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Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)

OVERVIEW OF EC HUMANITARIAN AID ABKHAZIA / WESTERN GEORGIA

ABKHAZIA ONGOING PROJECTS

1. ECHO Humanitarian aid programme (budget 2006): 2m Euros from November 2006 until November 2007

ECHO is financing humanitarian aid/recovery programmes in Western Georgia which aim at improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable households in Abkhazia (local population and returnees) and Samegrelo (IDPs). The following projects are currently supported.

- ICRC: Economic assistance programme (food aid and food security, income generation) - Abkhazia mainly, 500,000 Euros, 11/06-10/07 (2,000 beneficiaries in Abkhazia).
- Accion contra el Hambre: Food security, income-generation programmes - Abkhazia, 290,000 Euros, 12/06-11/07 (280 beneficiary households, 1,100 people)
- Danish Refugee Council: Shelter rehabilitation and income-generation programmes - Abkhazia, Samegrelo, 600,000 Euros, 12/06-11/07 (1,200 beneficiaries in Abkhazia, 800 in Samegrelo Region)
- Première Urgence: Food security, income-generation programmes - Abkhazia, 602,140 Euros, 12/06-10/07 (550 beneficiary households, 2,200 people)

ABKHAZIA - COMPLETED PROJECTS

2. ECHO Humanitarian aid programme (budget 2005): 2m Euros from October 2005 until October 2006

ECHO has supported humanitarian assistance programmes to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable households in Abkhazia and the rest of Western Georgia with the following projects:

- ICRC: Humanitarian relief and income-generation programme - Abkhazia, Western Georgia, 700,000 Euros, 10/05-03/06
- Accion contra el Hambre: Food security, income-generation programme - Abkhazia, Samegrelo, 290,000 Euros, 10/05-10/06
- Première Urgence: Food security programme - Abkhazia, 347,000 Euros, 10/05-10/06
- Danish Refugee Council: Shelter assistance - Abkhazia, Samegrelo, Imereti, 363,000 Euros, 04/06-11/06
- Médecins du Monde: Reproductive health in Samegrelo region, 300,000 Euros, 12/05-11/06

3. ECHO Humanitarian aid programme (budget 2004) : 4m Euros from July 2004 until October 2005

ECHO has supported humanitarian assistance programmes to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable households in Abkhazia and the rest of Western Georgia with the following projects:

- ICRC: Humanitarian relief programme - Abkhazia, Western Georgia, 1,5m Euros, 07/04-03/05
- Accion Contra el Hambre:
 - Food for Work Programme - Abkhazia, Samegrelo, 100,000 Euros, 09/04-06/05
 - Food security, income generation programme - Abkhazia, Samegrelo, 500,000 Euros, 10/04-09/05
- Première Urgence : Food security, income-generation projects - Abkhazia, 340,000 Euros, 10/04-09/05
- Danish Refugee Council: Rehabilitation of collective centres in Georgia (Tskhaltubo district), 210,000 Euros and 310,000 Euros, 08/04-09/05
- ALISEI: Rehabilitation of collective centres and schools in Georgia (Rustavi, Tbilissi), 500,000 Euros and 200,000 Euros, 08/04-10/05
- Médecins du Monde: Reproductive health in Samegrelo region, 540,000 Euros, 09/04-09/05

During the period 1993-2003, Georgia has received 98,2m Euros through ECHO in emergency relief aimed at overcoming the effects of the civil war and the consequences of the collapse of the Soviet Union.

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