

Plastic and paper separation is started in Georgia and Armenia

Georgia

The rural communities in Tskaltubo and Khoni municipalities were selected for starting plastic separation. The following 5 villages (Kvitiri, Maglaki, Partskanakevi, Geguti, and Mukhiani) in Tskaltubo Municipality and two villages (Ivandidi and Kukhi) in Khoni municipality have already started plastic collection. Special containers with a capacity of 1.1.m³ each were installed in the areas of these communities. Now the population of the selected communities has the opportunity to participate in selective collection of plastic.



For paper collection, there were placed 50 containers in

Tskaltubo municipality and 10 containers in Khoni municipality in the pilot schools and administrative buildings.



Armenia

Considerable work has been done to introduce plastic and paper separation in the target rural communities in Armenia. 4 pilot villages have been selected: Gosh and Aghavnavank (Dilijan Municipality), Shahumyan and Darbas (Vanadzor Municipality). In total, 16 containers for plastic collection and 8 containers for paper collection were placed in the target rural communities from Armenia. For the rural communities from Georgia and Armenia this is one of first practice for the selective collection and so far the community input is promising. Together with the public awareness campaign, the project beneficiaries are confident to have a greener attitude in the rural communities.



Consultation and Education Point on Recycling established in Moldova

Concept and Regulation of the Consultation and Education Point on waste recycling is elaborated, Regulation on the selective demonstration collection of waste from the population of rural localities from Ungheni is created by the Ungheni City Hall. The representatives of the public authorities from the beneficiary rural localities, got acquainted with the Regulation on separate waste collection, were trained and received recommendations on how to initiate and carry out the demonstration collection process of these types of waste by the population.



Environmental educational program has launched in the project partner countries

The pilot schools for the implementation the activities according to the Environmental educational program were identified and selected in Georgia, Armenia, Moldova and Romania. Memorandums of partnership were signed with more than 60 educational institutions by the project partners in all countries. These schools expressed their willingness to cooperate actively in the project and take part in its implementation, as the interested parties.



The Guide “How to protect rivers from pollution” was prepared and printed in Georgian, Armenian and Romanian languages in Georgia, Armenia, Moldova and Romania with a total circulation of 4000 copies.

Trainings for Teachers

The first training on modern waste management practice was held in Tskaltubo (Georgia) for the school teachers. The training participants received information about modern waste management approaches, recycling challenges in Georgia and the engagement of different target groups in waste separation. Number of participants is 31.

4 trainings on rivers pollution and recycling were organized for teachers from 10 pre-university institutions of Ungheni city and 5 rural localities (Moldova). A total of 100 people participated in the trainings.

The trainings for teachers on river pollution and modern waste management were conducted for the representatives of 12 schools in Lori and Tavush regions (Armenia). Two trainings on modern waste management practice were held, which were attended by 56 participants.



Meetings at schools

Romania

Anti-litter educational program for pilot schools in Romania started in March 2021. The first 3 meetings took place in 3 schools attended by 58 students.

Moldova

3 environmental education meetings on rivers pollution and waste management took place, attended by 74 students and their teachers.



Trainings on composting

2 trainings were organized on individual composting in Moldova, which were attended by 50 people from Ungheni City and 5 beneficiary rural localities: representatives of local public administration, public service operators, members of interest groups including NGOs, employees of community schools, small and medium enterprises and the general public interested in composting at home. The goal of the trainings was to transfer basic knowledge regarding individual composting and implementing the method, being the easiest way to reduce waste and protect the environment.



Local Environmental Action Plans preparing process launched in Georgia

LEAP preparing process has already been launched in Tskaltubo and Khoni municipalities. The stakeholders group was created and the stakeholders workshops were conducted in March-April, 2021. The stakeholders were introduced to the LEAP preparing methodology in Tskaltubo and Khoni. The first meetings with participation of the stakeholders groups were held in these municipalities. Participants of the meeting got acquainted with the environmental strategic planning methodology and the experience of developing LEAP in Georgia. Considerable attention was paid to the commitments and challenges of Georgia in accordance with the Association Agreement with the European Union in the field of environmental protection.

On April 14, 2021, the second workshop for stakeholders was conducted in Tskaltubo Municipality, where the environment state report of Tskaltubo city was discussed. The main environmental problems of Tskaltubo have been identified.

On April 22, 2021, the first workshop for stakeholders was held in Khoni municipality. The meeting was attended by representatives of Local Authorities, NGOs, schools, massmedia and other interest groups. Lado Jurkhadze, Mayor of Khoni Municipality welcomed the meeting participants and spoke about the environmental challenges of Khoni town.



Cleanup Activities

Georgia

14 clean up events were organized in Tskaltubo and Khoni municipalities on the occasion of the Recycling day (March18) and the Earth day (April22) involving representatives of the target groups. Total number of participants - 244.



Moldova

11 Cleaning activities were organized and on the occasion of the 2021 Spring Cleaning Campaign in Ungheni. The total number of the participants of cleanup events - 140.



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Armenia

Two clean - up events were implemented in April 2021 in Vanadzor and Dilijan communities.

On 22nd of April, 2021 the project beneficiaries took part in the Clean - up day and tree planting event in Vanadzor city. The Clean - up events were held in Dilijan school N4. The schoolchildren and the teachers improved and cleaned the area around the school and the park.



International Conference for youth

On April 21-22, 2021, there was held an International online conference: "The Planet of Life" dedicated to Earth Day for school students from Georgia, Armenia and Moldova. The Conference was attended by school students and their teachers. They shared their presentations about their vision of the Earth environmental problems.



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