“A Step to a Better Future”

Peace Initiative
Peace Initiative –
Major Dimensions

- Facilitation of trade across dividing lines
- Enhancing educational opportunities for the residents of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia
- Easing access to various state services
Trade across dividing lines

Access of goods produced in/originating from occupied territories to internal Georgian markets

Access of goods produced on/imported to Georgia controlled territory to the occupied territories

Access of goods produced in/originating from Abkhazia/Tskhinvali regions to foreign markets

- DCFTA
- FTA between Georgia and other countries
## Trade – Major Mechanisms

### Registration with a Personal Number
- Status-neutral mechanism
- Using documents at hand in internal space
- Access to various services (registration of business, vehicles, engagement in education, using bank services, etc.)

### Special Taxpayer Status
- Preferential tax regime (freeing from income and profit taxes, VAT)
- Registration by any interested person (including Personal Number holders)

### Special Economic Space
- Uniform Service Center
- Tax Service Center (including the functions of Customs Clearance zone)
- Auto Market
- Multi-functional Training Center; Business incubator; Free Industrial Zone (optional)

### Status-neutral Labeling
- Using the name of city/settlement and/or address for internal market
- Indication of the legal address of registration (e.g. Rukhi) for export purposes
Special Sub-Program

“Enterprise for a Better Future”

- Support to individual and joint ventures/projects of communities from both sides of the dividing lines

- Beneficiaries – registered physical or legal persons (entrepreneurs) residing in Abkhazia or Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia or on Georgia controlled territory

- Funding:

  - **Up to 7 000 GEL to one beneficiary** residing/operating in Abkhazia/Tskhinvali region

  - **Up to 15 000 GEL for group of persons** including two beneficiaries one of which residing/operating in Abkhazia/Tskhinvali region

  - **Up to 20 000 GEL for group of persons** including three beneficiaries one of which residing/operating on Georgian controlled territory

  - **Up to 35 000 GEL for group of persons** including four or more beneficiaries one of which residing/operating on Georgian controlled territory
Peace Fund for a Better Future

Support to the implementation of the Peace Initiative “A Step to a Better Future”

Support to peaceful conflict transformation and peace building process

Facilitation of dialogue, cooperation, reconciliation and confidence building

Empowerment of conflict-affected population on both sides of divides; improvement of their socio-economic situation
1. To ensure education in native language
2. To protect and develop the Abkhazian language
3. To enhance and simplify the possibilities for engaging in education system
4. To simplify enrollment and education at higher educational institutions of Georgia; to provide access to quality education
5. To establish/simplify mechanisms and procedures for engaging in international education programs and studying abroad
6. To support vocational education and enhancement of qualification
7. To support scientific work
### Education – Major Mechanisms (1)

#### Education in native language
- Countering Russification process
- Partnering with international organizations

#### Protection of Abkhazian language
- Special State Program for the protection and development of Abkhazian language
- Further introduction/promotion of Abkhazia language classes

#### Engagement in education system with a personal number
- Using personal number for enrollment and registration at all stages of education (pre-school, general, higher, vocational, post-secondary education preparation center, receipt of educational/scientific grant)

#### Enrolment in higher education
- Quota and the state grant upon passing Unified National Exams
- Passing Unified National Exams in Russian and Abkhazian/Ossetian language
- Abkhazian and Ossetian language test for 1+4 program instead of general aptitude test
- Post-secondary education preparation center for any interested person
- Accommodation and student dormitory
### Education – Major Mechanisms (2)

#### International education

- Simplified/status-neutral procedure for diploma recognition
- Participation in international educational programs/scholarships
- Funding of education abroad
- Promoting learning of foreign languages in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia
- Developing web-portal about educational opportunities in different languages
- Facilitation of international travel (Georgian passport, SNTD, other status-neutral/depoliticized solutions)

#### Support to vocational education

- Enrollment in vocational education with a personal number or status-neutral documents
- Online registration in Abkhazian and other languages
- Funding of education and accommodation
- Innovation Center in Rukhi and using of Techno-parks

#### Support to scientific work

- Support to joint scientific work under LEPL-Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia
- Creation of a special subprogram
Access to State Services

Access to various state services with a personal number

- Registration as an entrepreneur
- Registration as a taxpayer
- Registration of vehicles
- Using banking services
- Receipt of grant/funding
- Enrollment in education system
- Engagement in additional healthcare programs

Simplified access to Georgian passport

- Eased procedures for issuing identify card/biometric passport of the citizen of Georgia for persons living in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia
- Visa free traveling to EU/Schengen countries

Access to life-cycle documents

- Consideration of the documents issued in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia by LEPL-State Service Development Agency
- Issuance of various civil documents based on the facts of birth, death, marriage/divorce and residence in these regions
Thank You!