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## The first stage of trainings on social skills in Kutaisi and Gori was completed

In July, the first phase of social skills training was completed in Gori and Kutaisi, where about 50 former prisoners and probationers took part. Social skills training include 4 main topics - effective communication, conflict management, resume writing and job searching. In August, at the next stage, participants will take part in the business training, and after that they will be able to receive grants of 1200 and 3000 EUR to start or develop their own business.

In September, former convicts and probationers living in Samegrelo and Kakheti regions will take part in the project.



## CHCA shared its experience with foreign NGOs

On 27 July, Charity Humanitarian Centre "Abkhazeti" (CHCA) hosted the delegates from Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia and North Caucasus, Russian Federation, at the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia. The organization shared with the guests its professional experience that has been accrued in the process of working with IDPs and conflict-affected communities for 22 years. The guests mainly expressed interest towards the integration and settlement of the IDPs, the state mechanism, relations with the local self-government, livelihood issues, and others.

The international civil society representatives have been visiting Georgia in the framework of the project "Overcoming the consequences of war together". The project is financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany. The project partner in Georgia is NGO "Sokhumi", operating in Kutaisi.





## Advisory Board meeting was organized in Gori



On July 25 13th meeting of the Advisory Board was organised in Gori, which was attended by the first deputy governor of Shida Kartli and by the representatives of NGOs, local self-government and Shida Kartli Social Service Agency. Members of Advisory Board discussed the following issues – current changes in Social Service Agency and new programs; priorities and main directions of the Social Service for 2018, and the process of the implementing projects supported by the PIN.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be carried out in September.



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## The Meeting on the Housing Issues at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

On 25 July, the meeting was held at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, on the initiative of CHCA. At the Ministry, CHCA presented the Housing Policy Recommendations Paper that was elaborated in the framework of the project: “The way forward for reforms in the housing sector: empowering grass root homeowners’ associations in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine”. The project is implemented in the five Eastern Partnership countries under the leadership of the German NGO Initiative for Housing in Eastern Europe (IWO) with the financial support of the European Union. The Policy Recommendations Paper, elaborated in the framework of the project, is one of the instruments that support housing reforms and strengthening of civic involvement in the housing sector. The project has been implemented since 2015 and the partner in Tbilisi is CHCA.



**20 Homeowner Associations and Community Based Organizations** were formed in IDPs settlements and collective centers in Gori, Kareli, Kaspi, Mtskheta, and Tetrtskaro municipalities. The active community members were strengthened by various trainings.



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## Social skill trainings for Youth



In July, the first stage of social skills training was completed in Telavi, Saguramo and Gori, attended by 30 children. Social skills training included eight main topics - perceptual subjectivity, non-verbal communication, verbal communication, assortment, the meaning of conflict and ways of solving, leadership and teamwork and branding/presentation. Beneficiaries of all three regions of the first phase will gather together in September with a one-day excursion where they will discuss common topics and arrange intellectual competitions based on the training themes.



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## Volunteer from Spain meet with Youth in Gori



On July 26th, Centre "Abkhazeti" organized meeting at CHCA's Gori office for volunteers from Gori, Karaleti, Khurvaleti, Teliani IDP settlements. The goal of the meeting was providing information concerning the organization's projects and volunteer activities. Ignacio Martinez, the Spanish volunteer of CHCA, presented information concerning volunteer activities and about his own experience. As well as to talk about how is possible to help in Spain doing volunteerism; Ignacio also spoke about his country and about its history and situation. With it, the volunteers could make comparisons between Georgia and Spain, achieving satisfactory conclusions and expressing their willingness to be actively engaged in project activities.


## Children from Baisubani small group home (Lagodekhi municipality) spent summer holidays in Kazbegi.

10 adolescents and 3 caregivers stayed in Kazbegi for 12 days. Sport and educational activities were accompanied by a pleasant time.

CHCA is running three small group homes in Kakheti region, with 30 teenagers. Children from Vardisubani and Kurdgalauri small group home (Telavi municipality) will spend summer holidays in Svaneti in August.



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