

# **Good Practice**

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## Renewable energy sources for IDPs in collab with NGO

# **Environmental Ecological Association DEA, Senaki municipality**

To connect with the city, the population uses local transport minibuses, which operate on schedule from 08:00 to 19:00. Apart from the institutions listed above, there are no other facilities (internet cafe, pharmacy, recreation park, etc.) on the ground, so many services are not available to the displaced population

In the settlement there is 1 public school, 1 kindergarten, 1 sports mini field and 1 grocery store

Due to their poor financial situation, they cannot go to the city centre every day to get the information they need or to buy the things they need

Located in Western Georgia, in the region of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti

Senaki Municipality

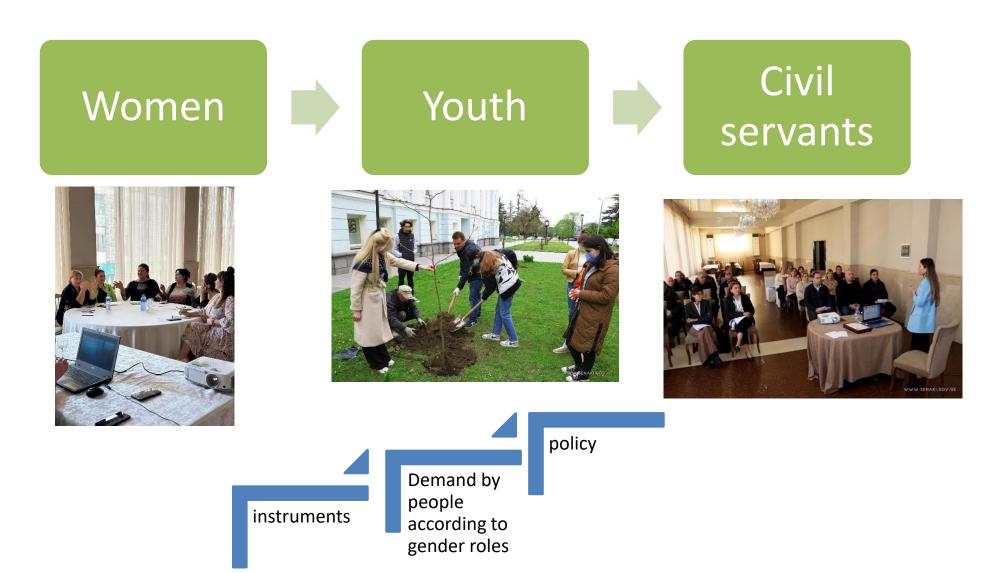
525 families (1725 people) are settled in 31 high-rise buildings intended for IDPs in the mentioned territory

Territorially close to Abkhazia, and therefore, in the 90s, it sheltered the population displaced from Abkhazia, who are settled in different areas

The total population of IDPs in the municipality is 249 people. The densest, most compactly populated area is the territory of the former "Military City", which is also called the IDP settlement



## 2. <u>Institutional Setting</u>:



### 3. Approach:

Non-formal education
Raising awareness
campaign

- Every activity or project was preceded by a survey, a study of the needs of the population. They were both project beneficiaries and direct beneficiaries as well as implementers.
- Awareness campaigns helped them not only to know what climate change and renewable energy sources are, but also women's rights, t he right to live in a healthy environment. How women and clean water and sanitation are connected, and how you can develop economically if you implement renewable energy sources.

Promotion of renewable energy

With the popularization and introduction of renewable energy, the awareness of the population about climate change, renewable energy sources, specifically the use of solar energy has increased. Its implementation has reduced emissions, reduced costs and provided more benefits to the population.

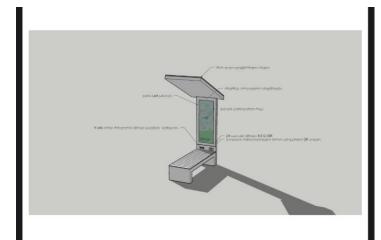
#### 4. Outputs:

- ✓ With installing a solar water heater for a displaced woman living in a rural area, thus she became economically strong, built a family hotel, which she could not open because she did not have access to hot water, uses solar energy and contributes to the climate change mitigation process.
- community has mobilized and raise awareness on biodiversity conservation. The introduction of sustainable pasture management through the introduction of alternate grazing and electric fencing. Biodiversity of Kolkheti National Park has been preserved, plot rotation breeding has been introduced
- enhance the self-esteem of displaced young people and women with entrepreneurial skills, and their socialization in society as well as the local community, with the knowledge gained they already have fewer barriers to participate in the grant competitions, trust in their success, improved their knowledge, and economic conditions. beneficiaries are cooperating with all structures at the local level and share information about their needs, success stories, and participation in community activities.
- ✓ two energy-efficient benches installed in the IDP settlement is a meeting and communication place for young people and not only young people, an indicator of the exchange of ideas and the implementation of ideas, since the population will enjoy free wireless Internet for 4 years. The mentioned Activity is also aimed at the promotion of renewable energy sources, which contribute to the mitigation of climate change. An information meeting was held for the population on why we have decided to install an energy-efficient bench in the settlement, which is increase the public responsibility of the citizens about the environment.







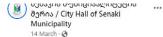




#### 5. Lessons:

- The lesson for all was that all sectors must take responsibility for climate change mitigation and adaptation. It was the result of these activities that Senaki became a signatory municipality of the Mayors agreement.
- We ACT now and together, to get on track and accelerate the necessary transition. We will develop, implement an action plan to reach our targets. Our plans will include provisions on how to mitigate and adapt to climate change, while remaining inclusive.





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#### 6. Transfer:

- Sharing experiences and participating in similar meetings so that many people know about our work.
- As soon as I take part in this meeting and talk about the achievements of our municipality, it is already a step forward.
- What matters is that more women should involved in the decisionmaking process, more women should allow to be involved in various activities, more women must see the benefits, and women must be protected from the catastrophic risks caused by climate change