

Natural Resource Management

Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions in Georgia and Azerbaijan



Background

Earlier cooperation under the IFAD rural development programme (2001-2004) clearly demonstrated the need to establish an NGO network to debate best practices, to advocate mountain related issues, and to implement new projects.

The current project emphasizes much more concrete activities at the local level, and is intended to directly develop income generation activities, in addition to supporting the increased rehabilitation of income linked infrastructures.

General Information

Project region:
Azerbaijan, Georgia

Project duration:
2004-2007

Total budget:
CHF 1'900'000

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General Objective

The living conditions in selected mountain communities in Georgia and Azerbaijan have been improved through the support of income generation activities.

Project objectives:

- inhabitants of a project area are mobilised and have a common understanding on how to increase their income;
- small infrastructures linked to income generation strategies are improved;
- Income generating projects are implemented and operate in a sustainable manner.

Expected results and activities

- Human capacity on a grassroots level areas increased and focused on income generation;
- Establishment of civil society organisations in each country which are capable of analysing development issues in their respective regions;
- Communities are able to prioritize their infrastructure rehabilitation needs, with respect to the support of their income generation activities.

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