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UNICEF Georgia

Working Together for Every Child

Country Programme 2026–2030



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Our Shared Vision

With our partners we are working towards a single goal:

Every child in Georgia deserves a fair chance to grow up healthy, learn with confidence, and feel safe and protected.

UNICEF Georgia envisions a future in which every child, especially the most vulnerable, has equitable access to quality health and nutrition, inclusive education, and relevant skills for the future. Children are supported by responsive social protection systems and safeguarded by strong child protection and justice frameworks. Through sustained investment and partnerships, they are empowered to learn, develop, and thrive, free from violence, poverty, and exclusion, contributing to a resilient, inclusive, and prosperous Georgia.

UNICEF2026–2030 Country Programme was developed through close consultations with government institutions, UN agencies, civil society, academia, development partners, and children themselves. Its endorsement by the Government of Georgia reflects strong national ownership and commitment to joint implementation and monitoring.

What We Are Addressing

Despite progress, many children still face serious deprivations. The programme focuses on tackling two critical challenges:

■ **Multidimensional child poverty,** which limits children’s access to health, education, and social services.

■ **Violence against children,** which harms development and life chances.



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Programme Outcomes

Aligned with Georgia's national priorities and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2026-2030, the programme focuses on four interconnected areas:

Health and Nutrition

We support national and municipal efforts to strengthen systems so that all children, especially the most vulnerable, have access to quality health and nutrition services by:

- Improving maternal and child health care, immunization, and breastfeeding.
- Supporting the expansion of mental health and psychosocial support services, including school based services.
- Strengthening environmental health monitoring (water, sanitation and hygiene, air pollution, lead exposure). UNICEF will support national efforts to eliminate lead poisoning by expanding the countrywide surveillance system that monitors children's blood lead levels and identifies sources of exposure.
- Supporting climate and disaster resilient services, including for conflict affected children.



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"Before telemedicine, every weigh-in meant a long walk to the clinic with my baby. Now, I can monitor Saba's progress right here at home and share it with our doctor instantly. This simple scale and video calls have given me peace of mind and the confidence that my child is growing healthy – even in our remote village."

Anna, 19, young mother from Bazaleti





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Learning and Skills Development

We support government-led efforts to deliver inclusive, high quality education that prepares children for life and work by:

- Supporting expanded access to quality early childhood education, including for children with disabilities and those from ethnic minority communities.
- Contributing to the strengthening of inclusive education systems and the prevention of school dropouts.
- Supporting catch up learning, digital education, and smooth transitions from school to further education or employment.
- Empowering adolescents with leadership, digital, and life skills.



“I did not know anything about lead, except that it was something dangerous. We received a call. Ana-Maria received her blood test results: high lead levels. Since then, we have been following the doctor’s recommendations and have learned a lot about the topic. I am still quite scared; I worry about how this may affect her health in the future.”

Khatuna Jeladze, Ana-Maria’s grandmother



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Child Protection

We support efforts to strengthen child protection systems at national and municipal level by:

- Promoting alternatives to unnecessary family separation and expanding family and community-based care.
- Supporting the development of a skilled and well-trained social service workforce.
- Improving access to child friendly justice, legal aid and restorative justice programmes, in line with international standards.
- Reinforcing child protection community-based mechanisms, expanding emergency helplines and raising awareness among children and caregivers of their rights.



What any young person should have is the ability to adapt. At the same time, the most important thing is the ability to self-reflect, to properly guide your future path. Nowadays, technical skills are in high demand.

**Mariam Dzotsenidze,
student of the Tbilisi State University**



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“We have the right to life, to be cared for, to live in a family, and to receive education. When we learn about our rights through games, it becomes easier to remember. It’s also fun, and it really stays with us. It’s important for children to know their rights so they can protect themselves and make use of the opportunities that support their growth and development.”

George Cheishvili from Kutaisi

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“I think the most important thing for a child is to feel embraced by parents and for parents to have positive attitudes. Then comes everything else. I try to be supportive when they need me and solve difficult situations without quarrelling, then calmly explaining and talking. Being a parent means changing a lot first in yourself.”

Ia Mchedlidze, mother of 3 children

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Social Policy & Child Rights Monitoring

We help ensure children are prioritized in laws, budgets, and public policies by:

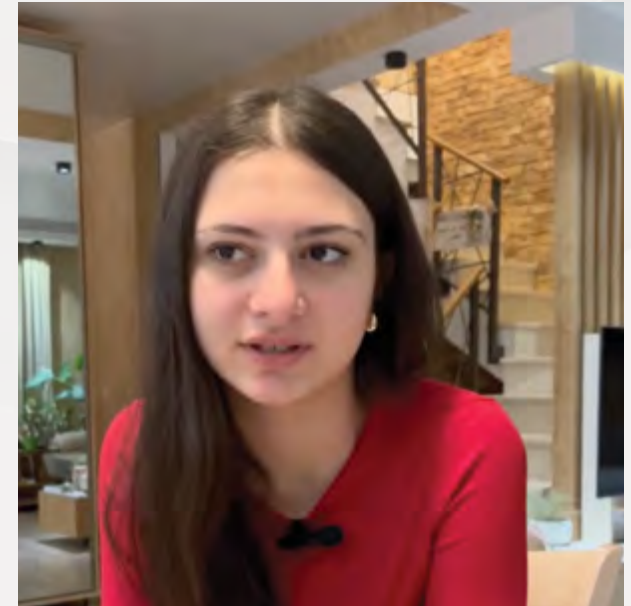
- Supporting shock responsive and child sensitive social protection systems that responds to the full range of child deprivations and external shocks.
- Improving child focused planning, budgeting, and financing at national and municipal levels.
- Strengthening child rights monitoring through the timely and effective collection and analysis of data and evidence.
- Promoting the use of data and evidence to inform decision-making and improve outcomes for children.



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“It’s important to know how to behave online so that we can feel as safe as possible and use the internet as safely as we can.”

Keso Metreveli, 16





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Strong Partnerships for Children

The programme is implemented in close partnership with:

- Administration of the Government of Georgia, line ministries, Parliament, judiciary, municipalities.
- The Public Defender’s Office, National Statistics Office of Georgia, Communications Commission.
- Civil society, academia, media and children.
- The private sector, including business associations and chambers of commerce.

We will advance understanding of the rights, needs, and priorities of the most vulnerable children through inclusive communication and constructive advocacy. By engaging partners and decision makers, we will promote the use of evidence to inform policy and programme decisions that improve outcomes for children. Social and behaviour change approaches will support informed decision making, increase the uptake of essential services, and strengthen the engagement of families and communities in programme initiatives.

How We Work

Five core approaches guide implementation:

- **Equity focused action** prioritizing the most vulnerable children.
- **Shock responsive programming** responding to crises and climate risks.
- **Leveraging resources for children** Mobilizing public, private and domestic capital, partnerships and advocacy to unlock greater investments for children.
- **Systems strengthening** achieving sustainable results at scale.
- **Evidence driven advocacy** using data to influence policies and budgets.



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