



**VOLunteers in ACTION : Raising Awareness For Volunteer Fire Fighters”  
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Good Practice from Georgian**

**Template of Good Practice (one page)**

1. Title of the activity or event

Forest fires after the August 2008 war

2. Objectives/aims expected by this action

In order to restore the forest, a social campaign "Restore" was launched, through which residents and businesses could participate in the restoration of the Borjomi forest.

3. Target group (or groups)

Firefight volunteers, Forest guards, Department of Special Assignments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

4. Description of the activity (methods, materials, human and physical resources, timing, etc.)

During the August 2008 war, 950 hectares of forest in Borjomi were burned by the Russian side. The fire lasted for several weeks and it completely destroyed 250 hectares of coniferous forest.

5. Steps for the implementation (operative steps to implement the good practice)

Up to 30,000 trees have been planted, much of which has been destroyed by fires. In the process of localizing fires in the Borjomi region, 3 helicopters, about 400 firefighters, more than 100 forest



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guards, 500 employees of the Special Tasks Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and dozens of heavy equipment were involved.

#### 6. Impact of the good practice and evaluation of the results achieved

Turkish firefighters were also involved in extinguishing the fire in Borjomi forest in 2008. Those forests where deforestation and forestry work have been going wrong for years are more vulnerable to fires. Fires soon do not spread to well-preserved, pristine forests.

#### 7. Conclusions

Contributing to the spread of fires in the forests of Georgia, in addition to the negligence of ordinary citizens, it also turned out that the trees in the forests have been cut down uncontrollably for years.



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