



MINISTRY OF LABOUR,
HEALTH AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
On Reforming Means-Tested Social Protection Programme and Making Social Protection System
More Oriented Towards Child Needs
between the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
LEPL Social Service Agency, and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

We, the undersigned, the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (represented by the Minister David Sergeenko), LEPL Social Service Agency (represented by the Director Noe Kinkladze), and United Nations Children's Fund (represented by the Representative Sascha Graumann), hereinafter referred to as "Parties", guided by the respect for equality of the Parties and considering the importance of reforming social protection system, of better representing needs of children and households with children and of child benefits, agree as follows:

Article 1

a) Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (hereafter - "Ministry") is responsible to:

- Review and refine the targeted social assistance programme together with the Parties taking into account current economic, social and political environment in Georgia to make it better reflecting needs of children and families with children;
- Form the working group responsible for the review of the targeted social assistance programme and of the child benefits and ensure the regular attendance of working group members;
- Assign the person responsible for the coordination of activities of the working group;
- Ensure accessibility and availability of relevant documentation for four experts (consultants) hired by the United Nations Children's Fund for reaching the above goals;
- Coordinate with National Statistics Office of Georgia to ensure data for the revision of Social protection system
- Propose a resolution on new methodologies of reviewed targeted social assistance programme, system of benefits for children and families with children and a referral mechanism between social agents and social workers to the Cabinet of Ministers of Georgia for adoption.

- Ensure introduction of amendments in the legislation and development of relevant bylaws based on the proposed changes of the system;

b) LEPL “Social Service Agency” (hereafter - “Agency”) within its competences shall

- Support review and refinement of the targeted social assistance programme together with the Parties;
- Actively participate in the working group activities formed by the Ministry;
- Ensure accessibility of the following databases for the experts hired by the UNICEF:
 - United database of socially vulnerable families (produced since 2005, constantly updated, database used for distribution of state benefits);
 - Database developed as a result of the Household Survey supported by the World Bank produced during preliminary works conducted in October-December 2007 for the purpose of improving monitoring and methodology of targeted assistance programme;
 - Findings of the results of 2010 revision of the targeted assistance system,
 - Other relevant databases, required for the implementation of the above activities and are owned by the Agency;

c) In the framework of its mandate UNICEF shall

- Provide technical support to ensure compliance with the goals of the Memorandum;
- Hire four consultants to ensure technical support to meeting of the above goal;
- Coordinate activities between the Ministry, Agency, consultants and other concerned organizations;
- Provide oversight and monitoring of agreed actions;
- Within the agreed limits provide financial support in the process of reforming social protection system with the aim of better representing needs of children and households with children.

Article 2

Parties are authorized to form working groups upon joint agreement. Parties may choose to invite/engage the representatives of other state and non-governmental organizations, or the third parties in the working groups if needed.

Article 3

Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding shall be made upon agreement between Parties. The amendments shall be an inseparable part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature by all Parties. It shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the last Party for an indefinite period of time.
2. Each party is authorized to make a written statement about its decision to terminate the present Memorandum of Understanding. Termination shall enter into force upon receiving notification.

Article 5

Memorandum of Understanding is made up in six identical legal copies, 3 in English and 3 Georgian languages. In case of inconsistency between Georgian and English versions, Georgian version will prevail.

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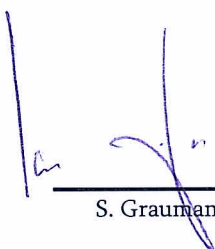


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