

## Implementing LEADER in Mestia municipality for better livelihoods in high mountainous regions of Georgia

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Georgia

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Care International



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**Project website:** [care-caucasus.org/ge/](https://care-caucasus.org/ge/)

### Project description:

This project is part of the EU's ENPARD programme supporting agriculture and rural development. The project mobilizes local civil action, and ensures wide inclusion of local population, especially vulnerable groups, through promoting their participation in realization and elaboration of the local development strategy. It institutionalizes local civil efforts through creation and strengthening of the Local Action Group (LAG) in Mestia Municipality, and provides support to implementation of local development strategy objectives. These components are carried out through applying European LEADER approach.

### Expected results:

- Establishment of Mestia Local Action Group (LAG) as an operational and representative public-private partnership.
- Preparation and implementation of inclusive and gender-sensitive Local Development Strategy with participation of local stakeholders.
- Implementation of a funding scheme in support for innovative economic and social initiatives.
- Active contribution of Mestia LAG to existing networks of cooperative relationships that promote, replicate and increase the sustainability of the LEADER approach in Georgia.