PROJECT FACTSHEET

Joint EU-UNICEF project on strengthening systems and services for child protection in Georgia



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Georgia

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Implementer:
United Nation Children's Fund

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Project description:
The Project aims to support the Government in the implementation of the newly adopted Code on the Rights of the Child including in decentralization of activities to facilitate improved action within communities to respect and protect the rights of children.
Namely, the project will:
- Strengthen legislation and policies to support closure or restructuring of specialized institutions and move children from these institutions to a family environment. It will also strengthen social services workforce at central and municipal levels to support and protect children and families;
- Develop needs-based social programmes and implement them at local municipalities' level. Specific communication interventions will promote positive parenting to address violence against children.
- In the justice sector the project will result in additional specialization of criminal justice professionals (police, prosecutors, lawyers, judges) to work with child victims/witnesses of crime and those involved in cases of separation of children from their families. It will also strengthen the Juvenile Referral Centre and develop rehabilitation services for children in conflict with the law based on international child rights standards.

Expected results:
• Children benefit from living in caring family-like environment through de-institutionalization and family support services
• Social welfare institutions and staff at central and municipal levels provide quality needs-based social services for children and families.
• Citizens, communities, professionals, and parents increasingly apply sound approaches to positive up-bringing and respect children’s rights (including the right of girls and boys to grow up free of violence in a family environment), while children are increasingly aware and claim their rights.
• The justice system (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Judiciary, Prosecution, Legal Aid Service,) applies a child-friendly approach towards all children in contact with the law, including children victims and witness of crime and children separated from their families
• The National Agency for Crime Prevention and Probation under the Ministry of Justice implements the crime prevention referral procedures and delivers quality programmes for children with difficult behaviour, children below the minimum age of criminal responsibility and diverted children