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| **Municipality** | Municipality of Lagodekhi |
| **Location** | Lagodekhi, Kakheti, Georgia |
| **Population** | 52,100 |
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| **Characteristics** | The Municipality of Lagodekhi is one of the most successful districts in Kakheti which has 65 villages and one administrative town. Lagodekhi town has manyethnicities living together and beautiful nature nestled between, mountains, rivers, and valleys. Azeris make up 23% of the population, Ossetians make up 5,1%, Russians make up 0,8%, and 0,7% Poles, Germans, Kurds, Tatars, Avars and Greeks make up the rest of the non-native Georgian population. The Municipality boasts a humid subtropical climate. Here summer is moderately hot and winter is moderately cold.The main source of income of the Municipality is agriculture, trade, and tourism. |
| **Agriculture** | The Municipality’s main source of income is rural agriculture. The soil and climate in Kakheti is perfect for farming, viticulture, and horticulture .We are also working to develop a tea and nuts crop culture. |
| **Industry** | We have eight cooperatives in Lagodekhi municipality which work with corn, nuts and a variety of fruits and vegetables such as watermelon, melon, cabbage, eggplant, etc. Within the municipality we also have many locally-owned restaurants and small markets. |
| **Services** | N/A |
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| **Educational facilities** | We have 28 public schools teaching preschool to twelfth grade, a branch of the European University based in Tbilisi, and a branch of a Ukrainian University. |
| **Leisure facilities and activities** | We have a theatre, a seasonal movie theatre, a few municipal parks,some cafes, and some restaurants.We also have a seasonal campground for summer camps in a local village. Lagodekhi Protected Areas is well-known throughout the Caucasus Region with its unique flora and fauna. Tourism development has an important role for the Lagodekhi Municipality—fishing, hunting, many historical and architectural monuments, museums, and beautiful nature make up the Lagodekhi Protected Areas. This makes it very attractive for tourists. There are several family hotels where tourists can stay. |
| **Cultural events and facilities** | In the municipality every year is held different kinds of cultural activities such as: Heretoba, (This is a regional event which is held every year in autumn where national dances and songs are performed while traditional food is served and various exhibitions are held) Tedoroba and Kostaoba are also other seasonal cultural events happening in during Easter. Christmas Celebrations, Children's Day celebrations, The Fall of Sukhumi Dayand Remembrance Day observances are also organized regularly. |
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| **History** | Modern Lagodekhi was founded in ancient historic area. In the 7th century, King Archil, attracted with the natural beauty of the Lagodekhi and decided to build a summer residence "Machi Cixe" on this territory. However, after the invasions of Shah Abbas Hereti ancient land, today's Municipal area , were completely empty from Georgians. Towards the end of the seventh century , was started active settlement of population in Municipal territory.  |
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| **Preferred areas of twinning cooperation** | Specific countries we wish to twin with are the United Kingdom,Austria, Poland, Turkey, Swedan, Latvia, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Czech Republic, Russia, Azerbaijan; however, we are open to all countries interested in developing a relationship with us.The sectors in which we would like to cooperate are tourism development, infrastructure improvement, natural disaster preparation and response, agriculture, culture, and environmental conservation. |
| **Preferred language** | Georgian, Russian, English, German, Polish, Azeri |
| **Existing twinnings** | Poland / Ostrolenka |
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