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Dear Gloria,

Enclosed please find the International Rescue Committee Final Report for Emergency water and Sanitation Assistance
As indicated in the report, the activities has been successfully implemented within our current multi-sectoral activities for IDPs in Georgia

Should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me at (212)551-3056

Thank you very much for your support of IRC's Programs in Georgia

Sincerely,

Ismail Balla

cc Paul Daniels

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Final Report for

EMERGENCY WATER AND SANITATION ASSISTANCE

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PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Purpose

To meet emergency water and sanitation needs for the prevention of health problems and the spread of disease in new overcrowded IDP centers in the Samegrelo region

Project Objectives

- ☐ Build external showers, laundry pads and pit latrines where not presently existing in new IDP centers
- ☐ Clean and repair existing water and sanitation systems in new IDP centers

Project Beneficiaries

Approximately 2,250 IDPs in at least 9 new collective centers

Project Location

Samegrelo region

Project Duration

1 June 1998 to 1 July 1998

Budget

\$ 25,000
Direct assistance 23,382 USD
ICR 1,618 USD
Total 25 000 USD

II BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

History

The Republic of Georgia declared its independence from the Soviet Union in April 1991, but was not recognized by the international community until January 1992. The Ossetians and Abkhazians, ethnically and linguistically unrelated to Georgians, reacted to the re-establishment of Georgia's statehood and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in December of 1991, by invoking separatist claims for self-determination. These separatist ambitions, fueled by area politics, created a dramatic outburst of armed conflict delineated along ethnic lines in the autonomous regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, resulting in a mass displacement of nearly 280,000 people, primarily ethnic Georgians, by the end of 1993. Further exacerbating the ethno-political conflicts was the outbreak of a civil war between Georgians at the end of 1991, which continued intermittently through 1993.

Current Crisis

On Wednesday, 20 May 1998 the delicate peace between the Georgian government and the defacto government of Abkhazia was disrupted by widespread fighting, looting and destruction of property. As a result, an estimated 40,000 IDPs, most of which returned to Gali within the last two years, fled Gali into the Zugdidi region. IDPs entering the Zugdidi region occupied abandoned houses and buildings as well as schools left vacant for the summer recess. IRC has been providing water, sanitation and shelter rehabilitation for the new IDPs in the Samegrelo region.

The Role of the International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee has been implementing multi-sectoral activities for IDPs in Georgia since late 1993. With funding from numerous donors, including UNHCR, Save the Children (USAID umbrella grant), BPRM, Stichting Vluchteling/the Government of the Netherlands, ECHO, and many smaller donors, IRC/Georgia has become one of the lead agencies providing non-food assistance to IDPs. IRC's support is aimed at increasing the ability of IDPs to improve and sustain their livelihood, and establishing links between the IDP community and existing facilities and services in Georgian society. Because of the high concentration of IDPs in the western regions of Samegrelo and Imereti, IRC continues to target most of its assistance to these areas. IRC provides targeted assistance to IDPs residing with host families and implements a full package of services to those IDPs residing in collective centers. This package includes shelter rehabilitation, community development, and income generating activities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Location

This project concentrated its activities on providing water and sanitation relief to the newly displaced Gali IDPs seeking refuge in the Samegrelo region especially in and around Zugdidi. In coordination with the UN and other assistance providers IRC targeted new communal centers including schools and hospitals occupied by the new arrivals lacking sufficient water and sanitation for IDPs which posed potential serious public health risks.

For this project, IRC's working area in the Samegrelo region (Zugdidi and surrounding areas) included the left side of the railway (Ingiri-Jvari direction), Rukhi region and Paper Factory region, Villages - Ingiri, Ahhalabastumani, Shamgona, Kakhati, Koki, Orsantia, Akhalkakhati, Darcheli (Telmani, Kirovi), Ganmukhuri, and Anaklia and in Zugdidi Town right side of river Chkhoushia including Schools # 3, 6, 10, 11 and 12.

Strategy

IRC, working in coordination with the UN and other assistance providers, conducted preliminary assessments of 115 communal centers. These assessments found water and sanitation in the new centers inadequate to meet IDP needs. It was determined by the water and sanitation working group (UNHCR, UNOCHA, MSF, IRC, IFRC, Nueva Frontiera and OXFAM) that it was necessary to develop the existing sanitation capacity with project work focusing on the population in the centers rather than the center itself.

Based on initial assessments of the new IDP population a standard intervention package was adopted and provided to the new IDP population by all implementing agencies

The governing principles of the emergency response for water and sanitation were

- Site-specific interventions - provides technical assistance otherwise beyond the means of beneficiary and the local authorities,
- Longer term solutions and forethought - provides for the on-going needs of the resident and host communities,
- Durability - though this population is transitory, all inputs are durable and raise the level of conditions on a longer term For example, all rehabilitation or construction of water and sanitation facilities will be permanent inputs benefiting the temporary and permanent populations Additionally, items distributed in sanitation kits have an average durability of 2.5 years (i.e., metal bucket - 5 years, laundry basin 1.5 years etc.)

Use of Local Resources IRC encourages IDPs to use local resources and facilities for social services to which they are entitled

Risks and Constraints

Security

Security in western Georgia remains a concern as sporadic incidents involving peacekeepers and UN observers continue As is the case with any program operating in areas of high tension, an outbreak of violence may prevent the successful implementation of activities presented in this proposal

Coordination with other Organizations and the Government

NGOs and International Organizations IRC regularly attends NGO coordination meetings sponsored by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), in both Tbilisi, and West Georgia These meetings allow all international NGOs to share information on their program activities, preventing an overlap of effort in different sectors In addition to these formal efforts, IRC staff maintains good relations with NGOs working in Georgia, and are aware of ongoing activities by other players in the IRC target sectors

Government of Georgia IRC is registered as a non-profit humanitarian organization with the Government of Georgia Regular reports are provided to the Government's Coordination Department for International Humanitarian Affairs (CDIHA) which oversees all humanitarian activities in Georgia All IRC programs coordinate with relevant Government of Georgia authorities, to sustain transparency of IRC activities, and prevent overlap of efforts in each sector To improve the sustainability of IRC activities, efforts are made to promote the use of existing Government facilities, among the IDP population in order to decrease their reliance on international aid In most cases however, the Government is not capable of providing services or assistance to IDPs without the aid of international organizations For this particular project IRC coordinated closely with the Deputy Governor of Samegrelo, Mr. Khantaria who was selected by President Shevardnadze to act as coordinator for the emergency response

Project Purpose

To meet emergency water and sanitation needs for the prevention of health problems and the spread of disease in the newly overcrowded IDP centers in the Samegrelo region

Project Objectives/Activities

Water and Sanitation Assistance

With funding from USAID, IRC provided immediate emergency water and sanitation assistance to the most vulnerable of IDP centers The Centers included 4 schools in the City of Zugdidi, 8 centers in the village of Rukhi, 3 centers in Khaliabastomani 3 centers in the village of Orshantia, 5 centers in the village of Koki 5 centers in the village of Ingiri 1 center in the village of Akalkakhati and 1 center in the village of Kakhati a total of 30 centers

On the basis of preliminary assessments, IRC proposed to USAID to improve sanitary conditions in nine out of 32 Centers visited by IRC initially, by providing a full water and sanitation package including VIP latrines, laundry pads and showers wherever possible. However, if a detailed assessment would reveal a lesser need per center, IRC promised to extend its interventions to a larger number of centers.

After approval by USAID, in coordination with other international assistance providers, and on the basis of a detailed assessment, a standard intervention package was developed for 115 new IDP centers in the Samegrelo region representing approximately 20,000 beneficiaries. This water and sanitation package as per 100 persons included: 1 water drawing point (repairing existing well or digging for a new well), 2 toilets (repairing/cleaning current facilities or installing a new VIP latrine), 1 laundry pad, and 2 cleaning facilities/showers. The standard package would be implemented in all new centers with the exception of schools where laundry and shower facilities would not be installed. The decision not to install showers and laundry facilities at the school centers was a coordinated decision by the UN, IRC and other international agencies so as not to encourage long-term residence of IDPs in the local schools.

As the detailed assessment revealed that most current water and sanitation facilities required cleaning rather than the installation of new systems, IRC was able to provide the water and sanitation package to 30 centers benefiting 7,267 IDPs. USAID funds were exclusively used for the provision of toilets, laundry pads, and sinks. Wells were dug with UNHCR funding for a total amount of \$12,052 while ECHO funds were used to supply each new IDP family with water and sanitation packs. The water and sanitation packs included: metal buckets, one Emerson heating rod, one washing bowl, one hand washer, 2 plastic mugs, cleaning products, and galvanized sheets (congregated and flat), and were distributed by IRC Community Development Staff. The cost of the water and sanitation packs was approximately \$27 per pack. See Annex 1: Water Sanitation Report – Implementation By Center.

1 **Objective** Build external showers, laundry pads and pit latrines in the new IDP centers

- Constructed 27 new VIP Latrines
- Installed 9 tap stands
- Installed 16 laundry pads
- Constructed 8 showers
- Built 14 hand sinks
- Built 2 laundry sinks
- Built 16 laundry pads

- Dug 16 new wells using UNHCR funds

1 **Objective** Clean and repair existing water and sanitation systems in the new IDP centers

- Cleaned 75 existing toilets/latrines
- Repaired 91 existing toilets/latrines including repairs to doors, roofs and floors
- Implemented repairs to water and drainage systems

- Repaired and cleaned 4 existing wells using UNHCR funds

BUDGET INFORMATION

International Rescue Committee, Georgia

Shelter/Rehabilitation Department

Completion Report on Emergency Water / Sanitation Intervention Program (USAID & UNHCR)

Project Started on 15-Jun-98
 Project Completed on 15-Jul-98
 Funding Source USAID 25 000 US\$
 UNHCR 12,052 US\$

Doner →					UNHCR		USAID							
SI No	Scheme				Well		Toilets			Tap Stand	Shower	Hand Sink	Laundry	
	Name	Address	Family	IDP's	New	Cleaned	New	VIP Cleaned	Repaired				Pads	Sink
1	School # 3	Zugdidi	86	397	1			12	12					
2	School # 6	Zugdidi	90	410	1			8	8					
3	School # 11	Zugdidi	115	480	1			8	8					
4	School # 12	Zugdidi	29	90	1			4	4					
5	K/G in Kevimo Orsantia	V Orsantia	15	70	1		2							
6	K/G	V Koki	38	170	1			2	2				1	
7	Ambulatoria Library Barber Shop	V Koki	17	72	1		1						1	
8	Canteen Shop Municipality Building	V Koki	35	160	1			3	3				1	
9	School N	V Koki	108	380		1		8	8					
10	Brick Factory	V Koki	165	1160	1		6		2					
11	Post office Service Building	V Ingiri	32	133	1			2	2					
12	School N2 and Club	V Ingiri	78	280	1			8	8					
13	Metalic Construction Factory	V Akhali-abastumaini	16	70			2			4	2	2		1
14	School Club-Oirema	V Ingiri	12	62		1			6					

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Doner →					UNHCR		USAID							
Scheme					Well		Toilets						Laundry	
SI No	Name	Address	Family	IDP's	New	Cleaned	New	VIF Cleaned	Repaired	Tap Stand	Shower	Hand Sink	Pads	Sink
15	Station - Ingiri	V Ingiri	110	440							3			
16	School No#1	V Ingiri	44	160				8	8	2			2	
17	Water Station	V Orsantia	29	124			3			1			1	
18	School, Club	V Orsantia	184	646		1			8					
19	Market	Vill Rukhi	15	69			2						1	
20	K/G " Gvirila"	Vill Rukhi	45	155									2	
21	Club & office	Vill Rukhi	40	165									2	
22	Musical School & ambulatory & School	Vill Rukhi	110	440			1	8	8				1	
23	Shop " Megobroba"	Vill Rukhi	12	69	1		1							
24	Communal service bldg	Vill Rukhi	17	77			2				1			1
25	Ippodrum	Vill Rukhi	29	138	1		3							
26	School (8 Class)	Vill Rukhi	27	103	1		2							
27	Gravel Management Building	V Akhalia bastumani	19	85	1							1	1	
28	Concrete Factory	V Akhalia bastumani	31	152	1			4	4			1	2	
29	School	V Akhal khakhati	85	345		1	2							
30	K/G & Club	V Khakhati	58	165						2	2	10	1	
	Total		1691	7267	16	4	27	75	91	9	8	14	16	2