Improving Energy Efficiency by Small Businesses in Rural Areas in Georgia

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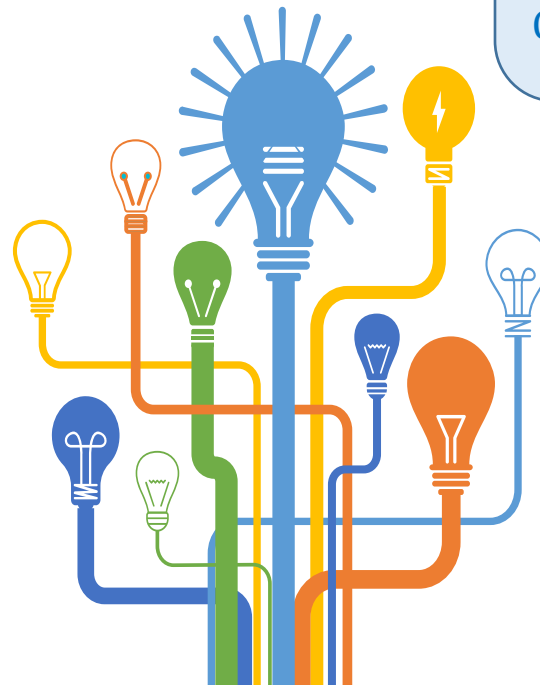# Strengthening Georgia's Food and Energy Resilience

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UNECE component of the Joint SDG Fund Development Emergency Modality – Response to the Global Crisis on Food, Energy, Finance project in Georgia

Project implemented jointly with UNDP (lead agency), FAO, and ILO under the overall coordination of the Resident Coordinator Office in Georgia

Objective: to enhance 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

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Project Background

Significant energy price increases are having a negative impact on production capabilities and costs for producers, especially from rural areas

Energy price increases 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

Project Activities and Expected Result

UNECE activities:

Expected result:

Assessment of energy consumption by small business in rural areas of Georgia

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

Development of recommendations to reduce energy costs and improve energy efficiency by small business in rural areas

Development of case study with targeted assistance for small businesses in a selected rural area to introduce energy efficiency measures

Modalities of Implementation

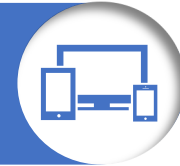**1** Preparation of draft report, development of draft recommendations & elaboration of draft case studies

2 Review and validation of deliverables by the Government (MoESD, MEPA)

3 Review of deliverables by project partners

4 Presentation of project results, recommendations and way forward at the Final Project Workshop

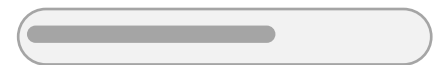# Target Groups and Project Beneficiaries

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Small businesses in rural areas

Government officials

Other national stakeholders

Thank you for your attention!

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