ACF SOUTH CAUCASUS

- Present in the region since 1994 - Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan
- Projects on economic and rural development, community development, agriculture development, livelihoods and employability, food security, Disaster Risk Reduction, Water & Sanitation and Hygiene
- Donors: EC, UNHCR, UNDP, UK Embassy
- Beneficiaries: 43,902 direct and 121,008 indirect
Displacement in Georgia:
- Military conflicts in 1992-93 and 2008
- 263 598 IDPs (86 283 households):
  - 54% women
  - 23% rural population
  - 84% receive state IDP Allowance and 10.8% receive the Targeted Social Allowance

Population: 3 729 500
Unemployment rate: 12.4%
Recipients of social allowance: 9%
Policy and Legal Framework:

State actors:
- State Ministry for Reconciliation and Civic Equality of Georgia
- Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia (MRA) / IDP Livelihoods Agency

Regulatory acts:
- Law of Georgia on Internally Displaced Persons

State Strategy on IDPs and Action Plan:
- Creation of conditions for IDP’s voluntary, dignified and safe return, and
- Supporting decent living conditions for the displaced population and their integration into a wider Georgian society

Strategy and Action Plan on IDP Livelihoods:
- Effective Governance of the IDP Livelihood Sector
- Creating an Efficient Mechanism for Data Collection, Analysis and Dissemination
- Identification, Elaboration and Implementation of Livelihood Programs
Georgian IDPs and vulnerability:

- 85% of IDP households do not own land
- 63.5% of IDP households do not own house
- 65.3% of IDP households live below or at the poverty threshold

- Limited access to financial resources
- Unemployment
- Dependency on state benefits and donor assistance
- Lack of sustainable livelihoods and long-term economic self-reliance
“LIFE Georgia”

Contributes to poverty reduction among conflict affected/displaced persons and their host communities in Georgia by facilitating their socioeconomic integration and inclusive participation in broader economic development processes.

Increases opportunities for sustainable livelihoods through:
- Employment opportunities and self-employment support
- Personal and Professional development trainings
- Legal advisory service and advocacy
- Capacity building on inclusive approaches

Implemented by the Consortium of 5 organizations in 6 municipalities/2 regions of Georgia

21 months / January 2015 - September 2016
Piloting Employment Shuttle in LIFE Georgia Project

- Technical guidance on methodology
- Training of partners
- Liaison with public stakeholders
- Study tour to Spain
The aim of this strategy is to encourage entrepreneurship among people with difficulties to facilitate their access to the labour market through:

- paid employment
- self-employment and
- other social-economic ways

VIVES Project is the employability and entrepreneurship strategy that ACF develops in Spain.
VIVES PROJECT ACTION LINES

- Vives people
- Vives NGOs
- Vives Ecosystem

**Employment projects**

**Entrepreneurship projects**

**Social entrepreneurship**

**Strengthen entrepreneurship services of NGOs**

**Research & Social Studies Center**

**Networks & partnerships**

**Dissemination**
EMPLOYMENT SHUTTLES COMPONENT

- **Empowerment** of the people participating, increasing their initiative and responsibility

- **Team-building** methodology where the participants are the lead actors

- **New model** that breaks with the directive and paternalistic focus

- **Flexibility & Adaptability** according to the needs of the participants and context
WHAT IS THE METHODOLOGY?

TEAM SESSIONS

INDIVIDUAL COACHING

BROKERING / CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

Basic competences

Respect, Solidarity, Empathy, Commitment and Enterprising
Implementation process

- Training of coaches
- Awareness raising
- Selection of participants (20 unemployed/job seeker)
- 5-month course (team sessions, individual coaching, brokering with companies, corporate volunteering, mentoring)
- Capacity development of stakeholders
- Exchange of practices
- Evaluation workshop
- Closing event
- Capitalization
ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

- Job Inclusions
- Internship/Training

- PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION
- SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
- TRANSFORMATION in relationship UNEMPLOYED vs. JOB MARKET
Thank You!

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