



CZECHIA'S SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN GEORGIA

Overview of the main
achievements 2015-2025



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic

How Czechia assisted Georgian people in following areas



Healthcare & Social Inclusion

- Developed healthcare through modern infrastructure, staff training, and quality systems. More inclusive support for people with disabilities and children in care.

Rural Development & Agriculture

- Boosted rural livelihoods with eco-friendly farming, agrotourism, and stronger food value chains.

Food Safety & Security

- Enhanced food safety and resilience through modern practices and better infrastructure.

Environmental Protection

- Protected biodiversity and natural resources, especially in mountain regions. Promoted climate education and disaster preparedness.

Local Initiatives (LAGs) & Youth

- Funded community-driven projects and empowered youth and NGOs to shape local change.

Democracy, Civil Society and Independent Media

- Strengthened institutions, backed civil society, and supported independent media and public engagement.

Economic Development Cooperation

- Supported entrepreneurs and small businesses with expert advice and better access to international trade.

Czech UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals (CUP)

- Supported innovative, scalable solutions aligned with the SDGs, connecting Czech expertise with Georgia's development needs.
- **Local Small Scale Projects**
- Funded initiatives to improve daily life in communities through local leadership.

Scholarships in Czechia

- Provided Georgian students with opportunities to study in Czechia, building skills for Georgia's future.

Cooperation between Czech and Georgian Universities

- Fostered academic partnerships, joint research, and knowledge exchange between higher education institutions.

Technical Assistance

- Delivered expert guidance and capacity-building to Georgian institutions for effective governance and service delivery.

HEALTHCARE & SOCIAL INCLUSION



Services for Children with Autism Disorder (ASD)

- Early detection of autism spectrum disorder improved, rehabilitation and social services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ADS) supported
- National standards, protocols, and therapeutic tools introduced
- 3 kindergartens equipped with special tools for children with autism spectrum in Tbilisi, Zugdidi and Telavi
- 540 rural doctors and 220 behavior therapists trained
- Regional service providers strengthened to expand access
- Budget: 625,000 EUR (2015-2021)



Long-term and palliative care for children

- Full equipment provided to Zhvania Hospital's Palliative Care Unit, Tbilisi
- National standards developed for long-term and palliative care
- Healthcare staff trained with specialized modules
- Families empowered through awareness and education
- Budget: 1 mln EUR (2017–2023)





Primary Healthcare

- Result-based finance mechanism introduced, connected directly to the quality of service
- Primary health care services enhanced in 46 healthcare centers – 146 village doctors and nurses in Dusheti and Zugdidi municipalities trained
- New E-management system, including local Electronic Medical Records developed
- 10 clinical protocols for non-communicable diseases introduced
- Online learning modules for PHC developed
- Laboratory information system built for effective COVID-19 surveillance
- Budget: 1,7 mln EUR (2017-2023)





Development of Adult Alternative Social Services – Way to Home

- New system of adult alternative care based on the individual needs of beneficiaries created
- National Deinstitutionalization Strategy and Action Plan developed
- 12 family-style houses for 112 people with disabilities all over Georgia built/renovated
- Czech know-how shared to support community-based care
- Budget: 1,3 mIn EUR (2020-2025)



Mental Health Peer-Work

- Peer support introduced as part of mental health services – 14 individuals with lived experience trained to support others on their recovery journey
- Czech expertise shared to promote community-based, recovery-oriented care
- Local NGOs and professionals equipped to build sustainable peer support systems
- Budget: 70,000 EUR (2022–2025)



Improvement of Early Childhood Intervention and Inclusive Education

- National strategy and action plan for early childhood intervention (ECI) developed
- Standards created to guide quality ECI services
- Pilot services launched in key regions to reach children early
- Stronger coordination for early detection and timely support
- Budget: 997,000 EUR (2023–2025)





Improvement of oncological care and prevention

- Screening center in Zugdidi fully built and equipped (7,800 people reached with screenings and care by 2021)
- Technical capacities of medical personnel in hospitals of West Georgia strengthened and 150 rural doctors trained in early cancer detection
- Equipment provided to ensure quality of onco-gynecological services in Batumi, Rukhi and Gali (Abkhazia)
- Hematology laboratory equipment for the Iashvili Childrens' Clinic in Tbilisi and training of healthcare professionals in the onco-hematology department
- Budget: 2,8 mln EUR (2015-2022, 2024-2027)



RURAL DEVELOPMENT & AGRICULTURE



Protected Landscape Tusheti

- Protected Landscape and Forestry Management Plans developed
- Administration of Tusheti PL trained and equipped to protect and preserve unique natural heritage
- Forest ecosystem monitoring system established for better conservation
- Solar energy brought to remote communities with dozens of panels installed
- Septicsystem piloted
- 26 grants distributed for diversification of local economic activities
- Trails marked to boost eco-tourism and local exploration
- Innovative methods for sheep wool cutting introduced
- Productivity, competitiveness, and sustainability of cattle farming enhanced through livestock breeding and feeding, animal health, and pasture management trainings and equipment provision
- Budget: 1,2 mln. EUR (2009-2018, 2022-2024)





Protected Landscape Aragvi

- Protected Landscape and Forestry Management Plans developed
- Administration of Aragvi PL empowered through targeted capacity-building
- Forest ecosystem monitoring system established for better conservation
- Trails marked to boost eco-tourism and local exploration, sustainable tourism services supported
- Local Action Group (LAG) Aragvi established
- 100 grants awarded to local farmers and tourism-related service providers
- Quality and availability of social and health services in remote areas improved
- Environmental module for local schools to maintain local culture and traditions introduces
- Timber yard for wood storage and processing and charcoal production built and fully equipped
- Productivity, competitiveness, and sustainability of cattle farming enhanced through livestock breeding and feeding, animal health, and pasture management trainings and equipment provision
- Budget: 3, 6 mln EUR (2018-2025, co-funded by Austria & Slovakia)





Protected Landscape Machakhela

- Protected Landscape and operational plan developed
- Urban and spatial planning tools introduced
- Eco-friendly economic activities supported
- Budget: 110,000 EUR (2023-2025)





Improving Rural Life in Khulo

- Khulo Local Action Group (LAG) established
- 73 business and social projects supported
- 7 tractors provided to boost agricultural productivity
- 200+ new jobs created
- Productivity, competitiveness, and sustainability of cattle farming enhanced through livestock breeding and feeding, animal health, and pasture management trainings and equipment provision
- Budget: 300,000 EUR (CZ and EU ENPARD projects 2018-2019, 2022-2024)





Local tourism development in Uraveli Valley

- Eco and rural tourism promoted to showcase the valley's natural and cultural charm
- GeoTrail created (first in Georgia)
- Community-based tourism providers trained and supported
- Budget: 11,000 EUR (2023)



Development of Mukhuri beekeeping cluster

- Cluster of beekeepers created, training and equipment provided
- Diversification of honey products introduced
- 200+ beekeepers supported to increase production, income, and jobs
- Budget: 200,000 EUR (2022-2023)



FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY



Food safety

- Implemented within EU funded ENPARD IV Programme
- Consumer awareness campaigns on food safety
- Policy dialogues between authorities, businesses, and civil society
- Budget: 2,000,000 EUR (2021-2025)





Phytosanitary Surveillance System

- Phytosanitary surveillance system in agriculture established
- Early detection of plant pests and diseases improved
- Safer and more sustainable crop production supported
- Official control system established
- Georgian farmers access to EU markets and consumers confidence in local products increased
- Budget: 928,000 EUR (2017 – 2024)



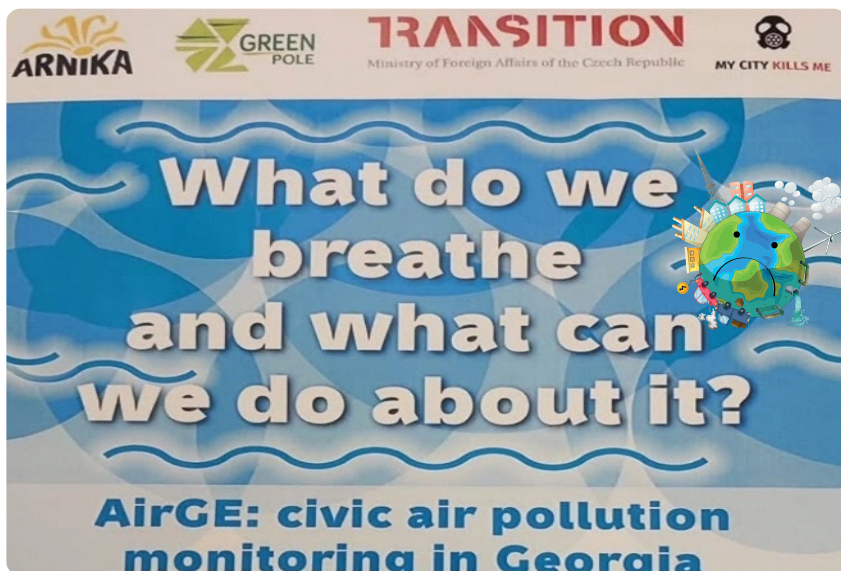


Food Bank

- Pilot Food Bank Initiative launched aimed at redistributing unsold food from local businesses to food-insecure people in Tskaltubo, Imereti
- Local LAG Tskaltubo and civil society actors involved in food distribution and coordination between farmers, food businesses, and the municipal soup kitchen
- Training and resources to local organizations provided for running campaigns on food waste reduction and behavior change at the community level
- Reduced food waste, farm gate losses, and greenhouse gas emissions
- Budget: 150,000 (2024-2026), co-funded by EU



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Civic control of air pollution in the towns of Georgia

- Real-time air quality data made accessible through a public website and mobile application
- In-depth study conducted on air pollution and its sources
- 150 home stations 7 in cities installed with trained local volunteers by the end of 2025
- Budget: 260,000 EUR (2023-2025)





Bioremediation of the former Batumi oil refinery

- New bioremediation technology piloted
- In-depth research on contamination sources, including waste, soil, and water pollution
- Environmental and health risk assessment based on contamination levels
- Feasibility study and project documentation for future land use
- Budget: 35,000 EUR (2021-2023)





Sustainable Development of Caves in Georgia

- Technical assistance provided and dozens of data loggers to monitor temperature in Prometheus, Sataplia, Satsurblia, Tetra, Datvi, and Okrojanashvili caves installed
- Specialized equipment for cave diving exploration delivered
- Detailed plan and methodology for speleotherapy (natural asthma treatment) at Satsurblia cave developed
- Budget: 250,000 EUR (2012 -2021)





Strengthening disaster risk reduction (DRR)

- Geo-hazard assessment modernized through introduction of innovative satellite tools
- Technical assistance and experience sharing of Czech Fire Fighting Unit of Ministry of Interior
- Firefighting capacities in Aragvi and Phsav-Khevsureti protected areas improved through training and modern equipment
- Local communities in Oni Municipality strengthened to better respond to climate-related hazards and ensure safer environment
- Budget: 200,000 EUR (2021 -2024)

LOCAL INITIATIVES (LAGS) & YOUTH



Tskaltubo Local Action Group

- Local Development Strategy developed
- 4,000+ local citizens engaged
- 61 local initiatives funded
- Vulnerable groups (eco-migrants, IDPs, youth) supported
- Part of EU funded ENPARD III Programme
- Implementation period (2015-2019)





Kazbegi Local Action Group

- Local Development Strategy developed
- 1,200 local citizens engaged
- 110+ local initiatives funded, creating over 100 jobs and benefiting more than 1,000 residents
- Eco-friendly projects supported, including an electric bus service, a dental clinic, and a trout farm
- Partnerships with 8 European LAGs from 7 countries
- Part of EU funded ENPARD III Programme
- Implementation period (2015-2019)





Aragvi Local Action Group

- Local Development Strategy developed
- 100 grants to boost local farming and tourism businesses distributed
- Eco-friendly projects supported, including organic farming, production of local cheese and herbal teas, craft making, guest houses
- Grants for socially vulnerable groups of population distributed
- Local festivals and summer camps for youth organized
- Part of a large programme supporting Protected Landscape of Aragvi
- Implementation period (2019-2024)





Youth center in Dusheti

- Pilot youth services launched in the region
- Mobile youth services throughout the municipality by “youth bus” supported
- Career orientation and wide range of after-school activities conducted
- Trainings in IT and soft skills developed
- Budget: 800,000 EUR (2023-2025)





Youth center in Tetrtskaro

- Civic campaign launched for stray dogs registration and sterilization (82 stray dogs sterilized)
- Advocacy for municipal involvement resulting in 500 dogs sterilized by 2024
- Ecoclub Samshvilde supported to engage local residents in developing eco-friendly tourism near Samshvilde National Park
- Budget: 5,000 EUR (2021-2024)



DEMOCRACY, CIVIL SOCIETY AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA



Support of regional CSOs and Media Literacy

- Participation of regional CSOs in policy dialogue on social inclusion in 4 regions of Georgia enhanced with the focus on vulnerable groups, including children, youth, IDPs, elderly, people
- Introduction of a new methodology, teaching Human Rights through Documentaries designed to raise awareness and foster healthy discussion among youth, group facilitators trained (One world in schools/OWIS Methodology - 
- Media Literacy toolkits developed, distributed and available to everyone on www.literacydoc.ge 
- Media Literacy Workshops for Georgian, Azerbaijani and Armenian speakers organized
- Media literacy skills and critical thinking among Georgian youth increased in most of the regions in Georgia
- Local media representatives trained in fact checking;
- Joint initiatives by youth groups and local media outlets Implemented
- Media Literacy Festivals in Samtskhe-Javakheti, Kvemo Kartli and Tbilisi 
- Implementation period: 2015-2025



Emergency Fund for Independent Media & CSOs

- Emergency support provided to local media outlets and CSOs
- Focus on monitoring elections and related protests
- Aimed at ensuring transparent, fact-based reporting
- Budget: 350,000 EUR (2024-2025)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



Aid for Trade Program

- Projects on improving competitiveness, export, developing of SMEs, facilitating market access and diversification
- Partnerships between the chambers of commerce of Czechia and Georgia established
- Partnerships between trade associations and private entities developed (hazelnuts)
- Links between Georgian suppliers and Czech consumers strengthened
- Georgia's capacity to meet Czech market requirements assessed



CZECH UNDP PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (CUP)



Challenge Fund - Innovative solutions from the Czechia's private sector, NGOs; universities, state institutions, research centres and individuals are applied to tackle specific developmental challenges.

- Unique Modular HD Camera System For Inspection And Maintenance Of Sewage Networks
- Organic tea production development in Guria
- Methodology for the area assessment in terms of debris flow hazard
- Improving communication and citizen participation in Rustavi
- Public involvement into the process of regional development via community planning in Abmrolauri and Tkibuli

- Seed Libraries in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kakheti to exchange local varieties of seeds for free
- Mobile application to help smokers to quit smoking

Expertise on Demand - Czech expertise shared through hands-on experience and trainings;

- Preparation of Protected landscapes designation and management guidelines
- Capacity assessment of DRR and fire-fighting capacities in Dusheti Municipality
- Assessment of civic participation in 4 municipalities
- Budget: 40 000 EUR/grant

LOCAL SMALL SCALE PROJECTS



Annual grant call by the Czech Embassy for local NGOs and initiatives supported for example:

- Children with Special Education Needs in Marneuli Municipality
- Tbilisi Paraorchestra by providing new instruments and assistive technologies
- Integrated groups at the Telavi Day Center to foster social enterprise, historical trail creation, and social-emotional skills for adolescents with special needs and their peers
- Improvement of Market Access for Rural Crafts in Dusheti and Gori
- Garden for Disabled Children in Chiatura
- Production of dried fruits in Zugdidi, employing internally displaced persons from Abkhazia
- School IT equipment for children in remote areas during COVID-19 pandemics
- Budget: max. 20 000 EUR/grant



SCHOLARSHIPS IN CZECHIA



Government Scholarships

- Follow-up Master and Doctoral studies in Czech & English
- Fully funded tuition & living expenses
- Recommended study fields: technical fields, engineering, agriculture, mathematics and statistics, IT, economics and finance, environment
- Scholarships Available: approx. 25 annually
- 159 Georgian students received Czech Government Scholarships since 2018



Other Scholarships

- Scholarships of the South Moravian Centre for International Mobility only for Brno Universities
- Scholarships under Intergovernmental Exchange Programmes
- ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME: Studying and Traineeships Abroad
- Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies
- Visegrad Scholarship Program
- Scholarships based on Interuniversity Agreement/Czech University of Life Sciences



COOPERATION BETWEEN CZECH AND GEORGIAN UNIVERSITIES



Capacity building programme for state universities

- Ilia State University and Masaryk University - ecological research and education in Georgia, particularly regarding forest habitats sensitive to climate change
- ATSU Kutaisi and ČVUT Prague – introduction of study programme on hydropower engineering
- Georgian Technical University and ČVUT Prague – security studies
- Budget: approx. 60 000 EUR/grant



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Cooperation between Ministries of Finance of Czechia and Georgia

- Sharing experience of financial and economic transformation
- Study visits at the Czech Ministry of Finance
- Consultations, seminars & workshops on a wide range of public finance issues

Cooperation between Ministries of Internal Affairs of Czechia and Georgia

- Security Development Cooperation
- Trainings on modern methods of criminal investigation
- Implementation of genetic methods for the exchange of DNA profiles

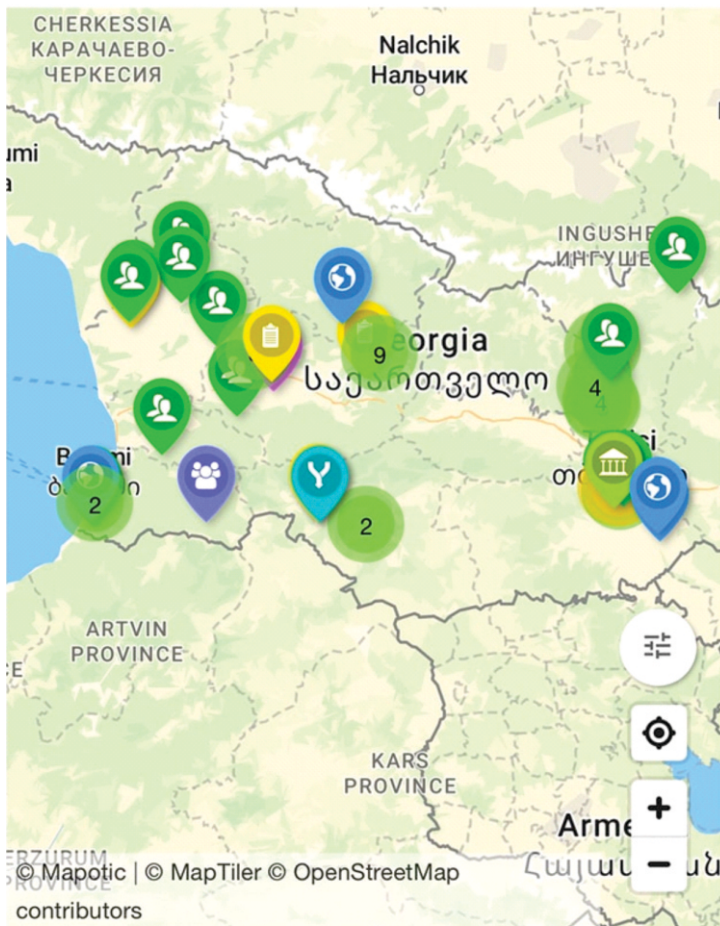
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Interactive Digital Map to explore detailed information about various projects across Georgia



Interactive map

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