



Children's Dental Care Center

Visiting a dentist has great importance for children's dental health. Taking preventive measures from early childhood will help to avoid tooth and gum problems in adulthood. It is important to create a friendly atmosphere for children's dentist visits as this can often be a frightening and stressful experience for them. Children from Akhalkalaki can now pay a visit to the dentist without fear or worry and be looked after by highly qualified professionals using modern equipment.

“We have done our best to create a positive atmosphere in order to reduce the stress level in kids when they come to see the dentist. We have some toys and we give them presents as well. In some cases, we explain what we are going to do and then give them some time to become comfortable with the idea of the dental procedure and then ask them to come back the following day. We acknowledge the fact that children are fragile and require this kind of special treatment. Children pay attention to every single detail and then become positively or negatively impressed with the dentist and dentistry itself,” said Hasmik Minasyan, a dentist at the Center.

The European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) made it possible to open up a children's dental care center in Akhalkalaki with the financial support they provided. The grant amount was spent on rehabilitation work, the purchase of two dental chairs and other items to create a positive and comfortable atmosphere for the children.



Employees: 5 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 35,750
EU s: GEL 19,338
Co-financing: GEL 55,088



Three nurses and two dentists are working at the center. This kind of project promotes the creation of new workplaces, the improvement of medical services and the sustainable development of the regional economy.





The initiative has been financed by the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) through the project of promoting new approaches in Rural Development in Akhalkhalaki.

Project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development and Vocational Education (DRDVE) of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA). Project Partners are Mercy Corps, Elva – Community Engagement and West Cork Development Partnership.

The European Union supports agriculture and rural development of Georgia through the programme of ENPARD, which has been implemented in Georgia since 2013. The total budget is 179.5 mio EUR. The main goal of the ENPARD is to reduce the rural poverty. The main priority of the first phase of the program was to support agricultural development, whereas the main aim of the second and third phases is to promote economic opportunities and capacity building of people living in the rural areas. For the additional information, please follow the link: www.enpard.ge