

Social Enterprise - Innovation Approach for Economic and Social Changes

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Georgia

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Project description:

The project aims to promote Social Entrepreneurship as a way for enhancing CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) capacities to meet their social and environmental goals. It provides tailored technical assistance and capacity-building mechanisms through joint intellectual resources of CSRDG and EDEC, through SE Development Labs (SEDLs), established in Tbilisi and Kutaisi. It is designed to provide intensive training and support for 90 Social Enterprises (SE), including intensive courses of Social Entrepreneurship, mentoring, consultations and granting. Project activities strengthen SE technical assistance mechanisms, and demonstrate innovative ways of addressing social problems and economic inclusion of vulnerable groups of the population.

Expected results:

Project results are as follows:

- Supporting creation of enabling environment for Social Enterprises through improved legal policy frameworks and better access to finances
- Improved legal framework, in conjunction with meeting the SE needs for affordable, stable and predictable finances - micro credits and state financial support mechanisms is crucial for smoother operations of existing facilities, creating motivations for beginners and in general, SE development in the country.
- Developed state SE support mechanisms and strengthened cooperation with the business sector.
- Prepared research paper of the effective state SE support mechanisms applied internationally
- Developed policy recommendations for SE state support mechanisms;
- Conference with international consultants' participation about the state SE support mechanisms;
- Prepared information documents on Venture Philanthropy and Impact Investment will be prepared for Georgian companies in native language
- Existing Mechanisms of SE Networking, Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing are Strengthened.
- At least 6 exhibitions-fairs will be organized to enhance knowledge on SE and accelerate sales;
- At least 3 SE forums are held;



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