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# Switch to the Sun – Live in Comfort – How solar energy improved livelihoods in Georgia

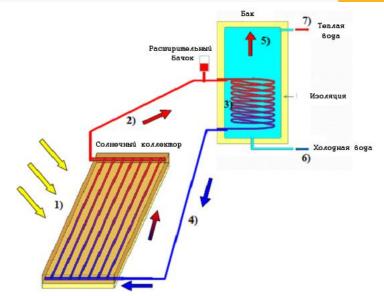
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### Switch to sun – Live in Comfort

- Addressing insulation and solar issues in rural areas
- Looking at technology, policy/ legislation and finances
- Jan. 2011 Dec 2015
- 4 partners in Georgia: Greens Movement, SCDA, SEMA, RCDA
- Experts: Solar Partner Sued and others
- Project at the same time in Ukraine
- Financed by the European Commission and other donors



## Needs Assessment

- Main energy related problems are:
  - High energy poverty: 25-35% of income is spend on energy
  - Use of mainly firewood
- Women and men spend much time on making hot water
- Almost 100% of target population are ready to invest in renewable energy



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# **Project results for Georgia**

- Training modules for a 4 day training
- 10 trained trainers (4 women, 6 men)
- 76 men, 50 women trained by trained trainers (+29 additional trainings)
- 5 construction, installation and monitoring teams in 5 regions
- 330 functioning collectors constructed with local materials and monitored
- (212 by project, 52 by other organisations, 51 sold to private persons, 15 constructed by private people) + 100 expected 2014
- 8 four weeks internships, 9 people trained in Munich at Solar Partner Sued
- Monitoring data of 60 collectors show a reduction in CO2 emission of 700 kg/collector



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# Results of monitoring visit 2014

- 98% of households are satisfied
- 96% of collectors functioned
- Esp. women name advantages:
  - Saving of time and work
  - Increased comfort and hygiene
  - Saving money
- The collector works 8 10.5 months a year



# Scaling up the results

- Financial mechanisms
- Training Modules
- Subgrantees
- Gold standard
- NAMA



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## **THANK YOU!**

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