

## Promoting a New Rural Development Approach in Akhalkalaki

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Georgia

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**Implementer:**  
Georgian Institute of Public Affair Foundation

**Website(s):** [akhalkalakilag.ge/](http://akhalkalakilag.ge/)

### Project description:

The project is part of the EU's ENPARD programme supporting agriculture and rural development. It establishes a Local Action group to drive local decision making, empowering citizens and promoting local action based on the EU LEADER approach.

The project works in one of the border municipalities of Georgia settled with ethnic minorities, least covered by different support programmes. It helps build systems to provide diversified sources of income to the population of the municipality by sharing experience of similar communities, engagement of young people and women, sustainable use of natural resources and promotion of rural tourism.

By supporting the establishment and development of the Local Action Group, the project supports local decision-making, empowerment of citizens and promotion of community action.

### Expected results:

- Akhalkalaki Local Action Group is established;
- Local Development Strategy is developed for Akhalkalaki Municipality;
- Women and youth support group is engaged in Local Development Strategy development process and specific sub-project applications are promoted;
- Project methodologies, learning and results promoted to a wide national audience through a tested multimedia platforms.



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