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## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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Partnership Agreement between HELEVETAS Georgia and NALAG for the Local Economic Development Project in Georgia

PHASE 1 AGREEMENT  
February 2024 to 30 November 2026

### The Partners

#### HELVETAS Georgia

Merani Business Centre, 42 Sh. Rustaveli Avenue/ 31a Al. Griboedov Street, Tbilisi 0108, Georgia

AND

#### NALAG (National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia)

142 Akaki Belashvili St, Tbilisi, Georgia

### The Agreement

This agreement provides the foundation for cooperation between HELVETAS Georgia and NALAG in the Local Economic Development (LED) Project in Georgia. The agreement is based on the mutual support of supporting the development of LED and decentralisation in Georgia. The agreement is the basis for development of an annual work plan where works and any budgets required will be agreed by both parties. The project will evolve and each year different types of activities will be envisioned and planned.

### Project Summary

The purpose of the LED Project in Georgia is to improve economic opportunities for people living in regional Georgia. The project aims to achieve this through facilitating joint decision-making between key actor groups at local and national level (public sector, private sector, and civil society) to identify and implement local economic development opportunities.

### The Broad Scope of Agreement

Activities will be defined on an annual basis from the agreed annual workplan. As the project has a learning-by-doing approach all activities cannot be predicted in advance, however the following are envisioned as broad topics of expertise as the project evolves:

- Mobilising local authorities in target municipalities for project activities;
- Supporting organising PACA (Participatory Appraisal of Competitive Advantage) activities in project localities (municipalities)
- Outreach to local authorities and disseminating project learnings
- Provide input to LED Core Group activities by participating in up to 4 LED Core Group meetings of approximately 2-3 hours in duration per year
- Support with annual National LED Forum
- Sharing good examples of LED proactive from within Georgia and elsewhere

### Joint Publicity

To avoid logo saturation on project publicity materials, the project is represented under the banner of SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), HELVETAS – WINS Consortium and LED Project Branding. For joint events and initiatives NALAG's logo will be incorporated clearly. In project literature NALAG will be clearly mentioned as a project partner, and NALAG is free to use the LED project as a reference for any publicity needed.

### Special Duties, Obligation of Secrecy, Copyright

Both parties are restrained by the obligations of secrecy and shall treat as confidential all information they acquire within the framework of this agreement. Parties shall maintain this confidentiality after this contract has been fulfilled by the expiry of time or in the event of premature termination as long as the interest of confidentiality by the other party persists.

### Signed

Tbilisi

HELVETAS Georgia

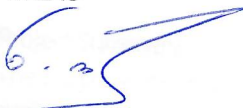


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