Sector Project: Innovative Tools for Private Sector Development

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Our Goal:

By promoting regional cooperation and stability, the population and organisations in the target areas of the border regions in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have improved living conditions and have created the conditions necessary for sustainable economic and social development.
Conflict-sensitive Private Sector Development

Design intervention strategy to contribute to peace building

- Transparency/democratic decision making
- Rehabilitation
- Food security

Community development
- Improved local Investment climate with PCIA
- Capacity building for infrastructure rehabilitation

SME development
- Regional Business consultant training
- Skills training, BDS centers, FSE

Support to agricultural production
- Credit facilities
- Cross-conflict and Regional trainings

Conflict management/Regional cooperation
- Multi-ethnic associations
- Cross border cooperation

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Regional Business consultant training

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Regional SME Development

Azerbaijan
- BC Marneuli
- BC Rustavi
- Market Info Point
  - Red Bridge Market
- BC Gazakh

Georgia
- Market Info Point
  - Border Market Sadakhlo
- BC Noyemberyan
- BC Ichevan
- BC Dilijan
- BC Berd

Armenia
- BC Tovuz
- BC Gadabey

Micro Finance Program
Conflict-sensitive Private Sector Development

Design intervention strategy to contribute to peace building

- All PSD programmes have resource distribution consequences + an impact on the conflict
- Multi-disciplinary Components: community development, conflict management/regional cooperation, support to agriculture, SME development (BDS, skills training, financial services)
- PCIA procedures should be built into partners' project management for monitoring + business climate improvement
  - Project conflict indicators: struggle for power, access to resources, corruption, information/transparency, cultural diversity, regional cooperation
  - General conflict level: military presence, crime/security, political climate, legal framework
- Linking disbursement of funds to democratic and transparent decision making
- Cross-conflict training by each component: efficiency + dialogue
- Transparency and participation: process at least as important as end result