

Country Brief 2025

WORLD VISION GEORGIA

**EMPOWERING CHILDREN, TRANSFORMING LIVES,
BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

World Vision Georgia (WVG) advocates for children, youth, and vulnerable communities through multi-layered, impactful programmes. In 2025, we transformed **188,500 lives** - **90,400 children** gained security and development opportunities, while **98,100 adults** became resilient and empowered to lead dignified lives through strengthened systems, essential services, and enhanced sector capacity. We improved child welfare, reduced poverty, empowered communities, supported women and girls, equipped youth with skills and employment opportunities, and helped vulnerable families start businesses. By advancing green professions and cultivating inclusive and healthy environments, we foster self-realisation and a better future for all.

We thank our donors and partners - including the European Union (EU), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Federal Ministry for



Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and private sector partners such as LLC Kartuli Cement, ELT Building Development, Impex Pharmacy, and Bonsay Meskhi - for making this life-changing impact possible.

2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

 **90,400**
children

 **12,945 refugees & asylum seekers** (including **5,853 children**) received protection, integration & empowerment

 **1,592 children** received immediate support through mobile teams

 **98,100**
adults

 **7,800 Ukrainians** (4,425 children) supported during ongoing crisis

 **1,300 youth** led powerful initiatives and grew as leaders

 **4,508 people** from 774 ultra-poor households built lasting resilience

 **28 CSOs and 260 staff** strengthened, enhancing services for people with disabilities

 **2,245 refugees** improved their well-being at Happy Space Centres

 **784 VET teachers, SMEs, and youth** engaged in awareness-raising on green professions and sustainable practices

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELFARE

Advancing child welfare is at the heart of our work. With EU support and the Beyond Institutional Care (BIC) project, we strengthened Georgia's child protection system by providing direct support to vulnerable children, informing policy reforms, promoting family and community-based care, and building practitioner capacity, ensuring children grow up safer and supported.

Following deinstitutionalisation, we provided immediate support to vulnerable children in institutions, advised on the closure of unnecessary boarding schools, ensured safe reintegration, advanced the capacity of State Care Agency (SCA) staff, and developed the **Risky Behaviour Tool** — improving care for children in state, alternative, and foster care, and helping them thrive in safe, nurturing environments.

- **91** children and their families were equipped with essential furniture/resources and referred to municipal services.
- Family strengthening improved the well-being and school engagement of **115** children.
- Foster carer mobilisation reached **761** individuals through awareness-raising sessions.



- **1,592** children, including street-connected children, received immediate support through two mobile teams, addressing a diverse range of cases.
- Day Care and Crisis Intervention Centres cater up to **100** street-connected children daily.
- Developed a child rights game and presented at Europe Days in Tbilisi and Kutaisi.

EMPOWERING ULTRA-POOR HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH A HOLISTIC GRADUATION APPROACH

Georgia faces significant socio-economic challenges, with over 184,000 households (708,148 people) relying on the Targeted Social Assistance (TSA) program. To support vulnerable families in achieving self-sufficiency, we have assisted **774 poorest households** across Kakheti, Imereti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Adjara, and Samegrelo through the a holistic **Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) approach**, combining social protection, livelihoods promotion, financial inclusion, and social empowerment.

On this journey, each family was guided by a specialised consultant and received a personalised development plan. With Sweden's support through the ERTAD (Empowerment, Resilience, Transformation and Development) project, we helped families start businesses, adopt new professions, pursue education and internships, and equipped youth with life skills - enabling households to become self-reliant and build brighter futures.

We are proud of the significant progress in collective empowerment: food-secure households rose from **53% to 88%**, access to social protection increased from **45% to 80%**, and households with additional income grew from **66% to 84%**.



Hosting the delegation of Sweden to the WVG office in Kakheti

Social Protection

- **1,000** food and hygiene packages distributed.
- **150** individuals received psychological support.
- **694** households benefited from state, municipal, and civil programmes through **5,877** referrals.

Social Empowerment

- **646** households advanced their life skills.
- **130** youth received career guidance and training in financial literacy, gender equality, leadership, and green professions through youth clubs.
- **331** households attended GESI & safeguarding sessions.

Livelihoods Promotion

- **372** households were supported with economic assets to launch small businesses, creating additional income streams.
- **162** individuals completed vocational training and **150** household members were employed.
- **421** households completed entrepreneurship training, **262** received technical skills training, and **286** were trained in financial literacy.



REFUGEE SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION

We supported **12,945 refugees and asylum seekers**, including **5,853 children**, with empowerment, integration, and social protection services, helping them rebuild their lives in a new environment. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, we have delivered essential aid to children and families, meeting their immediate and long-term needs. Despite limited resources, we provided holistic support to **7,800 individuals**, including **4,425 children**, delivering services that had a life-changing impact. **Happy Space Non-Formal Education and Development Centres** served as a second home for refugees, offering hope and strengthening resilience. The centres uplifted **2,245 people** and provided psychosocial support to children and families, helping them adapt, overcome cultural and language barriers, and develop essential skills for self-sufficiency. Through the Ukraine Crisis Response Project, with support from World Vision International, we also addressed critical needs across cash assistance, health care, humanitarian aid, child protection, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) response, legal support, and education.

Additionally, through Multi-Service Centres we assisted **5,145 refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons** (including **1,428 children**) from Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Ukraine through the Community Mobilisation and Participation project and the financial support of UNHCR and World Vision Nordic. They benefited from essential healthcare, education, psychosocial, legal, and accommodation support, strengthening their integration and enabling them to live dignified, fulfilling lives with their families.

- Cash assistance provided to **1,114 people**.
- **1,473** persons received employment support services.



[Watch the video - Regional Leader Explores Activities at the Happy Space Centre](#)

- **732** children benefited from services at Happy Space centres.
- **579** received healthcare services and **556** benefitted from educational services.

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY FOR QUALITY SOCIAL SERVICES

By empowering Community-based organisations (CSOs) and local organisations, we extend support and reach to more vulnerable individuals. Under the BMZ-funded Strong Civil Society for Quality Social Services project, we strengthened **28 CSOs** across four regions - Kakheti, Imereti, Samtskhe – Javakheti, and Adjara to deliver higher-quality and inclusive services to vulnerable groups and people with disabilities. Over **260 staff** of CSOs received training, resources, and supervision, strengthening service quality, safeguarding, and management to better support those in need.

A key milestone was the opening of rehabilitation-habilitation centres in Akhmeta and Kutaisi, providing early intervention and

developmental support. Akhmeta Centre, the first municipally supported facility locally, offers physiotherapy, speech and behavioural therapy, individualised development plans, and care-giver guidance, easing families' financial and logistical burdens and currently serving **50 children with disabilities**. We also upgraded CSO infrastructure, launched new programmes, and strengthened accountability through GESI-sensitive monitoring, feedback mechanisms, and hands-on coaching. These initiatives help partners improve service quality, address gaps, influence policy, and expand inclusive, community-based services for Georgia's most vulnerable populations.



Green Team

The organisation has a dedicated Green Team that promotes environmental awareness and eco-friendly practices among staff, while reducing the organisation's environmental footprint through responsible resource management, reduced fuel use, and energy-efficient approaches.

During **EU Green Diplomacy Weeks**, we planted trees at Lisi Lake, launched a Car-Free Day, and a Digital Awareness Campaign, collectively addressing ecological challenges.



FOSTERING GREEN PRACTICES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Environmental protection and sustainability are key priorities for WVG. Facing challenges such as soil erosion, pollution, and land degradation due to unsustainable practices and a shortage of skilled professionals in the country, we work with partners like the Georgian Farmers Association and Energy Efficiency Centre to promote sustainable and clean energy practices in agriculture and construction sectors. Within the project Inclusive Growth through Sustainable and Green Business Practices in Georgia supported by the EU and ADA, we developed targeted programmes in partnership with VET colleges and Higher Education Institutions to upskill the workforce, foster a new generation of green professionals, promote energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

- Two long-term VET programmes and three short-term trainings developed in agriculture and construction sectors.
- AgriVET, Georgia's first agricultural **VET mobile app** launched to support digital learning, job-matching, and green skills development.
- **Green Glossary**, Communications Strategy, and Guidebook produced to promote green skills, sustainable SME practices, and youth engagement in green careers.
- 32 awareness-raising sessions engaged **266 VET teachers, 233 SMEs and 285 youth** promoting sustainable practices and green professions.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Through the EU-funded regional project SKYE NET, we supported young entrepreneurs in developing innovative ideas and creating diverse opportunities, especially for youth in under-resourced regions. Implemented across Armenia, Georgia, and Moldova WVG has empowered youth, enhanced their skills in project writing, green economy, digital transformation, and strengthened cross-border teamwork and leadership. The project engaged youth and helped them develop essential life and career skills through youth clubs across the country. It also provided material and technical support to young entrepreneurs, helping them establish social enterprises, address community needs, and foster innovation and employment.

- **300** youth developed entrepreneurial and digital skills through clubs and trainings.
- **1,000** young people benefited from **20** community projects.
- **60** entrepreneurs enhanced skills and received technical support.
- **10** social entrepreneurs received funding for community-impact projects.
- Produced a Social Entrepreneurship Handbook and Compendium of Social Entrepreneurship Good Practices.



 Watch the video - EU Ambassadors' Visit to SKYE Club in Kakheti

ADVOCACY AND SYSTEM-LEVEL CHILD PROTECTION REFORMS

This year, we strengthened **child protection systems** for children facing multiple vulnerabilities and advanced advocacy at the community and national levels. We focused on policy change, establishing essential services, and increasing funding to safeguard children's well-being.

- Over **2,500** street-connected children can now benefit from improved day-care and overnight services.
- **630** children supported through municipal livelihood co-financing for household economic stability.
- **200** street-connected children in Kutaisi accessed protection services through additional municipal funding.
- Akhmeta's first municipally supported habilitation service established.
- **6,000** Ukrainian children received extended legal and financial protection.

ENHANCING EDUCATION AND INCLUSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We care for the inclusion of children with disabilities by empowering them and equipping schools with essential resources, including bilingual **Reader's Clubs** for deaf children and **audio/Braille books** for blind children.

Through the annual **Deaf Camp**, organised with the Union of the Deaf, WVG supports children, parents, and teachers, promotes sign language, eases school transitions, and helps families feel connected and included. In total, **622 individuals**, including children with disabilities, parents, and school staff from four schools, benefited, enhancing inclusion, learning opportunities, and social participation.



PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

We strive to create a safe, inclusive, and equal society through **Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)**. In 2025, we ran social media campaign, provided partner training, held community meetings across 12 municipalities, and launched **GEDSI online course**, strengthening awareness, inclusion, and disability-sensitive practices, fostering a culture where everyone can thrive.

 **WVG enabled me to support and empower more children with speech, behavioral, and learning difficulties, helping them grow and learn through play,"**

Mariam, young entrepreneur and language therapist

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