

## Post-conflict assistance

### Support to Internally Displaced Persons in Georgia affected by the open conflict between Georgia and Russia in August 2008

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Elza Oqropiridze  
Internally Displaced Person



#### EC Partners

##### Consortium:

- Georgian Ministry of Finance
- Georgian Ministry of Refugees and Accommodation
- Municipal Development Fund

#### Facts and Figures

- EC contribution :  
EUR 10 million (2008)
- Contributed to the refinancing of 1,263 newly constructed houses
- Provided a housing solution for more than 4,000 newly Internally Displaced Persons



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#### Context

After the open conflict between Russia and Georgia in August 2008 the European Commission has pledged at the Brussels Donors' Conference (22 October 2008) a comprehensive assistance package of Euros 500 million to Georgia. Via this assistance package the Commission aims to provide assistance to the resettlement of internally displaced persons; the economic rehabilitation and recovery; the macro-financial stabilisation and to support Georgia's infrastructure. One of the immediate responses was to provide a first phase of targeted budget support to the Government of Georgia for the partial refinancing of newly constructed houses for Internally Displaced Persons.

#### Objectives:

- The overall objective is to create conditions for dignified and safe return, of IDPs, and to support decent living conditions for the displaced population and their participation in society.
- In particular the Programme aims to assist the Government of Georgia, via the Municipal Development Fund, to improve the living conditions of all IDPs by providing solutions allowing internally displaced persons to return voluntarily, in safety and with dignity, to their homes or places of habitual residence, or to resettle voluntarily in another part of the country.

#### Impact: What has been achieved?

- 1,263 houses were constructed by the Municipal Development Fund before the end of 2008, partially refinanced by the European Commission
- As a result more than 4,000 Internally Displaced Persons were provided with a housing solution

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Elza Oqropiridze is one of the many persons that had to flee their home as a result of the open conflict between Georgia and Russia in August 2008.

She and family was forced to leave everything behind in the village of Disevi located in the small Liakhvi Valley in South Ossetia.

Initially they found shelter at the collective centre located in the former military hospital of Isani District of Tbilisi. The family had no choice but to endure the difficult living conditions of the collective centre.

Fortunately their living situation improved significantly when Elza and her Family received a newly built house of 65 square meter from the Government in December 2008. Their house provides them with some personal privacy and a living space that offers some of the basic necessities such as gas, water and electricity.

"I feel like a human being again" says Elza. She is grateful that she has been provided with a place to live in, but at the same time she expresses her feeling of uncertainty about the future and whether they will be able to go back to her village.

