Area: 69,700 km (N.B. 20% of Georgia’s territory is not under Georgian Government control.)

Georgia Population: 3,7 million

Capital City: Tbilisi (population: 1.1 million)

Languages: Georgian (official)
AE centers in Georgia. The framework conditions

- High Unemployment (almost 50%)
- Complicated socio-economic background
- Existance of break-away territories. As a result - 400 000 IDPs live in displacement
- Adult Education has low profile within Education system in the country
- Over 1 500 000 people left country in search of better life abroad
- Depressed Communities
Adult Education/Community Learning Centers in Georgia

- DVV International Georgia Country office is engaged in establishment of Adult Education Centres since 2005. Recently GAEN unites 13 AEC which represent European model of AE adopted to the country needs, are successfully functioning in 7 regions of the country;

- In Georgia Adult education Centres are used as an instrument in tackling a series of challenges, such as mass unemployment, poverty, inequality, instability and conflicts, and social exclusion;
Community-based AE Centres are flexible and respond quickly to changing needs and new demands of individuals and society in the era of globalization, digitalization, demographic changes and ongoing technological development;

They provide education and Lifelong learning opportunities for all regardless of class, gender, education, age, religion, ideology or nationality; they also reflect diversity and strengthen inclusion.
Based on a holistic understanding of Adult Education, the centers offer multicomponent Adult Learning Package (ALP) which includes:

- Cultural Education
- Civic Education
- Vocational Education
- Sport and Health Education
- Financial Literacy
- Personal Development Program

From 2006 to present, more than 200,000 beneficiaries profited from the educational services the AECs provided, including internally displaced population, ethnic or religious minorities, socially disadvantaged persons, etc.
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Adult Learning Pack
- Personality Development Courses
- Vocational Education
- Civic Education
- Life Skills
- Cultural Education
- Financial Literacy
- Community/Public events

Enlivening Communities
- Fostered interest towards learning
- AEC turned themselves into place of social gathering, socialization and community development

Increased Employment
- Beneficiaries acquired skills and knowledge that result in improved labor force participation
- Start-up of small businesses
- Increased expertise, leading to career growth

New Worldview
- Increased self-reliance and self-confidence. Faith in their abilities
- Exposure to perspectives and opinions other than one’s own
- Defining life’s purpose

Poverty Alleviation
- Improved financial standing
- Sustainable livelihoods
- More opportunities for further development and self-actualization

Social Change
- Integration of disadvantaged population (e.g. IDPs, ethnic minorities, etc.) into the local community
- Increased social activism
- More vibrant, open-minded and empowered communities
- Improved quality of life
Lack of legislative documents and framework for adult education

Adult Education in part of the vocational training/retraining field

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia has started developing the adult education system. The aim of this initiative is to update the skills of the adult population, to develop competencies by offering short-term vocational training programs. Tuition in priority areas is fully funded by the state. Upon completion of the program, students will receive a state-recognized certificate.
Existing legislation in the country does not reflect the relevant legislative needs of adult education. It is important to have a law, legislation and decrees on adult education, which will regulate the adult education system in the country and at the same time will popularize and prioritize this topic;

The functioning and involvement of our centers in the development of the adult education system in Georgia is very important. Moreover, we can boldly say that our centers are ambassadors of adult education in Georgia.
Thank you!

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