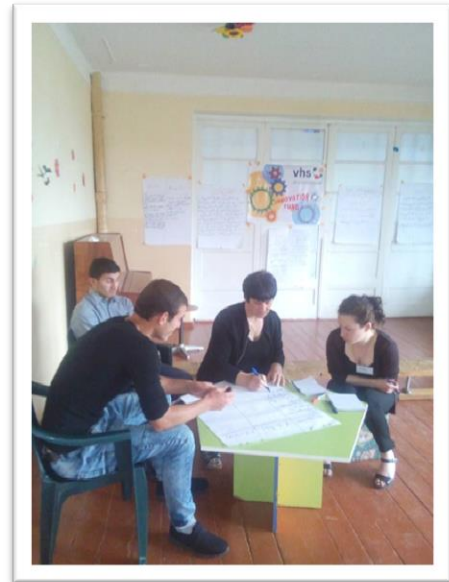


Gender and Early Marriage

The local NGO Alliance for Social Development (ASD) aims at promoting gender equality with the project “Gender and Early Marriage.” Two-day trainings were conducted by professional trainers with seven groups in the Kvemo Kartli region and in Tbilisi. The main topics of the trainings were domestic violence and early marriage – two widespread problems in Georgia. Ethnic minorities among who the problem is most severe are a focus group of the project, too. Forum Theatre, Drama-in-Education (DIE); Theatre-in-Education (TIE); Live-Action Role Play (LARP), and Playback Theatre as proven innovative tools facilitated the learning process and made its outcomes applicable. These methods stimulate the beneficiaries’ active involvement and their reflection on sensitive and complex issues such as human relations, feelings and emotions, pain and happiness.



The trainings were conducted at the following locations: Bolnisi, Gardabani, Dmanisi, Tetrtskaro, Shaumiani and Tbilisi. One training was held at each location, except for Tbilisi, where two training sessions were organized. It is also worth mentioning that initially it was planned to have trainings in Marneuli (Kvemo Kartli region, where the number of representatives of ethnic minorities is high), however there was a problem to attract participants. They refused to attend the trainings on gender equality and considered this as an intrusion into their personal space. Thus, the trainings were held in Shaumiani instead.



The project had 119 beneficiaries in total. 73% of them were female. The number of indirect beneficiaries reached 476.