



CHAP

Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program (www.counterpart.org)

February 28, 2002

COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL'S COMMUNITY & HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES ANSWERING THE NEEDS OF GEORGIAN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOLS AND PENSIONERS

Tbilisi -- On February 28, 2002, Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* (CHAP) will distribute humanitarian assistance donated by the US Government and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, valued at over \$118,000 to the Pediatric Hospital of Sagarejo, Secondary School of Manavi Village and the Charitable House of Sagarejo, which provides daily meals to over 80 socially vulnerable pensioners. The commodities donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints include warm practical clothing that meet the needs of over 200 vulnerable citizens of Sagarejo region. Also, file cabinets, chairs, school desks with stacking chairs, folding chairs, tables, and blackboards will be distributed to the Secondary School of Manavi Village. The US Government donated portion of the distribution consists of crutches, X-Ray cassettes, surgical, orthopedic appliances, exam gloves, hospital mechanical beds, catheters, hospital lockers, syringes, recovery room beds, stretchers, surgical caps, gowns and drapes, physician exam beds, hospital linens, medical anti-shock pneumatic trousers, hospital folding cots, warm blankets, cold weather hoods, cold weather parkas and trousers.

The project will be carried out with the assistance of the Charitable Organization 'Regi', which was a recipient of one of 6 tractors, officially handed over to Georgian non-governmental organizations by the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United States in Georgia, Philip Remler, on Friday, February 22. This donation was funded by the Freedom Support Act through the US Department of State and administered by Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program*. Charitable Organization 'Regi' has agricultural land, and supplies the Charitable House of Sagarejo with the harvested food products.

The distribution will be conducted in close cooperation with the Sagarejo Regional Administration, whom CHAP thanks for their support.

CHAP Georgia coordinates its medical supplies and equipment distribution to compliment the Georgian government's national hospitals reorganization plan. Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program*, a leading humanitarian aid program, is uniquely positioned to meet the many needs identified by this plan.

Since starting work in Georgia in 1995, CHAP has distributed humanitarian commodities and medical assistance valued at over \$1 million to the vulnerable population and medical establishments of Sagarejo region.

Since 1995, CHAP has imported over 550 forty-foot (FEU) containers of humanitarian assistance valued at over 300 Million GEL. With a distribution network of over 210 medical institutions, 227 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), 35 boarding homes and schools, CHAP has become the industry leader among US Government-funded humanitarian aid programs. For more information about Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* please visit our web-site at www.counterpart.org or our office at 7 Vazha Pshavela Avenue, Suite 63, Tbilisi, Georgia.



Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* is funded by the US Department of State (<http://www.state.gov>).