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Social Protection systems

1. Universal Social Pension;
2. Targeted Social Assistance-PMT formula
3. Categorical Benefits
4. Various Services for the most vulnerable

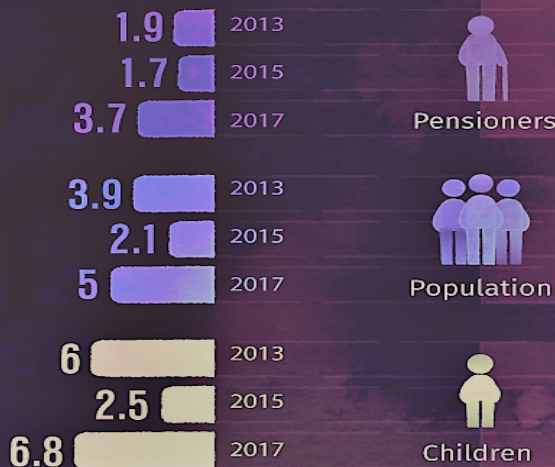


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Poverty on Increase UNICEF Welfare Monitoring Survey

Poverty rates **have increased**
in Georgia in the last two years.

Extreme poverty



Pension Effect:

If pension income was removed from household consumption, extreme poverty among pensioners would have risen sharply from 3.7% to 34.1% and among children from 6.8% to 13.1%. The survey results suggest that pensions have the highest impact on pensioners.



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Poverty and Social Assistance Effect

Targeted Social
Assistance (TSA)



Child Benefit (CB)
programme

has the **highest positive impact**
on reducing child poverty.

Without these programs,
extreme poverty among
children **would have**
increased from

6.8%

to 13.1%



If TSA income was removed from household consumption, extreme poverty among children would have risen from 6.8% to 12.9%, and among pensioners from 3.7% to 5.6%. If TSA with child assistance was removed from household consumption, extreme poverty among children would have increased from 6.8% to 13.1%. These findings demonstrate that TSA+CB has the highest impact on children.



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Categorical Benefits

- **Disability benefit;**
- **Orphans benefit;**
- **IDP allowance;**

If categorical benefits were removed from household consumption, extreme poverty among households with a disabled person would have increased from 11.2% to 23.8%. For those households including an internally displaced person (IDP), extreme poverty rate would have risen from 8.5% to 15.6%. It should be emphasized that around 60% of all households receiving categorical benefits also receive either pensions or TSA, so the net effect of social transfers is underestimated.



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Services

- Early Childhood Development service;
 - Day centres;
- Services for victims of trafficking/domestic violence/gender based violence;
 - Children lacking parental care
- Disabled/elderly needing 24 hour care



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Children in Street Situations (Children living and working on the streets)

- Fall of the system; - 1990-ies
- NGO Response; - 2005-2011
- Donor Response; - 20012-2014
- Government Response; -2014 onwards



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Since the summer of 2012, The **Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs** of Georgia, with the support of **LEPL Social Service Agency(SSA)** and UNICEF have embodied EU funded project -“Reaching Vulnerable Children in Georgia”(Children Living or Working on the Streets).

- On 14th of April 2014, government Decree #291 on funding services Children has commenced and it fully embraces the services needed for Children living and working on the streets



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*Taking over **Services in 3 Cities:***

Specialized 6 Day Care Services and 5

Shelters with difficulties of integrating these
children in mainstream system



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Challenges after take over

System “leaving them behind”, substantial barriers to access essential services and opportunities :

- Legally they didn't exist;
- There was a limited referral and complicated response mechanism concerning violence against children;
- Their inclusion in major systems (SDG 1, 3, 4,) was impossible due to lack of legislation;



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Challenges addressed after takeover

- Amendments to several laws in 2016: Law on Social Assistance, Domestic Violence; Law on Registration and identity Verification of citizens and aliens residing in Georgia;
- Government decree on referral of violence against children approved;
- Common trainings for police and SW's



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New Challenges

A new research (2018) on children living and working on the streets suggests:

- Composition of Children has Changed - migration;
- Push and pull factors have changed;
- Programmes need to be adjusted to changed;
- Multi Agency approach needs to be agreed upon;