

Reply from the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia:

The authority of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure spreads over the following: regional development policy, supporting development of water supply systems in Georgia, ensuring development and implementation of policy on solid waste management in Georgia (except Tbilisi and Ajara Autonomous Republic), development and implementation of unified state policy on the issues of design and scientific-technical progress of international and local motor roads network.

Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure carries out functions vested in it through the companies under its umbrella (among them: United Water Supply Company of Georgia, Municipal Development Fund, Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia) and through the state institution - Roads Department of Georgia.

Herewith, I would like to inform you that, according to Article 16 of Local Self-Government Code of Georgia, own authorities of municipality in terms of ensuring shelter and communal services for the homeless, include:

- g) Solid (household) waste collection and disposal;
- h) Ensuring population with water supply (including technical water supply) and sewerage systems, development of local land-reclamation system;
- i) Management of local roads;
- j) Providing shelter for the homeless and their registration.

Water supply and wastewater network services for urban-type settlements are carried out by “United Water Supply Company of Georgia” LLC.

LEPL Municipal Development Fund ensures establishment of a solid economic base for the Internally Displaced Persons.

LEPL Municipal Development Fund currently ensures implementation of special measures supporting action plan on IDPs in Georgia and implementation of rehabilitation of IDP houses in West Georgia (for example, the current projects

are: rehabilitation of a former hospital building in Kutaisi to arrange apartments for IDPs; construction-rehabilitation of collective centers for IDPs in Kutaisi; rehabilitation of residential houses in the village of Dartlo; rehabilitation of former hospital buildings to arrange apartments for IDPs in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Shida Kartli; (Borjomi and Kaspi) construction of three residential buildings for IDPs in Zugdidi)

In addition, Municipal Development Fund carried out large-scale works providing houses to IDPs in the Municipality of Poti through the help of donors. New residential blocks were constructed and various other buildings were transformed into residential blocks.