

Even Remote Communities are Assisted in Georgia

Independent Newspaper: P.S.

Kutaisi

January 23-29, 2006

Marika Vacharadze

The Georgian Employment and Infrastructure Initiative is a five-year project that was financed one year ago by USAID. The aim of the project is to improve infrastructure and create employment possibilities for the social and economic support of the Georgian population. A GEII coordination meeting was held in order to introduce the results of the GEII program to the local population. Azad Rasulov, West Georgia program Director, presented the results of the program. He mentioned that the organization financed 250 projects throughout Georgian (not including South Ossetia and Abkhazia), 207 of which were for Economic Infrastructure Development, 30 projects for Social Infrastructure and 13 projects for Entrepreneurship development. The total value of all these projects was 2,522,417 GEL. 18% of the projects were implemented in the Imereti Region, even in communities not assisted by other donor organizations. However, it is important to mention that during the next stage, even the communities that were previously supported will also have the chance to participate in the program.