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**Extrabudgetary project**

**Strengthening Georgia's food and energy resilience  
(UNECE component of the Joint SDG Fund Development Emergency Modality –  
Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy, Finance project in Georgia)**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**  
**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

<b>Project title:</b> Strengthening Georgia's food and energy resilience (UNECE component of the Joint SDG Fund Development Emergency Modality – Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy, Finance project in Georgia)		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> July-December 2022		
<b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The objective of the UNECE component of the project is enhanced capacity of small business to introduce energy efficiency measures in rural areas and improved knowledge of national stakeholders on energy efficient solutions for small businesses in rural areas. The overall objective of the joint project is strengthening Georgia's resilience to food and energy crises and protection of the livelihoods of those most vulnerable to the impact of these crises. This will be attained by coordinated support, having outcomes: (1) Strengthened systemic capacity of the Government of Georgia to conduct and make use of sound data collection and analysis for designing effective food and energy crisis mitigation responses; and (2) Improved access of vulnerable people to the food they need and sustainable, affordable energy sources. Georgia is planning to seek food security self-reliance through domestic production. This strategy requires a clear understanding of agricultural production and its potential for growth in the short-term. Unfortunately, information currently available to policy makers is unreliable for this purpose and needs to be improved. Significant energy price increases are having a negative impact on production capabilities and costs for producers, especially from rural areas. They, consequently, may result in the weakening of the competitiveness of these producers and increasing their vulnerability. Reducing energy consumption can be achieved by improving the efficiency of the food production. Food producers and processors can ensure food safety while being energy-wise and reducing their carbon footprint. This project is part of a Joint SDG Fund Development Emergency Modality – Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy, Finance to be implemented in Georgia. This project is implemented jointly by UNECE with UNDP (lead agency), FAO, and ILO under the overall coordination of the Resident Coordinator Office in Georgia. The project contributes to the achievement of SDGs 1 (targets 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.A, 1.B), 2 (targets 2.1, 2.B, 2.C), 7 (targets 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.A), 10, and 13 (target 13.2.2). It also contributes to UNSDCF Georgia (2021-2025), especially cooperative outcome 3 - By 2025, all people without discrimination benefit from a sustainable, inclusive and resilient economy in Georgia. UNECE will be in charge of assessing energy consumption by small business in rural areas of Georgia, developing recommendations to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency by small business in rural areas, and developing a case study with targeted assistance for small businesses in a selected rural area to introduce energy efficiency measures. UNECE will participate in the Final Project Workshop to present project results, recommendations and way forward. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Assessment of energy consumption by small business in rural areas of Georgia. A1.2. Development of recommendations to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency by small business in rural areas. A1.3. Development of a case study with targeted assistance for small businesses in a selected rural area to introduce energy efficiency measures and presentation of project results, recommendations and way forward at the Final Project Workshop.		
<b>Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Enhanced capacity of small businesses to introduce energy efficiency measures in rural areas and improved knowledge of national stakeholders on energy efficient solutions for small businesses in rural areas.		
<b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> The target group are small businesses in rural areas, Government officials, and other national stakeholders. Beneficiary country is Georgia.		
<b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project is directly linked to the objective of the Subprogramme 5 “Sustainable Energy” “to ensure access to affordable and clean energy for all and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region” of the UNECE Programme budget for 2022.		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 0.5 month P5/RB; 0.5 month G6/RB		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	
UN Joint SDG Fund - Development Emergency Modality	59,920	
<b>Project Manager:</b> Oleg Dzioubinski 10.06.2022	<b>Section/Division:</b> Office of the Director Sustainable Energy Division	
<b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Nicolas Dath-Baron 13.06.2022	<b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>08.07.2022</b>

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

<b>Expected Accomplishments</b>	<b>Planned activities</b>	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>
EA1. Enhanced capacity of small businesses to introduce energy efficiency measures in rural areas and improved knowledge of national stakeholders on energy efficient solutions for small businesses in rural areas	A1.1. Assessment of energy consumption by small business in rural areas of Georgia	19,000
	National/international consultant to assess energy consumption by small business in rural areas: 3 months x \$4,000 per month	12,000
	Staff support/ P3 level x 0.5 month x \$14,000 per month	7,000
	A1.2. Development of recommendations to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency by small business in rural areas	17,000
	International consultant to develop recommendations to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency by small business in rural areas: 2 months x \$5,000 per month	10,000
	Staff support/ P3 level x 0.5 month x \$14,000 per month	7,000
	A1.3. Development of a case study with targeted assistance for small businesses in a selected rural area to introduce energy efficiency measures and presentation of project results, recommendations and way forward at the Final Project Workshop	20,000
	National/international consultant to develop a case study with targeted assistance for small businesses in a selected rural area to introduce energy efficiency measures: 2 months x \$4,500 per month	9,000
	Staff support (P3 level) x 0.5 month x \$14,000 per month	7,000
	Travel of staff x 2 missions x \$2,000	4,000
Budget summary		56,000
7% of Programme Support Costs		3,920
<b>Total</b>		<b>59,920</b>