Project Summary

The project represented the EU contribution to the activities of UNHCR, UNDP and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) under the Instrument for Stability (IFS) for Georgia. The Budget Support Programme addressed the serious budgetary problems of Georgia related to the resettlement and the socioeconomic integration of internally displaced and homeless persons resulting from the armed conflict of August 2008.

Project Objectives

To facilitate, provide continuous support and monitor the successful implementation of the budgetary “Support to Georgia IDPs Action Plan: 2008 Part II” with a budget of EUR 51.5 million.

Contract purpose

To provide support and advice to the Contracting Authority, and to monitor the project:

- Activity 1 – Shelter (undertaken by UNHCR)
- Activity 2 – Early recovery (undertaken by UNDP)
- Activity 3 – Civil society/state dialogue on IDP issues (implemented by the Danish Refugee Council)

Services provided

Support to the Contracting Authority and the Counterpart Agencies

- Advice to the European Commission on the successful and timely implementation of the budget support programme
- Advice on strengthening procurement procedures.
- Technical advice on the implementation of the actions under Instrument for Stability
- Preparation of Steering Committee meetings preceding disbursement of following tranches.
- Advice on lessons learned and best practices and advice on how to incorporate these into the planning and implementation of future activities

Sector Coordination Mechanism

- Advice on coordination of activities between UNHCR, UNDP, DRC and other institutions, organisations, Government of Georgia and between donors
- Arrangement of the Sector Coordination meetings

Performance Monitoring System for the Sector

- Monitoring of the implementation of the Stability Instrument Intervention through UNHCR, UNDP and DRC
  - Regular and ad-hoc visits to project sites for the verification of progress
  - Regular meetings & liaising with project implementers and relevant Ministries
  - Monthly reporting on implementation progress, and the problems encountered
  - Recommendations on how to address these problems

Verification of Compliance

- Definition of Indicators
  - Review of reports and verification of compliance with the conditions agreed, prior to disbursement of the 2nd and 3rd tranche

Institutional Strengthening

- Information and training of stakeholder personnel regarding monitoring procedures
- Information and assistance in programme management e.g. provisions of the contract, compliance and other contractual and financial matters

Monitoring Mission for the Targeted Budget Support Programme

Client

European Commission

Duration

19.11.2009 – 18.07.2010

Personnel

- 3 Key Experts: 1 local STE (TL) and 2 international STE
- various international and local non-key STE