



U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF GEORGIA

Fulfilling the \$1 Billion Pledge

*“This money will help the people of Georgia recover from the damage that has been inflicted on their economy and send a clear message that the United States will not abandon this young democracy”
Senator Joseph Biden, August 2008*

Governing Justly and Democratically - \$48,600,000

- Supporting the development of a dynamic civil society
- Strengthening the rule of law and judicial independence, supporting the introduction of jury trials
- Increasing transparency in government, improving the electoral system and supporting improved service to citizens
- Improving the responsiveness and accountability of Parliament
- Assisting political parties to better represent constituencies and more effectively compete in elections
- Fostering a political environment conducive to a broader pool of young leaders
- Increasing transparency in the media and supporting the next generation of journalists

Investing in People/Humanitarian Assistance - \$440,433,000

- Providing the Government of Georgia \$250 million in budget support to pay for pensions, health care to vulnerable persons, schools, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and support of ministries (excluding Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior)
- Providing food, shelter, and livelihood support to IDPs in the Shida Kartli region and assisting long-term IDPs with housing
- Building capacity in the health care sector and supporting hospital renovation
- Supporting the renovation of badly deteriorated public schools located in ethnic minority areas and orphanages
- Upgrading existing IDPs shelters and re-developing buildings for use as durable housing for IDPs from previous conflicts

Economic Growth - \$467,890,000

- Funding for new Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) financing and increasing access to capital through loan guarantees
- Enhancing energy security including upgrading electricity and gas transit infrastructure
- Supporting major road construction and other infrastructure projects
- Increasing Georgia's regional and international trade prospects
- Training thousands of Georgians for jobs and supporting the development of small businesses and agriculture to generate jobs

Peace and Security - \$44,577,000

- Clearing landmines and unexploded ordinance
- Increasing the capacity of the police, coast guard, and border guards to keep the people of Georgia safe and uphold the rule of law.
- Supporting Georgia's emergency preparedness and response capacity
- Combating transnational crime

State Department Monitoring - \$2,000,000