

**EC Rehabilitation
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Georgia**



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1. Description

- 1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract: **United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia**
- 1.2. Name and title of the Contact person: **John Mukoza: Trust Fund Officer**
- 1.3. Name of partners in the Action: **UNOMIG and UNDP**
- 1.4. Title of the Action: **EC Rehabilitation Program for the Georgian-Abkhaz Conflict Zone**
- 1.5. Contract number: **TACIS/2005/109051**
- 1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period: **1 May - August 2006**
- 1.7. Target country(ies) or region(s): **Georgia (Ochamchira, Gali, Tkvarcheli, and Zugdidi Districts)**
- 1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups¹ (if different) (including numbers of women and men): **The final beneficiaries are the general population, patients and users of hospital infrastructure from the above regions: Men, Women and Children.**
- 1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7): **(see 1.7 above)**

2. Assessment of implementation of activities

2.1. Activities and results

Please list all the activities in line with Annex 1 of the contract during the reporting period

¹ "Target groups" are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and "final beneficiaries" are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

According to the Program document, UNOMIG is tasked to implement following activities.

Activity 1: Rehabilitation of Tkvarcheli, Ochamchira and Zugdidi City hospital and the Zugdidi TB hospital.

Activity 2: (Activity 2 under EC Phase I) Rehabilitation of electricity supply link to the hospitals.

Activity 1:

Healthcare Component: Rehabilitation of Tkvarcheli, Ochamchira Zugdidi City and the TB Hospitals

1.1 General Financial Information

Since the first allotment of funds that UNOMIG received from the Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO) in New York on 29 March 2006, two more allotments have been requested. Euro 29,000 has been requested for hiring an Engineering Consultant for the electricity component. Euro 255,000 has also been requested to finance the activities of the component. The rest of the funds will be requested when EC disburses the second tranche of Euro 222,130.26 and the third tranche of Euro 50,332.26. EC has already transferred Euro 717,37.48 to UNOMIG account in New York.

Table 1: Showing EC funding disbursement plan

Approved EC (Euros)	First tranche to UNOMIG (Euros)	Second tranche to UNOMIG (Euros)	Last tranche to UNOMIG (Euros)
990,000	717,000	222,130.26	55,332.26

1.2 Tkvarcheli Hospital Polyclinic

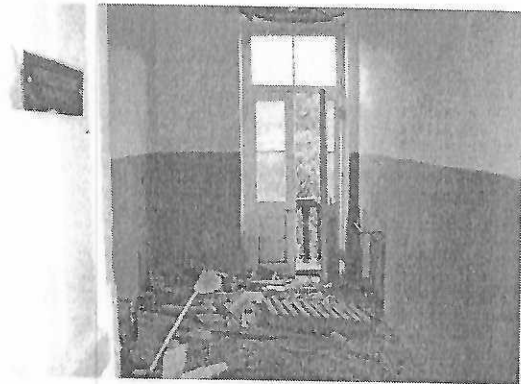
The rehabilitation of the Tkvarcheli Polyclinic was complete at the original cost of Euro 44,173. The contract was awarded on 24 August 2006. The original completion date was 30 November 2006. However, it was later extended to 31 December 2006 due to the complications in the rehabilitation that arose as a result of the internal inherent weak and old building structures. The last final inspection will be done the week starting 26 March 2007.



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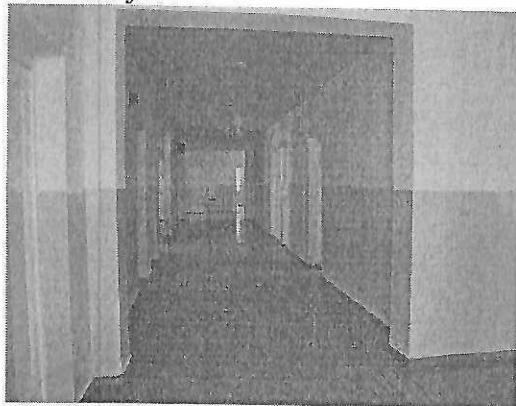
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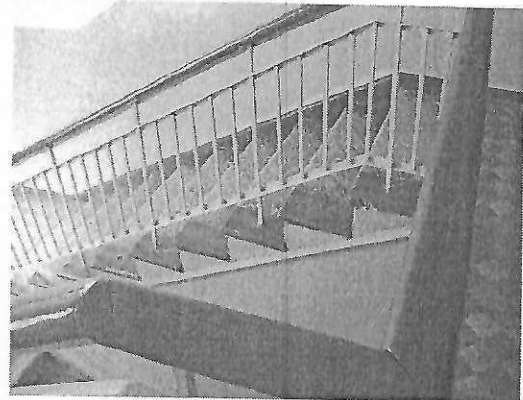
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after



corridor after rehabilitation



staircase after rehabilitation



sanitary room after rehabilitation

1.3 Ochamchira Hospital

The contract to rehabilitate Ochamchira Hospital was awarded on 30 August 2006. The total cost of the project is estimated to be Euros 111, 034, the additional Euro 16,034 was later incorporated to cater for the additional costs.

The first reason for the additional works was to incorporate in the rehabilitation of other hospital rooms, windows and the redesigning of the front shade/pouch that were originally left out of the Scope of Works but are important for medical reasons.

The second reason for the increase of the budget was to cater for unforeseen structures at the time of preparing the Scope of Works, such as the wiring system related to the X-ray department and the need for linking the sewage line to the city sewage system.

These above-mentioned factors were submerging the positive impact of the reconstruction work both technically and visually.

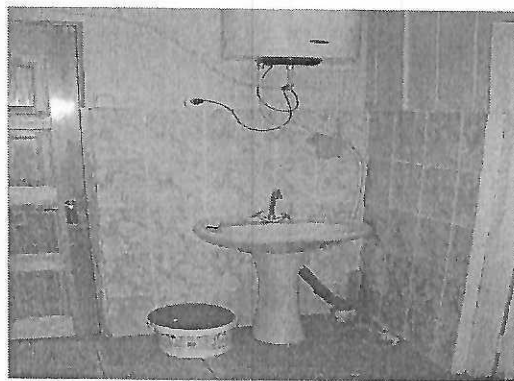
The original completion date was 15 January 2007, but due to the above-mentioned reasons requiring additional works and causing a time lapse, the date is estimated to be mid-May 2007.

UNOMIG has already requested the EC on 12 March 2007 to utilize savings and shift funds from other budget lines to meet the above mentioned shortfall (see table 2 attached).

hospital building after rehabilitation



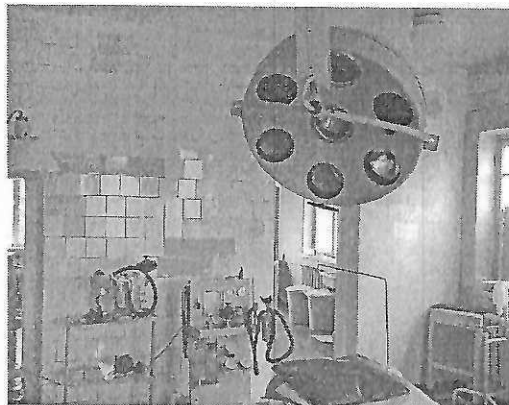
sanitary room after rehabilitation

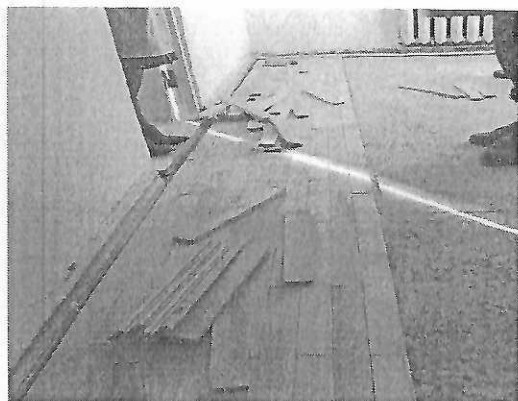


medical rooms before rehabilitation



medical rooms undergoing rehabilitation





operation theatre before rehabilitation

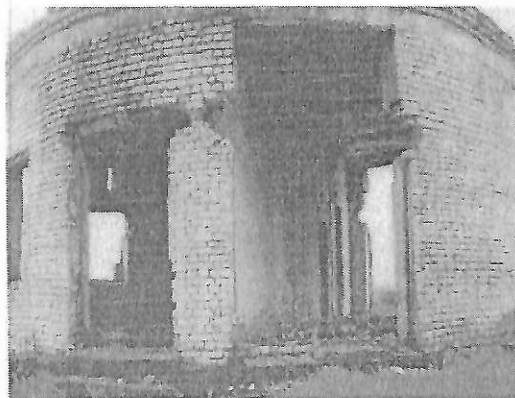


maternity ward after rehabilitation

1.4 Zugdidi Central Hospital/Zugdidi Sewage Treatment System.

Although the above-mentioned hospital was originally on the list for projects to be funded by the program, the Georgian government rehabilitated the hospital ahead of the EC program. The funds that were supposed to finance the hospital will be reallocated for the rehabilitation of the Zugdidi City Sewage Treatment System. On 3 August 2006, the EC wrote to the Georgian Government informing them on the possibility of releasing the funds for water management.

On 6 August 2006, UNOMIG completed and submitted the Scope of Works (SOW) for the Zugdidi sewerage treatment system to the EC for approval. The EC has approved the project in principle and is awaiting the Government of Georgia to consent. UNOMIG and EC will sign an addendum to the MoU, after which UNOMIG will commence the tendering process for the rehabilitation the project



sewerage system to be rehabilitated

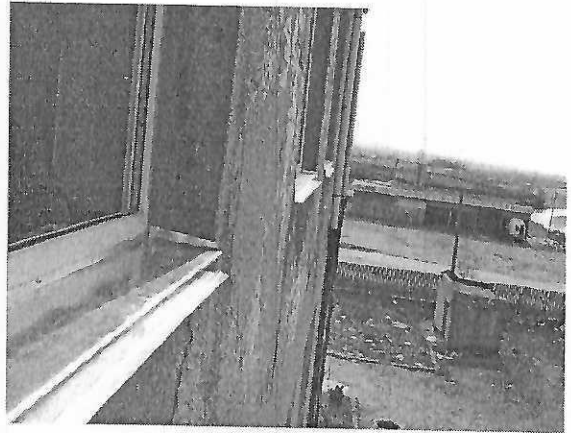
1.5 Zugdidi TB Hospital

Prior to the beginning of the rehabilitation work of the hospital, UNOMIG and the EC had learned that Government of Georgia would change the purpose of the Zugdidi TB hospital from that of treating TB patients to a military hospital. Later, the Georgian

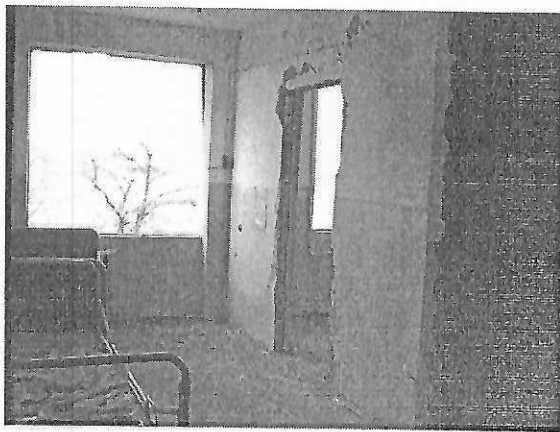
Government gave its assurance to the EC and UNOMIG that the Zugdidi TB Hospital would not be converted to a military hospital.

It was after the above assurance that UNOMIG completed the SOW for the rehabilitation of the Hospital and preparation of tender documents.

The rehabilitation works started the first week of December 2006 after loosing about four months of the schedule. The initial completion date was 31 February 2007. However the project will be completed end of March 2007, due to the inevitable movement of patients on the very floor under rehabilitation.



Zugdidi TB Hospital roof and 3-rd floor to be rehabilitated



UNOMIG, particularly the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG), Mr. Ivo Petrov, the Chief Administrative Officer Ms Margaret Simon, with her officers plus UNOMIG-CIMIC, have maintained contacts with the Georgian and Abkhaz de facto authorities. The above-mentioned senior management of UNOMIG have conducted monitoring visits to the project sites and made useful comments and policy decisions.

The EC Program Manager, Ms. Maria Van Ruiten, has continued to visit the project too and chaired the operational coordination meetings between EC, UNDP and UNOMIG. Zugdidi city authorities, such as the Office of the Governor and officials of the Tkvarcheli and Ochamchira hospitals have been very helpful in assisting our Engineering teams in preparation and planning and other technical documentation and kick-starting the commencement of rehabilitation works.

The de facto Minister of Health, a representative from the de facto Ministry of Foreign and UNOMIG officers conducted two joint project monitoring visits to Ochamchira and Tkvarcheli Hospitals.

In its continued cooperation with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), UNOMIG agreed to collaborate in the rehabilitation of the TB Hospital in Zugdidi. Both sides agreed to combine efforts and resources in the rehabilitation of the hospital whereby MSF refurbish the second floor and UNOMIG rehabilitated the third floor of the Hospital. UNOMIG met the labor costs for rehabilitation of the roof while MSF provided the roofing materials. The MSF will establish an office at the hospital to start tuberculosis treatment program.

Activity 2:

2.1 Electricity Component: Rehabilitation and Installation of Electricity

The above-mentioned hospitals earmarked for rehabilitation are linked to the public low voltage electrical network and not the medium voltage network. In addition to this shortfall is that the Hospitals do not have backup generators.

The EC Rehabilitation Program will complement the electricity supply and hire an electrical engineer to lead the process and prepare the ground work for the rehabilitation.

UNOMIG and EC had extended discussions on the modality of hiring the Electrical Consultant for this component. It was agreed later that the hiring of the Consultant be undertaken by UNOMIG.

On Sept 2007, we sought the services of the electricity consultant. The formal clearance was received by UNOMIG on 12 November 2007.

On 30 January 2006, UNOMIG sought clearance from its headquarters of DPKO in New York and received the approval on 21 February 2007. About six months were spent in approval processes.

In the meantime, UNOMIG was pursuing Mr. Jean Pierre Tharot, the Consultant, who had prepared the feasibility study for the electricity sector in the conflict zone. After accepting the offer, he later turned it down to take up a World Bank offer in Chad. The second most qualified candidate working with "Abel Gruppen Sverrige Bergavagen" in Sweden, declined the offer for security reasons. The Third candidate is working with UNDP on the sister component of this project and besides lacking the time for the consultancy, he is not eligible.

Having lost about eight months on the red tape of the hiring processes, UNOMIG had to re-advertise the consultancy afresh with a deadline of 23 March 2007.

The target is to recruit a candidate by end of April 2007 and start in early June 2007. UNOMIG will commence the procurement process once the Consultant prepares the action plan and tendering documents.