



CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CARITAS GEORGIA

STRENGTHENING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ENSURING VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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ABOUT CARITAS GEORGIA

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to support people and communities, especially those who are vulnerable or facing social and economic difficulties, while also contributing to a stronger, more inclusive and more active society.

OUR WORK:

Our work covers several key areas, including children and youth protection and development, healthcare, social protection, education, migration, emergency response and preparedness, community and volunteerism development.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

From Community Needs to Community Action



Participatory Approach - Key Benefits

- Identifying real community needs
- Creating local ownership
- Developing sustainable solutions
- Empowering local people and leaders
- Strengthening social cohesion and civic participation

People are not simply beneficiaries of a project. They become part of the process of identifying the problem, finding the solution and creating the result. And this creates a much stronger sense of ownership.



VOLUNTEERISM DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERING ENGAGEMENT



Creating opportunities

we create volunteering opportunities for anyone who is interested and willing to contribute, regardless of their previous experience.



Personal and professional development

Our aim is to create a mutually beneficial experience. People can contribute to the mission of Caritas Georgia, but also, they have the opportunity to develop their personal and professional skills



Fostering active citizenship

Volunteers are encouraged to develop their own initiatives in response to problems they identify in their communities. These initiatives can include charitable and advocacy activities



Recognition

We see recognition as an important part of creating a culture where volunteering is valued and encouraged



VOLUNTEER JOURNEY AT CARITAS GEORGIA

1. Registration & Application

Registration through the Caritas Georgia website or direct contact by phone/email and submission of an application form covering experience, knowledge, current activities, motivation and areas of interest

2. Individual Interview

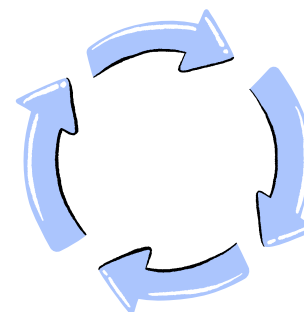
Conducting Individual interview to explore motivation, interests and learning needs. Introduction to Caritas Georgia and discussion of a suitable volunteering opportunity.

3. Agreement & Onboarding

Agreement on the volunteering placement and responsibilities. Signing the volunteer agreement and registration on communication platforms integrated into the volunteer program

4. Coordination & Monitoring

Tracking volunteering hours through the time-recording system. Regular feedback from volunteers and project coordinators and making adjustments or changes to the volunteering placement when needed



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



1. Caritas Georgia Projects

Volunteers support ongoing projects in Tbilisi and regions, contributing to activities based on the needs of each project.



2. Awareness-Raising Initiatives

Volunteers develop and participate in initiatives that promote awareness about volunteering and encourage active citizenship in their communities.



3. Fundraising and Charitable Initiatives

Volunteers take part in fundraising and charitable activities and campaigns to support Caritas projects and people in need.



4. Community Needs & Challenges

Volunteers identify problems and challenges in their communities and share them with the Caritas team, helping to explore possible responses and new initiatives.

PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

1. Participation in Events & Forums

Participating in forums, conferences and events organized by other civil society organizations and educational institutions.

2. Joint Volunteering Initiatives

Planning and implementing joint volunteering initiatives to strengthen local communities and promote a culture of volunteering.

3. Mobilizing Resources

Collaborating with partners to mobilize resources for Caritas beneficiaries and organize educational, recreational and community activities.

4. Engaging Students & Young People

Cooperating with educational institutions and associations to engage students in Caritas Georgia projects and volunteering opportunities.



CHALLENGES



Sustainability and maintaining long-term engagement

In our context, It is relatively easy to attract people to a short-term activity, but it is much more difficult to maintain their engagement over a longer period of time.

Recognition of volunteering by society

Although awareness is gradually increasing, volunteering is still not always recognized as an important form of civic participation and as a meaningful contribution to society.

Financial environment

The reduction and uncertainty of available resources create fewer opportunities to develop and expand volunteering programs. Resulting young people in local communities have fewer opportunities to participate, gain experience, develop their skills and contribute to their communities.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

When communities face uncertainty, limited resources and increasing social challenges, volunteering can create spaces for people to remain connected, support one another and continue contributing to society. This is why we believe that investing in volunteering means investing in social cohesion, active citizenship and the long-term development of society.

At Caritas Georgia, we remain committed to this work. We continue working actively to support the well-being of local communities, create opportunities for people to participate and strengthen a culture of solidarity and active citizenship.





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