Project Summary

The project concerned the EU’s contribution to the activities of UNHCR, UNDP and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) under the Instrument for Stability (IfS) for Georgia in response to the consequences of the armed conflict of August 2008. The project represents the second “package” of the IfS, offering an integrated approach. It included initiatives to maintain the civil-society dialogue on conflict-related subjects, support to the election code reform, support to the strengthening of freedom and independence of media, and support to local development in an integrated and participative way.

Project Objectives
To facilitate, provide continuous support and monitor the successful implementation of the budgetary “Support to Georgia IDPs Action Plan: 2008 Part II” with a budget of EUR 51.5 million.

Contract purpose
To report on the progress of the identified 23 IfS-projects in order to maintain and when necessary improve the quality of external cooperation. The projects were grouped into 4 activity areas:

- Activity 1 - Support to confidence building, people-to-people contacts in Georgia, including South Ossetia and Abkhazia
- Activity 2 - Support to democratisation in Georgia
- Activity 3 - Support to socio-economic integration of internally displaced persons
- Activity 4 - Civil society capacity building in Abkhazia and socio-housing support in Abkhazia

Services provided

Monitoring missions:
- Monitoring of grant projects implemented by UN Agencies (UNHCR, UNDP or DFC)
- Regular and ad-hoc visits of project sites (monthly, 3-monthly, or 6-monthly visits)
- Reporting on progress according to standard format. The reports indicated the degree to which a given project had achieved, or was likely to achieve, its stated objectives and results.
- Identification of lessons learned and recommendations for improving efficiency, implementation and achievement of results.

Feedback and methodology:
- A tailored template for reporting had been developed for this project
- Monitoring reports provided timely information, based on a standardized format, to programme and project management staff at the European Commission (EU) to facilitate the decision-making process.
- Monthly progress reports on implementation of Programme
- Advice to EC Services on successful implementation and coordination between implementing organisations (UNHCR, UNDP, DRC) and other institutions incl. Government of Georgia