



## Certificate Handover to Youth Volunteers in Zugdidi

On August 31, 2016, Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia Sozar Subari, USAID Mission Director Douglas Ball, Head of IDP Livelihood Agency Irakli Ujmajuridze, and Governor of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti region Levan Shonia handed over certificates of appreciation to about 80 youth volunteers from the communities of the Zugdidi and Tsalenjikha municipalities.

On August 15, IDP Livelihood Agency under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees in partnership with the USAID Zrda Activity in Georgia started a country-wide campaign aimed at engaging almost 160 young people in Zrda's target regions to help raise awareness of IDPs towards the available livelihood programs and projects implemented by various GoG line ministries and agencies. As a result of the selection process, about 80 youth volunteers selected in Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti conducted door-to-door outreach campaign to cover almost 3,000 IDP families in the region. Overall, more than 6,000 IDP families will be targeted for sharing information on existing government livelihood programs and projects across Georgia.

The information campaign is a part of the IDP Livelihood Agency's strategy and action plan 2016-2017.

The IDP Livelihood Agency conducts the country-wide information campaign in partnership with the USAID Zrda Activity in Georgia.

*About IDP Livelihood Agency:* IDP Livelihood Agency is a Legal Entity of Public Law (LEPL) under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees. The Agency's mission is to promote and implement programs aimed at socio-economic integration, improving livelihoods and employment opportunities for IDPs. For more information, please visit [www.livelihood.gov.ge](http://www.livelihood.gov.ge)

*About USAID Zrda Activity in Georgia:* The USAID Zrda Activity in Georgia is a five-year program designed to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth in 70 communities of five regions of Georgia by improving MSME growth, increasing productivity of rural households, facilitating market linkages between producers and buyers, and promoting local economic development by establishing and strengthening networks. As a result, Zrda will create at least 2,000 jobs, increase sales for at least 650 MSMEs, increase incomes of 11,000 households, and generate measurable improvements in community resilience. For more information on Zrda, please visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/zrda.ge>