

Health

Construction and rehabilitation of health facilities, provision of medical equipment and health promotion in Kakheti region, Georgia

"Finally after more than ten years, patients are coming back again to our Primary Healthcare Facility"

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Manavi Primary Healthcare Facility
Kakheti, Georgia



EC Partners

- Merlin
- Georgian Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Facts and Figures

- **EC contribution: €5.1 million (2005-2007)**
- Population **407,182** Kakheti, Georgia
- Construction/rehabilitation of **52 health facilities**, provision of medical equipment and consumables by 2008
- Facilitation of training by Public Health Department of **360 community health promotion volunteers**
- Theatre health promotion in **74 population centres** in 2007



Context

This project assists the Georgian Ministry of Health in improving the quality of basic health care services available to the population in the Kakheti region, East-Georgia. During the past decade, the population has had little confidence in the existing healthcare system and little knowledge of key health and lifestyle issues. The project created an upgraded working environment for family medicine practitioners through the refurbishment of primary health care facilities and provision of medical equipment. Retraining of family doctors and nurses (conducted under a parallel EU funded programme) and health promotion activities were organised in the communities to restore confidence and to increase utilisation of the health services.

Objective: Providing high quality accessible primary healthcare in Kakheti, Georgia

- To raise the capacity of the primary healthcare (PHC) network in Kakheti to allow provision of preventive and curative healthcare according to international standards;
- To increase the responsibility and capacity of the communities in Kakheti to make informed decisions about their health.

Impact: What has been achieved?

- So far 38 facilities rehabilitated/built and equipped according to international standards, to enable staff to provide readily accessible disease prevention and curative care to the population;
- 286 PHC staff trained on communication skills and health promotion;
- A mobile theatre group performed in 34 population centers, targeting some 8,300 people with key health education messages;
- 76 village health committees created to support health staff in the dissemination of health education messages.

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Manana Borashvili is a doctor at the Manavi Primary Health Care Facility of the Sagaredjo district in Kakheti, Georgia. This facility provides healthcare to a population of over 6,400 persons in 3 villages.

"It took more than ten years for people to return to our health care facility. The trust of the patients is coming back. When patients enter our facility they do not only see a new building, new equipment and furniture but they also know that the nurses and doctor have received additional training of six months. Until recently there were few services we could provide. Now for example we consult women throughout their pregnancy, advise people on diabetes and inform them on communicable and non communicable diseases and a healthy lifestyle. We can see that it is having an effect. The number of patients is increasing. We can see that people are seeking more and more preventive care. Previously people would wait until the very last moment due to lack of confidence in the healthcare system. We are proud of our centre."



Young children and parents watching a theatre performance on health promotion