Service will be functional in Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti, Adjara, Shida Kartli, and Samegrelo	Realized: - In 2019, psychological service centers of the educational institution LELP Mandaturi Service were functioning in the following regions: Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti, Ajara, Shida Kartli, and Samegrelo Also, added two centers in Zugdidi and Akhaltsikhe.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾534,000	Actual: ₾0

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.6:** Offering various camps for school students

Responsible agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Promoting the development of different social and subjective skills and competences of students through combining active relaxation and education process

Realized Activities

In 2019, following summer schools were implemented within the scope of the summer school program "Let's relax and learn together" 1,250 students participated in the mentioned summer schools from rural areas.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to provide 1,600 students of village public schools with summer school service opportunities. Within the reporting period, 1,250 students from village schools participated in summer schools.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾1,300,000 while the actual budget expenditure was ₾986,000.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.

Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.6: Offering various camps for school students
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, students of not less than 1,600 village public schools will be provided with summer school service opportunities	Realized: - Within the reporting period, 1,250 students from village schools participated in summer schools.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾1,300,000.00	Actual: ₾986,000.00

		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
Progress Evaluation	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.7:** Supporting School Activities for the Establishment of an Interesting and Amusing Environment and Strengthening of Public Schools

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Establishing an interesting and amusing environment for students and supporting informal education

Realized Activities:

In 2019, under the framework of the program:

- 5 school competitions were held. 10 of the winners are from the schools from rural areas and villages, they were prized.
- Sixty representatives from 30 schools from mountainous regions covered 7-day training in project management skills, based on which the schools would prepare and submit one school project for funding at the Ministry. 28 projects were funded.
- For students of grades VII-X of Kazbegi 6 schools from September 30 to December 20, non-formal education circles in mathematics, literacy, and arts were held. Classes were held twice a week. Participants were provided with transportation and meals. The group involved an average of 51 students and 12 teachers.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, under the activity, it was planned to support the establishment of an interesting and amusing environment for the students and to strengthen the public schools, through conducting Free Class sessions, in which at least 20, 000 school students (from village schools) would participate. Within the reporting period, 1,000 students participated in the clubs/projects of sport, arts/culture, and intellectual-cognitive fields, due to the strategy changes.

In 2018, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €400,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €187,630.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.7 Supporting School Activities for the Establishment of an Interesting and Amusing Environment and Strengthening of Public Schools
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- Annually to support the establishment of an interesting and amusing environment and strengthening of public schools, Free Class sessions will be conducted with at least 20, 000 school students (from village schools)	- In 2019, 1,000 students participated in the clubs/projects of sport, arts/culture, and intellectual-cognitive fields, due to the strategy changes.
Budget	
Estimated: €400,000.00	Actual: €187,630.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating			X		
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.8:** Improve electricity and natural gas supply to the population

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Improvement of electricity and natural gas supply to the population

Realized Activities

The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and the Georgia Gas

Transportation Company (LTD), in cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia and local municipalities, developed a gasification plan for the regions of Georgia for 2019-2021. The plan has been approved by Government Regulation No. 791 of April 5, 2019. According to the plan, Georgian Gas Transportation Company will provide gasification and construction works for approximately 58.894 potential customers in 226 settlements through 2019-2020, within the estimated total cost of €209,000,000.

Proposals were prepared based on paragraph 9 of the abovementioned ordinance and amended by Decree N213 of the Government of Georgia dated October 17, 2019, which includes implementing measures to supply 73,833 natural gas customers in 295 settlements during 2019-2021. The estimated total cost of the works in €229,600,000.

Also, in 2019 the constructions and works which have been planned during 2018 continued.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

Under the 2019 plan, the activity planned to provide additional 9,000 customers with access to natural gas. During the reporting period, 10,199 customers could join the natural gas grid.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €41,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €41,000,000.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.8: Improve electricity and natural gas supply to the population
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - Under the 2019 plan, the activity planned to provide additional 9,000 customers with access to natural gas.	Realized : - In 2019, 10,199 customers could join the natural gas grid.
Budget	
Estimated: €41,000,000	Actual: €41,000,000

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
			X			

- **Activity 2.2.9:** Increasing Access to Natural Gas Consumption for Residents of the High Mountainous Villages

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Aim of the activity: increasing access to natural gas consumption for residents of the high mountainous villages

Realized Activities

Within the special budgetary allocations, subscribers residing permanently in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and the Dusheti municipalities have annually reimbursed the costs of supplied natural gas.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the activity, it was planned to reimburse the costs of supplied natural gas to 5,700 subscribers permanently residing in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and Dusheti municipalities. Within the reporting period, 6,000 subscribers, permanently residing in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and the Dusheti municipalities, were reimbursed the costs of supplied natural gas.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €8,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €8,156,780.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.9: Increasing Access to Natural Gas Consumption for Residents of the High Mountainous Villages
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - Annually, 5,700 subscribers permanently residing in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and the Dusheti municipalities will be reimbursed the costs of supplied natural gas	Realized : - Within the reporting period, in 2019, 6,000 subscribers, permanently residing in Georgia's high mountainous villages of Kazbegi and the Dusheti municipalities, were reimbursed the costs of supplied natural gas.
Budget	
Estimated: €8,000,000	Actual: €8,156,780.

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.10:** Installation of Open-air Training Equipment in the Regions of Georgia

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: installation of open-air training equipment

Realized Activities:

In 2019, the planned installation of outdoor exercise equipment in municipalities could not be completed due to technical reasons, namely due to structural reorganization.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, the installation of open-air training equipment could not be completed.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾220,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾0.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.10: Installation of Open-air Training Equipment in the Regions of Georgia
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned :	Realized :
- In 2019, open-air training equipment will be installed in 10 municipalities	- In 2019, the indicator not completed
Budget	
Estimated: ₾220,000	Actual: ₾0

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating				X	
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.11:** Development of sports infrastructure

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Development and improvement of sports infrastructure

Realized Activity

I have not been realized any of the sub-activities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, planned construction of two double arena multifunctional athletic facilities, which have not realized.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾20,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾0.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.11 Development of sports infrastructure
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - Construction of two double arena multifunctional athletic facilities	Realized: - Have not been completed and realized the activities
Budget	
Estimated: ₾20,000,000	Actual: ₾0

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating				X	
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status				X	

- **Activity 2.2.12:** Financial assistance of trainers employed in the field of sports in the high mountainous settlements

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia

Aim of the activity: financial assistance of trainers employed in the field of sports in the high mountainous settlements

Realized Activities :

Aim of the activity is the financial assistance of trainers employed in the field of sports in the high mountainous settlements to give the motivation to the employed people in the sectors. Also, the activity aims for the development of sport in the mountainous regions by increasing the number of people involved in different types of sports and physical activities. In 2019, 331 beneficiaries were present in terms of the financial assistance of trainers employed in the field of sports in the high mountainous settlements.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, under the activity, it was planned to provide state assistance to 450 trainers. Within the reporting period, 331 beneficiary trainers received assistance.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €250,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €242,160.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.12 Financial assistance of trainers employed in the field of sports in the high mountainous settlements
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - In 2019, 450 beneficiaries will receive state assistance	Realized : - In 2019, 331 beneficiaries received state assistance
Budget	
Estimated: €250,000	Actual: €242,160

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.13:** Improving road infrastructure in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia

Aim of the activity: repair-rehabilitation of outdated road infrastructure and/or construction of new infrastructure on local and village level

Realized Activities

The main portion of the funds is allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document For 2019-2022 state file (€410 mils.). Part of the funds is allocated within the projects under the coordination of the Municipal Development Fund. Following the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Road infrastructure improvement works are carried out under the framework of the 'Funds for Projects to be implemented in the regions of Georgia' and therefore, municipalities are directly responsible for selecting the type of infrastructure projects. In 2019, the municipalities presented

more road infrastructure projects than in previous years, which led to the almost double realization of the planned budget and indicators.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was envisaged under the activity to pave or rehabilitate 400 km of road sections of local significance. Within the reporting period, 705 km of road sections were paved or rehabilitated.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾95,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾187,472,197.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.13 Improving road infrastructure in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, it was envisaged under the activity to pave or rehabilitate 400 km of road sections of local significance.	Realized: - In 2019, 705 km of road sections of local significance were paved or rehabilitated.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾95,000,000	Actual: ₾187,472,197

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.14:** Assistance to pre-school education in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Construction and rehabilitation of kindergartens to support pre-school education at the local and rural level and to create conditions for appropriate education standard for both children and teachers

Realized Activities

The main portion of the funds is allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document for 2019-2022 state file (₾410 mil.). Part of the funds is allocated within the projects under the coordination of the Municipal Development Fund. Following the established practice, the Ministry of

Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, construction/rehabilitation of 20 kindergartens was planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, construction/rehabilitation of 44 kindergartens was completed.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾4,500,000 while the actual budget expenditure was ₾6,658,959.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.14 Assistance to pre-school education in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned :	Realized:
- In 2019, 20 kindergartens will be built/rehabilitated	- In 2019, 44 kindergartens were built/rehabilitated
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾4,500,000</u>	Actual: <u>₾6,658,959</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.15:** Construction/rehabilitation of sports and cultural facilities in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Construction and rehabilitation of sports and cultural facilities on a local and rural level, which will support promoting a healthy lifestyle among the population

Realized Activities

The main portion of the funds is allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document For 2019-2022 state document (₾410 mil.). Part of the funds is allocated within the projects under the coordination of the Municipal Development Fund. Following the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, construction/rehabilitation of 15 sports and cultural facilities was planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, construction/rehabilitation of 36 sports and cultural facilities was complete.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾6,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾8,301,380.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	2.2.15 Construction/rehabilitation of sports and cultural facilities in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, 15 sports and cultural facilities will be built/rehabilitated	Realized: - In 2019, 36 sports and cultural facilities were built/rehabilitated
Budget	
Estimated: ₾6,000,000	Actual: ₾8,301,380

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.16:** Prevention and elimination of adverse results caused by flash floods and floods in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Construction/rehabilitation of wastewater and drainage system on local and rural levels for prevention and elimination of adverse results caused by flash floods and floods in rural areas.

Realized Activities

The funds are allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document For 2019-2022 state document (₾410 mil.). By the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Government resolution of 2019, February 8, N50, Regional Development Fund for the year 2019 approved a one-time: disaster prevention program of the State”, which envisaged, flood prevention and elimination of adverse effects drained system and arrangement of protective gabions/walls on a riverbed. The budget of the program was €16.96 million.

Based on the Government resolution N50 dated 2019, February 8, Regional Development Fund for the year 2019 approved a one-time: disaster prevention program of the State”, which envisaged, flood prevention and elimination of adverse effects, arrangement/ rehabilitation drainage system as well as arrangement/rehabilitation of protective gables/walls on a riverbed. The budget of the program was €16.96 million.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, the construction/rehabilitation of 15 km of the wastewater and drainage system was planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, construction/rehabilitation of 17.1 km of the wastewater and drainage system was complete.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €2,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €16,273,527.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.16 Prevention and elimination of adverse results caused by flash floods and floods in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - Annually, 15 km of the wastewater and drainage system will be built/rehabilitated	Realized : - In 2019, 17.1 km of the wastewater and drainage system was built/rehabilitated
Budget	
Estimated: €2,000,000	Actual: €16,273,527

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.17:** Water supply system rehabilitation in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia/ United Water Supply Company of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Providing enough quality drinking water to the local population, construction of water supply networks and water sources (water reservoirs) through rehabilitation, including rehabilitation of wastewater treatment facilities (sewerage system) and construction of new wastewater treatment facilities per international standards to minimizing adverse environmental impacts.

Realized Activities

The main portion of the funds is allocated from the state budget of Georgia (2504). The agency responsible for the implementation of the project is LLC United Water Supply Company of Georgia of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia. Also, part of the project is financed from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document for 2019-2022 state file (€410 mil.). Under the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, construction/rehabilitation of 400 km of the water supply system and 15 water source and treatment facilities were planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, 452km of the water supply system and 20 water source and treatment facilities were built /rehabilitated.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €90,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €110,758,480.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.17 Water supply system rehabilitation in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/ Municipal Development Fund of Georgia/ United Water Supply Company of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - In 2019, 400km of the water supply system and up to 15 water source and treatment facilities will be built/rehabilitated	Realized : - In 2019, 452 km of the water supply system and 20 water source and treatment facilities were built/rehabilitated
Budget	
Estimated: €90,000,000.00	Actual: €110,758,480.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.18:** Outdoor lighting installation in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Installation of outdoor lighting poles on local and rural roads to facilitate the safe movement of the local population

Realized Activities

The funds are allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document For 2019-2022 state file (€410 mils.). Following the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Within the framework of the Fund for Projects to be implemented in the Regions of Georgia, outdoor lighting works were carried out. Accordingly, municipalities are directly responsible for selecting the type of infrastructure projects. In 2019, municipalities presented much more Outdoor Lightning projects than in previous years, which led to excessive execution and realization of budget and indicators over the planned period.

Indicator realized and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to install outdoor lighting on 15 km roads. Within the reporting period, outdoor lighting was installed on 40.6 km of roads.

In 2018, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €500,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €1,309,106.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.18 External lighting installation in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- In 2019, outdoor lighting will be installed on 15 km roads	- In 2019, outdoor lighting was installed on 40.6 km roads
Budget	
Estimated: €500,000	Actual: €1,309,106

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.19:** Construction/rehabilitation of apartment buildings in rural areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

Aim of the activity: construction/rehabilitation of apartment buildings and their adjacent areas to create improved living conditions for the local population

Realized Activities

The funds are allocated from the Fund for the Implementation of Regional Projects, which is reflected in the Law on State Budget (5407) and Basic Data and Directions Document For 2019-2022 state file (€410 mils.). Following the established rule, the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia oversees the implementation of infrastructural projects planned by municipalities.

Within the framework of the Fund for Projects to be implemented in the Regions of Georgia, rehabilitation/landscaping work on multi-apartment building and their surrounding areas are carried out. The selection of the type of infrastructure projects is directly the competence of the municipality. In 2019, more applications were made for the need to carry out this category of infrastructure work than in previous years. This has led to an over-execution and over-realization of the planned budget and indicators.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, construction/rehabilitation of 25 apartment buildings and their adjacent areas was planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, 100 apartment buildings and their adjacent areas were built /rehabilitated.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €2,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €6,515,286

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.19 Construction/rehabilitation of apartment buildings in rural areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, 25 apartment buildings and their adjacent areas will be built/rehabilitated	Realize: - In 2019, 100 apartment buildings and their adjacent areas were built/rehabilitated
Budget	
Estimated: €2,000,000	Actual: €6,515,286.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
			X			

- **Activity 2.2.20:** Resettlement of IDPs and creation of improved social and living conditions

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Purchase of a private property houses/apartments for long-term resettlement of internally displaced persons, IDP families

Realized Activities

In 2019, for long-term resettlement of IDPs, IDP families, the project of acquiring a privately-owned home/apartment has been implemented in the regions of Georgia. 567 houses/apartments were purchased under the project.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, a purchase of 200 houses/apartments was planned under the activity. Within the reporting period, 567 private property houses/apartments were purchased in regions of Georgia.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €4,200,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €11,930,633.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.20 Resettlement of IDPs and creation of improved social and living conditions
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, residential homes will be provided to 200 IDP families under the ownership	Realized: - In 2019, residential homes were provided under ownership to 567 IDP families
Budget	
Estimated: €4,200,000.00	Actual: €11,930,633.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.21:** Manage the migration of eco-migrants

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Provide alternative housing to eco-migrant families

Realized Activities

In 2019, a project aimed at providing alternative housing to eco-migrant families was carried out in the regions of Georgia. 127 houses were purchased under the project.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to provide housing to 90 eco-migrant families, under the activity. Within the reporting period, 127 houses were purchased to provide alternative housing to eco-migrants.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at €2,250,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €3,081,000.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.21: Manage the migration of eco-migrants
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Annually, 90 eco-migrant families will be provided housing	Realized: - In 2019, 127 houses were purchased to provide alternative housing to eco-migrants
Budget	
Estimated: €2,250,000	Actual: €3,081,000.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.22: Village doctor**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia/LELP Social Service Agency

Aim of the activity: Increasing geographic and financial accessibility to primary healthcare services for the rural population and improving their health through prevention, early detection, and management of diseases

Realized Activities

Ensuring universal access to medical services through physical and financial accessibility is one of the main priorities for the country. Providing primary healthcare services for rural populations (including in high mountainous and border regions) is accomplished through the state program of the village doctor. The program provides services such as visit a doctor/nurse, immunization, in-house doctor/nurse visit, diagnostics of chronic and acute diseases, etc.

The state program on village doctor was approved by 31 December 2018, N693 ordinance of the Government of Georgia. 1,297 doctors and 1,557 nurses are employed in the villages. The population is provided with primary healthcare services. Given the improvement of the quality of primary healthcare services, a new model of primary healthcare organizational arrangement is being elaborated.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, as part of the activity, the number of outpatient referrals to the rural doctor was planned to increase to 1.2 per capita. Information about 2019 performance indicators will be available in July 2020 (18 January 2016, N01-2/N decree of the Minister of Labor, Health, and Social Affairs of Georgia on “On Regulation of Production and Reporting of Medical Statistical Information”). It should also be noted that in 2019 indicators were fully realized.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾26,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾25,860,612.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.22 Village doctor
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia/LELP Social Service Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- In 2019, per capita, outpatient visits to village doctor will increase to 1.2	- Information about 2019 performance indicators will be available in July 2020 (18 January 2016, N01-2/N decree of the Minister of Labor, Health, and Social Affairs of Georgia “On Regulation of Production and Delivery of Medical Statistical Information”)
Budget	
Estimated: ₾26,000,000	Actual: ₾25,860,612.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating		X			
	Status	Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed

- **Activity 2.2.23:** Increase accessibility to state, municipal and private sector services at a municipal level

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LEPL Public Service Development Agency

Aim of the activity: Facilitate access to high-quality state, municipal and private sector services at a local level

Realized Activities

Launching of Municipality Management System (MMS) with a full package of services in 7 municipalities: Zestaponi, Vani, Lanchkhuti, Ambrolauri, Gardabani, Kharagauli, and Marneuli - Supporting Public Service Development Agency to Continuously Implement all Benchmarks under the Visa Liberalization Action Plan (2017-2020). These municipalities provide municipal services required for social, healthcare and construction/architectural processes and utilize the asset management module, which is aimed at management and accounting of municipal holdings/fixed assets. Currently, technical support is being provided in the municipalities.

Within the reporting period, 499 services of 55 municipalities were launched on the unified portal of e-services (my.gov.ge). Consequently, citizens of Georgia can electronically apply to the municipalities for receiving services such as construction permits, social assistance, granting of the status of a permanent resident of a high mountainous settlement, etc.

In 2019, 15 community centers were built and equipped. 1 additional center was built which will open on the 13th of January 2020.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to launch the Municipality Management System with a full package of services in 8 municipalities. Also, to ensure the functioning of 5 additional community centers at full capacity. Within the reporting period, the Municipality Management System was launched in 7 municipalities (with a full package of services). In 2019, 15 additional community centers were functioning at full capacity.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾5,416,300, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾10,451,591.58.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.23 Increase accessibility to state, municipal and private sector services at a municipal level
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LEPL Public Service Development Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the Municipality Management System (full package of services) will be launched in 8 municipalities; - In 2019, 5 additional community centers will function at full capacity 	Realization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the Municipality Management System (full package of services) was launched in 7 municipalities; - In 2019, 15 additional community centers were functioning at full capacity
Budget	
Estimated: ₾5,416,300.00	Actual: ₾10,451,591.58

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.24:** Construction and equipment of Public Service Halls in various municipalities of the country

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LEPL Public Service Hall

Aim of the activity: Accessibility to public services for every citizen

Realized Activities

In 2019, 2 Public Service Halls were built and equipped (in Khoni and Bolnisi). Construction works on Kareli (a large part of the construction works is completed) Gardabani and Tskaltubo are underway. Also, the design and planning works of Zestaponi, Samtredia, Akhmeta, Khashuri, and Terjola Public Service Hall were carried out.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, under the activity, it was planned to build and equip 3 Public Service Halls (in Khoni, Bolnisi, and Gardabani). Within the reporting period, 2 Public Service Halls were built and equipped (in Khoni and Bolnisi).

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾8,895,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾6,489,600.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.24 Construction and equipment of Public Service Halls in various municipalities of the country
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LEPL Public Service Hall
Performance Indicators	
Planned: In 2019, 3 Public Service Halls will be built and equipped (in Khoni, Gardabani, and Bolnisi)	Realized: - In 2019, 2 Public Service Halls were built and equipped (in Khoni and Bolnisi); Construction works on Gardabani and Tskaltubo are underway.
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾8,895,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾6,489,600.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.25:** Ensuring accessibility of notary services in settlements (including high mountainous areas), where notary services were not available

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LELP Notary Chamber of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Ensure functioning of modern standard notary bureaus and unhindered accessibility of notarial and related legal services for residents of those municipalities, where notary service was not previously available

Realized Activities

The Notary Chamber provides financial and material support to those notaries, which, after the reform, were appointed to high mountainous or such areas, where notary service was not duly accessible. The assistance is allocated from the budget of the Notary Chamber, which is accumulated only by the Notary Chamber's income and is not financed from the state budget. The notaries are provided different types of assistance on quarterly bases, such as financial assistance, the assistance of the Chamber in finding the space for the notary bureau, providing computer equipment for the notary bureau and other inventory required for the provision of notarial functions.

Within the reporting period, the following material assistance was provided to the notaries within the Chamber's budget:

- Notaries received ₾89,507 in the form of financial assistance;
- ₾74,048 was paid for the rent of notaries' apartments and notary bureaus.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned under the activity for the Notary Chamber to assist in the operation of all notary bureaus located in settlements (including high mountainous areas) where notary service was not previously available. Since 2016, consequent to the reform of the Notary, carried out by the Minister of Justice of Georgia, 39 (thirty-nine) notaries have been appointed in total, including 8 (eight) notaries appointed in 2019. Within the reporting period, the functioning of notary bureaus was ensured, in those municipalities, where notary service was not previously available, and the local population can receive notarial and related legal services without any hindrance.

In 2019, the Notary Chamber facilitated the operation of 25 notary bureaus (including 8 notary bureaus in 2019) located in those areas (including the mountainous) where no notary services were available before.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾150,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾163,555.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.25 Ensuring accessibility of notary services in settlements (including high mountainous areas), where notary services were not available

Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LELP Notary Chamber of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- Annually, Notary Chamber will ensure assistance to the operation of all notary bureaus located in settlements (including high mountainous areas) where notary service was not previously available	- In 2019, the Notary Chamber facilitated the operation of 25 notary bureaus (including 8 notary bureaus in 2019) located in those areas (including the high-mountainous) where no notary services were not available before.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾150,000.00	Actual: ₾163,555.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 2.2.26:** Full rehabilitation, construction, and equipment of regional archive buildings

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Justice of Georgia/LELP National Archives of Georgia/ LELP National Agency of Public Registry

Aim of the activity: Archiving relevant documents in well-equipped and optimally distributed regional and local archive buildings, where appropriate conditions for due protection and storage of archived documents will be ensured using modern fire suppression, climate control, and secure storage systems.

Realized Activities

In 2017, the construction and equipping of the Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Archive project was planned and the construction of which should be completed in 2020. The total value of the construction work for 2019 was ₾573.642, which was financed by the LEPL National Agency of Public Registry.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to build and equip 1 archive building. During the reporting period, the Shida Kartli Regional Archives building procurement tender failed, due to that reason indicator did not realize.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾2,150,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾573,642.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.

Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.26 Full rehabilitation, construction, and equipment of regional archive buildings
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Justice of Georgia/ LELP National Archives of Georgia/ LELP National Agency of Public Registry
Performance Indicators	
Planned : - 2029- 1 archive building will be constructed and in 2020 equipped in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region (in Akhaltsikhe); 1 archive building will be subject to centralization (Akhalkalaki)	Realized : - Procurement Tender was unsuccessful, due to that reason indicator did not realize. Tender announced for the construction of Shida Kartli Regional Archives failed in 2019, therefore construction could not start and the indicator was not fulfilled
Budget	
Estimated: ₾2,150,000.00	Actual: ₾573,642.10

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating					X
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
Status			X			

- **Activity 2.2.27:** Support to improvement of the demographic situation

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Support to improvement of the demographic situation in regions with negative population growth, as well as the high mountainous settlements through financial benefits

Realized Activities

Within the scope of the activity, the beneficiary is entitled to monthly financial assistance - for residents of the mountainous regions in the amount of 200 ₾ and the residents of other settlements - 150 ₾.

In 2019, Guria, Imereti, Kakheti, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, Racha Lechkhumi-Kvemo Svaneti, and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions were included in the program.

Following the Law of Georgia on the Development of High Mountainous Regions, social benefits were established for certain categories of individuals permanently residing in high mountainous settlements.

Indicator realization n and budget expenditure

In 2019, it was planned to provide social assistance to 11,000 children permanently living in regions with negative population growth and high mountainous settlements. Within the reporting period, social assistance was provided each month and promptly to 11,000 children permanently living in regions with negative population growth, as well as the high mountainous settlements.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾23,500,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾21,112,250.

Objective 2.2: Infrastructure and services. Improvement of basic rural infrastructure (including roads leading to cultural heritage sites and other relevant infrastructure), and the availability of high-quality public services, including information and communication technologies.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 2.2.27 Assistance for demographic situation improvement
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned:	Realized:
- Annually, social assistance will be provided to children permanently living in regions with negative population growth, as well as the high mountainous settlements, promptly	- In 2019, social assistance was provided each month to 11,000 children permanently living in regions with negative population growth, as well as the high mountainous settlements, promptly
Budget	
Estimated: <u>₾23,500,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾21,112,250.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
	Status	Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed

Objective 2.3 Local population engagement. Increase the involvement of the rural population (especially youth and women) in identifying local needs and the determination of solutions to these needs.

To fulfil Objective 2.3, one activity was conducted in 2019 - Meetings with community groups. The activity was conducted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.

Activity planned to fulfil Objective 2.3 did not require a specifically allocated funding and approved budget.

As a result of activities conducted towards the realization of the Objective, in 2019:

⇒ 3 meetings with community groups were held

Activity planned to realize Objective 2.3 did not require a specifically allocated funding and approved budget.

- **Activity 2.3.1:** Meetings with community groups

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Sharing the Rural Development Strategy and Action Plan with community groups

Realized Activities

As a part of the activity - “Meeting with community groups”, presented in the 2018-2020 Action Plan of 2017-2020 Rural Development Strategy, 3 meetings were held in 2019. The meetings were attended by 47 participants:

- ✓ July 3, 2019 – Keda Municipality, attended by 12 participants;
- ✓ July 3, 2019 – Khulo Municipality, attended by 7 participants;
- ✓ November 6, 2019 – Borjomi Municipality, attended by 28 participants;

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, 3 meetings with community groups were projected. Within the reporting period, 3 meetings with community groups were held and they were attended by 47 participants.

Planned Activity did not require a specifically allocated funding and approved budget.

2.3 Local population engagement. Increase the involvement of the rural population (especially youth and women) in identifying local needs and the determination of solutions to these needs.

Activity Number and Name:

Activity 2.3.1 Meeting with community groups

Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, knowledge/experience will be generated regarding local development from 3 community groups. Shared information will be used for the annual revision of the Rural Development Strategy Action Plan. In the future, the development of the Rural Development Strategy will involve more local participation. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, 3 meetings with community groups were held
Budget	
Estimated: ₾0	Actual: ₾0

		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
Progress Evaluation	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

Priority Area 3: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

In 2019, Priority Area “Environmental Protection and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources” covered 3 Objectives and 13 Activities in total. Their goals mostly encompassed activities in connection to improvement of the management of water, forest, and other resources, assistance in the development of a sustainable system of solid waste disposal and state-supported activities aimed at mitigating the negative impact of climate change.

The total estimated budget for the Priority Area 3 is ₾28,267,100, while in 2019 actual implementation cost was at ₾23,862,189.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas

To fulfil Objective 3.1, 10 activities were conducted in 2019, including protection of protected areas and management of resources, development of ecotourism on protected areas and effective communication with the public, sustainable utilization of forest resources, forest care and restoration, forest accounting and inventory, conducting annual geological monitoring, carrying out geological surveys, monitoring of groundwaters and conducting environmental pollution monitoring. All the activities were conducted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia its agencies.

The budget for the activities planned under the Objective 3.1 was estimated at ₾12,012,200. The state budget and own funds are the sources of funding for the activities.

As a result of the activities conducted towards the realization of the objective, in 2019:

- ⇒ Protection infrastructure was developed in three protected areas
- ⇒ Ecotourism and eco-educational information infrastructure were arranged in 3 protected areas
- ⇒ 2 Management plans were approved for protected areas;
- ⇒ 360,000 m³ of timber resources were issued for social purposes
- ⇒ 152.5 ha of forest was planted
- ⇒ Field geological surveying and chamber works were carried out in the Lagodekhi area

The projected budget for the planned activities under objective 3.1 was estimated at ₾12,012,200. In 2019, the state expenditure for the realization of the Objective was ₾13,107,585.

- **Activity 3.1.1:** Protection of protected areas and management of resources

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

Aim of the activity: Improvement of protected area management

Realized Activities

In 2019, Protection infrastructure was developed in three protected areas, arranged rangers' cottages:

- Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani Municipalities)
- Mariamjvari Strict Nature Reserve
- Chachuna Managed Reserve

Inventory was prepared, the forest management plan for 1 protected area was prepared and approved:

- Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani Municipalities) (20,000 ha).

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, as part of the activity, it was planned to develop protection infrastructure (arranged rangers' cottages) in three protected areas and inventory of forest (around 20,000 ha) in one protected area. During the reporting period, the protection infrastructure was developed in three protected areas – Rangers' Cottages were arranged: Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani Municipalities), Chachuna Managed Reserve and Mariamjvari State Reserve. In one protected area - Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani municipalities) forest inventory was conducted.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €200,000.00, while the actual budget expenditure was €197,724.30.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.1 Protection of protected areas and management of resources
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas
Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, as part of the activity, it was planned to develop protection infrastructure (arrangement of forests) in three protected areas - Inventory of forest (around 20,000 ha) in one protected area. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the protection infrastructure was developed in three protected areas – Rangers' Cottages were arranged: Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani Municipalities), Chachuna Managed Reserve and Mariamjvari State Reserve. - In one protected area - Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta, Tianeti and Gardabani municipalities) forest inventory was conducted (approximately 20,000 ha).
Budget	
Estimated: €200,000.00	Actual: €197,724.30

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.2:** Development of ecotourism in protected areas and effective communication with the public

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

Aim of the activity: Development of ecotourism in protected areas and raising public awareness

Realized Activities:

In 2019, within the framework of the activity, to support the development of ecotourism in protected areas, ecotourism and eco-educational infrastructures were organized in three protected areas:

- An ecotourism trail has been arranged in the administration of Batsara-Babaneuri Protected Areas;
- An ecotourism trail and viewing platform were arranged in the Vashlovani Protected Area;
- Ecotourism shelter was arranged in Tbilisi National Park (Mtskheta Municipality).

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the framework of the activity, and information infrastructure of ecotourism and eco-education importance was planned to be added to 3 additional protected areas. During the reporting period, ecotourism and eco-educational infrastructures were organized in three protected areas.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾300,000.00, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾544,542.20.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.2: Development of ecotourism in protected areas and effective communication with the public
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, the information infrastructure of ecotourism and eco-educational significance will be arranged in 3 additional protected areas.	Realized: - In 2019, the information infrastructure of ecotourism and eco-educational significance was arranged in 3 additional protected areas.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾300,000.00	Actual: ₾544,542.20

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.3** Improving management of protected areas

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas

Aim of the activity: Support of improvement of protected area management, preparation of strategic documentation

Realized Activities

In 2019 two new management plans for protected areas were prepared and approved:

- The management plan for Kobuleti protected areas;
- Management Plan of Kolkheti National Park and Katsoburi Managed Reserve.

Donor: Protected Areas Development Fund.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, a management plan was to be introduced to 1 protected area. Within the reporting period, Machakhela national park management plan was approved.

In 2019, as part of the activity, it was planned to approve the management plan for an additional one protected area compared to 2018. During the reporting period, two protected area management plans were approved.

Implementation of the activity does not require a separate approved budget. The activity was supported by the Protected Areas Development Fund.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.3 Improving management of protected areas
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL Agency of Protected Areas
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, compared to 2018, 1 additional protected area will be managed by management plans	Realized: - In 2019, as part of the activity, it was planned to approve the management plan for an additional one protected area compared to 2018. During the reporting period, two protected area management plans were approved.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾0	Actual: ₾0

		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
Progress Evaluation	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.4:** Sustainable utilization of forest resources

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency

Aim of the activity: To increase the availability of the timber resources within the designated logging areas, existing forest/farming roads to be rehabilitated and/or additional roads to be constructed; to obtain timber resources, appropriate logging areas to be identified and logging to be conducted; production and sale of timber acquired through special logging.

Realized Activities

In 2019, within the scope of the Activity, 110.5km of forest/farming roads were constructed/rehabilitated, out of which, 13.2 km of new roads were constructed, and 97.3 km of roads were rehabilitated. More specifically: Imereti – 1.97 km of new forest/farming road was constructed, 27.9 km of roads were rehabilitated; Samtskhe-Javakheti – 3.03 km of roads were rehabilitated - 12.35 km; Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti: constructed – 2.19 km, rehabilitated – 1.86 km; Guria: constructed - - 1.27km, 5.05 km was rehabilitated; Shida Kartli: constructed – 3.70 km, rehabilitated – 12km; Mtskheta-Mtianeti: constructed – 1.01 km, rehabilitated – 38.15 km.

In 2019, 92,980 m³ of timber was processed and sold. From the above total, as a part of activities aimed at providing firewood to state-funded organizations, up to 753 state institutions (kindergartens, schools and other) were provided with 37,980 cubic meters of timber. Additionally, the agency sold (including direct sales) 55,000 m³ of timber for commercial purposes. To sell timber acquired through special logging (logs and firewood) 785 electronic auctions were held.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, an additional 90 to 125 km of forest roads were planned to be rehabilitated to increase access to forest resources. Issuing timber resources for social purposes from 280,000 m³ to 320,000 m³ (about 40,000 to 45,000 beneficiaries and sale of 80,000 m³ of timber resources for commercial purposes. During the reporting period, to increase access to the resources available in the allocated forest areas, forest roads were additionally rehabilitated/rehabilitated for a total of 110.5 km. In 2019, up to 360,000 km of timber resources (50,000 beneficiaries) have been issued for social purposes. Up to 85,000 km of timber resources are produced for commercial purposes. 92,980 km of timber resources were realized within the special use of the previous year's balance as well as the State Forest Fund.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €10,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €10,400,179.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.4: Sustainable utilization of forest resources
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019: To increase access to the resources available in the allocated forest areas, forestry roads of 90 to 125 kilometers length will be additionally rehabilitated/rehabilitated; - For social purposes, timber resources of 280,000 to 320,000 km (approximately 40,000 to 45,000 beneficiaries) will be provided; - 80,000 km of timber resources will be produced and sold for commercial purposes.	Realized: - In 2019: To increase access to the resources available in the allocated forest enclosures, forest roads have been additionally renovated/rehabilitated for a total of 110.5 km; - Up to 360,000 km of timber resources (approximately 50,000 beneficiaries) have been issued for social purposes; - Up to 85,000 km of timber resources are produced for commercial purposes.
Budget	
Estimated: ₾10,000,000.00	Actual: ₾10,400,179.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.5: Forest care and restoration**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency

Aim of the activity: supporting ecological conditions of forests; establishing temporary plant nurseries within boundaries of forest areas selected based on their high priority, conducting forest restoration and planting activities in previously identified areas, including setting up plantations of fast-growing tree species – which will ensure the gradual decrease of pressure on forests and help satisfy a need for thin-stemmed assortments and public need for firewood; conducting forest pathology research and conducting appropriate measures against discovered pests and/or diseases; averting possible damage from forest fires by conducting fire prevention activities, more specifically: creating fire lines and firebreaks, creating information boards and warning signs for highly fire hazardous areas.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, within the scope of Activity, maintenance and restoration activities were conducted on 296.2 hectares in 8 regions. From the abovementioned 152.5 ha of additional forest was planted.

The natural renewal was promoted at 40.5 ha, nursery arrangement, landscaping and plantation care was provided at 103.3 ha. The increased number in comparison with the indicator planned in the action plan was caused by the forest restoration work that elaborated and initiated in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region to restore forests destroyed in wildfires. This restoration work has started in 2018 and has continued in 2019.

By regions, forest restoration and reforestation measures were implemented: in the area of 16.62 hectares subject to Shida Kartli forestry, 12.2 hectares in Kvemo Kartli, 175.7 hectares in Samtskhe-Javakheti, 37.7 hectares in Imereti region, 31.4 hectares in Guria, Kakheti 20.8 hectares, 0.13 hectares subject to management by Racha-Lechkhumi forestry, 1.64 hectares in Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti.

Within the framework of forest pest control measures, 482 pheromone insects have been deployed in several regions of Georgia, in the area of pest distribution (Kakheti, Imereti, Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, Racha-Lechkhumi), Samtskhe-Javakheti, 1,000 pistols were monitored in several regions of Georgia From May to October, 12 field trips - monitoring was carried out, resulting in the total catch and destruction of 7,294,700 pieces of print bark.

In the Nikortsminda (2 ha) and Tlugi (10 ha) forests of Ambrolauri Forest District, Colchian tree groves have been poisoned three times a year for conservation by the use of the chemical insecticide "Deci 25 EC", which has resulted in a full regeneration of the pest in the Planned area.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, an additional 100 hectares of forest cover was planned as part of the activity. Reduce the rate of pest disease progression by 10% in relevant areas by 2018 and improve forest sanitation by 5%. During the reporting period, additional forest land was planted on 152.5 ha. In 2019, the rate of progression of pests was reduced by 10% in the corresponding areas compared to the previous year and by 5% the sanitary condition of forests was improved.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €900,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €1,227,486.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.5: Forest care and restoration
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency
Performance Indicators	
<p>Planned:</p> <p>In the territory of the State Forest Fund under the management of LEPL National Forestry Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2019: An additional 100 hectares of forest land will be planted; - Compared to 2018, the corresponding areas will reduce the rate of progression of pest disease by 10% and improve the sanitation of forests by 5%. 	<p>Realized:</p> <p>In the territory of the State Forest Fund under the management of LEPL National Forestry Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, an additional 152.5 hectares of forest cover was planted; - Compared to 2018, the corresponding area has reduced the rate of progression of pest disease by 10% and improved sanitation of forests by 5%.

Budget	
Estimated: ₾900,000.00	Actual: ₾1,227,486.00

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.6:** Forest accounting and inventory

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency

Aim of the activity: Develop a forest management plan that will reflect forestry-related activities aimed at protecting forests, improving sustainability, rational and multipurpose utilization and restoration of resources; update the outdated information on the condition of forest resources, carry out an inventory of forest resources, acquire and analyze data on forestry production, forestry resource indicators, and quality; specify borders of state forest fund and prepare appropriate cartographic materials; improve the existing material base of forest inventory and provide modern information processing software solutions.

Realized Activities

Preparatory activities for the preparation of the inventory and management plan for the Lagodekhi region were planned and implemented. Within the framework of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 15 young specialists were trained by the Agency's qualified specialists. Fieldwork was started and carried out at Lagodekhi Forestry District: Census work was Realized on 21,086 Ha; aortographic material was prepared. Electronic files (**Shp**) of the forest fund were prepared, areas were searched and elaborated. The forest management plan will be approved in 2020.

The forest management plan for the Lanchkhuti forestry area of 11,254 ha was approved (work has been underway since 2017).

Preparatory and field activities were carried out to develop an inventory and management plan for the Akhmeta region on an area of 55,492 ha. The first phase of the inventory of the Akhmeta Forestry District was carried out; Moreover, in the framework of the pilot project, 206 permanent radius circular sampler areas were taken at Akhmeta Forestry District for statistical purposes. The forest management plan will be approved in 2020.

The first phase of the inventory of the Lentekhi Forestry District was carried out - Preparation of cartographic material, Second Round - Fieldwork is planned for 76,393 ha. The forest management plan will be approved in 2020.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, the plan was to prepare two forest management plans, additional forest sections - total area 125,900 ha. In total, the updated forest management plan included approximately 26.2% of the state forest fund area.

The first phase of the inventory works of the Akhmeta Municipality was carried out in cooperation with GIZ at 55,492 hectares (Adjusted for the area under license revocation).

The first phase of the inventory works of Lentekhi forest field was carried out by the winner company of the tenders. The second and third phases will be realized in 2020. In 2019, Indicator – “Creating Lentekhi and Akhmeta forest management plan” - have not fully realized. The first phase of inventory of both forest areas (Lentekhi, Akhmeta) was realized on 131,885 ha. Also, the first and second phase of Lagodekhi inventory was realized. The forest management plan for the Lanchkhuti forestry area of 11,254 ha was approved.

In total, the updated forest management plan included approximately 29.1% of the state forest fund area.

In 2019, the budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾400,000, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾418,366.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.6: Forest accounting and inventory
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Forestry Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the plan was to prepare two forest management plans, additional forest areas - total area 125,900 ha. - In total, the updated forest management plan included approximately 26.2% of the state forest fund area. 	Realized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2019, the forest management plan for one forest area on 11,254 ha was approved. - In total, the revised forest management plan covers approximately 21.9% of the state forest fund area managed by the LEPL National Forestry Agency.
Budget	
Planned: <u>₾400,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾418,366.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating			X		
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.7:** Carrying out annual geological monitoring

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency

Aim of the activity: Create GIS zoning maps of Georgia's geological hazards. Collect basic data needed for minimization and prevention of natural disasters risks.

Realized Activities

In 2019, due to occurrences of geological disasters, geodynamical conditions of 453 houses, land plots and adjacent territories in 814 settlements were evaluated. Also, the possibility of threats coming from geological disasters was identified and appropriate recommendations on immediate actions were issued.

To assess the natural geological processes (landslides, mudslides, rocky cliffs, etc.), annual geological monitoring was carried out in all regions of Georgia in 2019 - 1,089 settlements are estimated.

The annual Geological Newsletter was published on "Results and Forecast of Natural Geological Processes in Georgia for 2018 and Forecast for 2019".

Based on letters received from municipalities and individual citizens of the regions, 317 visual-engineering-geological findings were drawn up to trigger natural disasters.

Under the framework of the project "Building Capacity for Adaptation to Climate Change in Georgia" (GCF, UNDP/SDC), in 2019, in the three river basins (Supsa, Natanebi, Kintrishi) stock (historical) geological data was processed, field geological surveys were conducted to identify natural geological processes and the data were processed based on the information received.

Based on the visual engineering-geological surveys and letters from various agencies, 47 conclusions have been drawn up assessing the geodynamic and geo-ecological status of infrastructure facilities, engineering structures, and tense sites.

The 'EIM' reports, design documentation of engineering sites and geological part of environmental legislation were reviewed, based on which 189 documents were compiled for comments, expert conclusions, comments and more.

The contract (paid service) included consulting geological surveys of land plots, in which a total of 70 visual engineering-geological findings were prepared.

The database of geological threats (landslides, mudslides, mudslides, etc.) was completed and cadasters were compiled.

The Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of Georgia hotline and 112 hotlines received 67 calls, according to which the agency's geologists are assessing the situation in a force-majeure situation and posting urgent palliative measures, and then submitting the relevant findings to the relevant authorities.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, geological monitoring areas of residential settlements were to be increased by 5%. Within the reporting period, in comparison to 2018, geological monitoring areas of residential settlements were increased by 5%.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾45,867, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾137,136.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.7: Carrying out annual geological monitoring
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Annually, geological monitoring areas of residential settlements will increase by 5%	Realized: - In 2019, in comparison to previous years, geological monitoring areas of residential settlements was increased by 5%.
Budget	
Planned: <u>₾45,867.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾137,136.11</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.8:** Carrying out a geological survey

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency

Aim of the activity: geological survey, creation of geological GIS maps of Georgia, improve risk assessment capabilities

Realized Activities

In 2019, historical materials were processed, field geological surveys and cameral processes were carried out for the preparation of 1:200 000 geological scales map of Lagodekhi geological plate (K-38-XXII and K-38-XXIII) and the preparation of the geological map and relevant geological report.

Indicator realized and budget expenditure

As a part of the 2019 planned activities, Lagodekhi geological plate survey (K-38-XXII and K-38-XXIII) was planned.

During the reporting period, field geological works were carried out. The geological report will be published in the spring of 2020 with relevant geological maps.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾28,900, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾38,719.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.8: Carrying out a geological survey
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, geological reports and maps (1:200 000 scales) of the Lagodekhi geological plate (K-38-XXII and K-38-XXIII) will be created.	Realized: - In 2019, geological reports and maps (1:200 000 scales) of the Lagodekhi geological plate (K-38-XXII and K-38-XXIII) were created.
Budget	
Planned: <u>₾28,900.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾38,719.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.9:** Carrying out monitoring of groundwater

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency

Aim of the activity: Collect information regarding quantities and qualitative characteristics of drinking groundwater in Georgia. Prepare reports on alteration dynamics of quantities and qualitative characteristics of groundwater.

Realized Activities

In 2019, to increase the number of monitoring/observations waterpoints, identification of technical parameters to initiate the tender procedure for state purchase was underway; the purchase and installation of groundwater monitoring/observation water points were also conducted.

The monitoring of drinking fresh groundwater was improved. In comparison with 2018, in 2019, the number of groundwater monitoring/observation waterpoints increased by 1. There are 56 water points (50 borewells and 6 springs) in the groundwater monitoring network. Data is being

automatically received and controlled. Inspection and maintenance of groundwater monitoring network borewells are ongoing.

In 2019 hydrogeological newsletters were published:

- On the Quantitative and Qualitative Characteristics of Groundwater of Georgia as of July 15, 2018;
- On the Quantitative and Qualitative Characteristics of Groundwater Freshwater in Georgia as of January 1, 2019;
- On the Quantitative and Qualitative Characteristics of Groundwater in Georgia as of July 20, 2019.

In 2019, 300 samples were taken from 56 wells of the underground freshwater monitoring network (106 for chemical, 99 bacteriological, 37 for heavy metals, 58 for pesticides and petroleum products).

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, the activity planned to increase the number of groundwater monitoring, by 2 units compared to the previous year. During the reporting period, the number of groundwater monitoring increased by 1 unit compared to the previous year; and the funds for 1 unit were spent for purchasing the spare parts needed to repair the existing 55 water equipment.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾119,700.00, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾116,337.86.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.9: Carrying out monitoring of underground waters
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Annually, the number of groundwater monitoring/observation waterpoints will increase by 2	Realized: - Compared to the previous year, the number of groundwater monitoring observation points increased by 1 unit, and the amount of equipment for 1 unit was used to purchase spare parts for the existing 55 water unit equipment.
Budget	
Planned: <u>₾119,700.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾116,337.86</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating		X			
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.1.10:** Environmental pollution monitoring

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency

Aim of the activity: Collect data on the condition of the quality of the environment and disseminate appropriate information.

Realized Activities

In 2019, monitoring of pollution of surface waters of Georgia was underway. Also, samples taken for monitoring soil contamination were being studied in laboratories.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, several surface water monitoring objects (rivers and lakes) was to be increased from 166 to 171; Number of residential areas with soil contamination analysis would increase from 50 to 53. Within the reporting period, surface water (rivers and lakes) monitoring was conducted on 171 objects and soil contamination analysis was conducted in 53 settlements.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at ₾17,700, while the actual budget expenditure was ₾27,095.

Objective 3.1. Water, forest and other resources. The improvement of the management of water, forest and other resources in targeted rural areas.	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.1.10: Environmental pollution monitoring
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019 Number of surface water monitoring objects (rivers and lakes) will increase from 166 to 171; - The number of residential areas with soil contamination analysis will increase from 50 to 53.	Realized: - In 2019 Number of surface water monitoring objects (rivers and lakes) increased from 166 to 171; - The number of residential areas with soil contamination analysis increased from 50 to 53.
Budget	
Planned: <u>₾17,700.00</u>	Actual: <u>₾27,095.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

Objective 3.2 Waste management. The promotion of sustainable systems of waste management in rural areas

To fulfill Objective 3.2, one activity – solid waste management was conducted in 2019. The Activity of the Objective was conducted by the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia.

The budget for the activities planned under Objective 3.2 was estimated at €10,000,000.

As a result of the activities conducted towards the realization of the objective, in 2019:

⇒ 1 new regional landfill construction started

The projected budget for the planned activities under Objective 3.2 was estimated at €10,000,000. In 2019, the state expenditure for the realization of the Objective was €4,489,000.

- **Activity 3.2.1: Solid waste management**

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/Ltd. Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia

Aim of the activity: Construction of new, sanitary landfill following European standards and closure of the existing landfill

Realized Activities

Regarding the construction of the Imereti regional landfill, the project documentation was developed in 2018, the bidding procedures of the project implementing the company were completed and the project contract was signed. During the reporting period, discussions were held on the new location of the regional landfill and the process of developing a new package of design documentation was also started.

Moreover, 1 landfill was closed following the procedures established during the reporting period.

Indicator Realization and budget expenditure

In 2019, as part of the activity, it was planned to begin the preparation of project documentation related to the construction of one new regional landfill. During the reporting period, the process of developing a new package of project documentation for the Imereti regional landfill has begun. It was also planned to close 1 landfill and it was closed.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €10,000,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €4,489,000.

Objective 3.2 Waste management. The promotion of sustainable systems of waste management in rural areas

Activity Number and Name:

Activity 3.2.1 Solid waste management

Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia/Ltd. Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, 1 new regional landfill design work on the construction will start; 1 landfill will be closed	Realized: - In 2019, 1 new regional landfill design work on the construction has started; 1 landfill closed.
Budget	
Planned: 10,000,000.00 ₾	Actual: 4,489,000.00 ₾

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

Objective 3.3 Climate change. Activities used to mitigate the negative impact of climate change

To fulfill Objective 3.3, two activities in total were conducted in 2019, including carrying out a hydro-meteorological observation, expanding of the observation network and agricultural insurance measures. Both activities of the objective were conducted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and its agencies.

The budget for the planned activities under Objective 3.3 was estimated at ₾6,254,900.

As a result of the activities conducted towards the realization of the Objective, in 2019:

- ⇒ 6 automatic meteorological and 6 hydrological observation stations were installed and set up
- ⇒ 13,852 hectares of agricultural land were insured

The projected budget for the planned activities under Objective 3.3 was estimated at ₾6,254,900. In 2019, the state expenditure for the accomplishment of the Objective was ₾6,265,604.

- **Activity 3.3.1:** Carrying out hydro-meteorological observation and expanding the observation network

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency

Aim of the activity: expansion of standard hydro-meteorological observation network, collecting data from a stationary network and providing customer information regarding probable extreme hydro-meteorological events in Georgia.

Realized Activities:

In 2019, the hydro-meteorological service system is improved, the frequency of the hydro-meteorological observation network is increased, the quality of weather and hydrological forecasts is improved, the early warning system for preventing disasters/disasters is introduced.

Continuous and uninterrupted observation of 159 hydro-meteorological stations and watchtowers was conducted.

During 2019, the following stations began operating: 6 automatic meteorological stations (cities of Tbilisi/Varketili, Kazbegi, Bakhmaro, Gombori, Gurjaani, Gori); 6 river water monitoring stations (rivers Aragvi-Pasauri, River. Supsa, River Otskhe, River Stori, River Alazani – Birkiani, Alazani-Shakriani).

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of 2019 planned activities, 6 meteorological and 6 hydrological observation stations were to be purchased and installed. Within the reporting period, all planned stations were installed and set up.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €954,900, while the actual budget expenditure was €356,734.

Objective 3.3 Climate change. Activities used to mitigate the negative impact of climate change	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.3.1: Carrying out hydro-meteorological observation and expanding the observation network
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/LEPL National Environmental Agency
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - Compared to 2018, 6 additional meteorological and 6 hydrological observation stations will be purchased and installed.	Realized: - In 2019, Compared to 2018, 6 additional meteorological and 6 hydrological observation stations have purchased and installed.
Budget	
Planned: €954,900.00	Actual: €356,734.24

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			

- **Activity 3.3.2:** Agricultural insurance measures

Responsible Agency: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP
Agricultural and Rural Development Agency

Aim of the activity: Develop insurance market in the agricultural sector; support agricultural activities; increase the competitiveness of individuals employed in agricultural businesses; maintain income levels and reduce risks of individuals involved in agricultural businesses.

Realized Activities

The following changes were made to the 2019 program:

- The insurer and/or the owner of the land on which the insurance object is located must be registered in the register maintained under the “Farm / Farmer Registration Project”;
- The normative price of 1kg of red vines rose to ₾1.50, which resulted in increasing a normative price of 1 hectare to ₾15,000. Accordingly, the insurance policy premium increased to ₾1,275 per hectare, of which ₾637.50 is paid by the insurer and ₾637.50 is issued as a subsidy;
- When calculating the amount of a vine, the market price can be determined based on a report prepared by the LEPL - Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau and the National Wine Agency.

In April, contracts were signed with 8 insurance companies. Visits were made to various regions of Georgia, where the local population was provided with detailed information on the results of the 2018 Agro Insurance Program and the changes made to the 2019 Agenda. Visits to the region were also aimed at observing the damage assessment process. The program for 2019 was covered by various television stations. Documentary monitoring of insurance policies was carried out and the state subsidy was transferred. Consultations were started with insurance companies and international consultants on possible changes to the Agro-2020 program and the development of new insurance products.

As a result of the activities conducted in 2019, the following was accomplished:

- ✓ Number of issued insurance policies - 16,473;
- ✓ Cost of insured crops - ₾114,538,610;
- ✓ Area of insured crops - 13,852 ha;
- ✓ Agency’s share of insurance premium (agency’s cost-share) - ₾5,846,204.

During 2019, work was underway to analyze all the issues and problems that occurred in 2019 and to take these factors into account in the 2020 program, which in turn would contribute to the high effectiveness of next year's program.

Indicator realization and budget expenditure

As a part of the 2019 planned activities, approximately 13,000 hectares of agricultural land were to be insured. Within the reporting period, 13,852 ha of agricultural land were insured.

The budget for the planned activities was estimated at €5,300,000, while the actual budget expenditure was €5,908,870.

Objective 3.3 Climate change. Activities used to mitigate the negative impact of climate change	
Activity Number and Name:	Activity 3.3.2: Agricultural insurance measures
Responsible Agency:	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia/ NNLP Agricultural and Rural Development Agency.
Performance Indicators	
Planned: - In 2019, approximately 13,000 hectares of agricultural land were to be insured.	Realized: - In 2019, 13,852 ha of agricultural land were insured.
Budget	
Planned: <u>€5,300,000.00</u>	Actual: <u>€5,908,870.00</u>

Progress Evaluation		Fully Realized	Mostly Realized	Partially Realized	Not Realized	
	Rating	X				
		Implementation process not yet initiated	Implementation process on-going	Implementation process suspended	Implementation process terminated	Implementation process completed
	Status		X			