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VIDEO

TORNIKE WITH CAMERA FILMS
INTERVIEWS

TORNIKE WATCHES FOOTAGE

TORNIKE ATTENDS CLASSES AND
WATCHES FOOTAGE

AUDIO

NARRATION

Cameras and the art of film-making fascinate Tornike Shubitidze. He is 15 and wants to be a cameraman working in television and film. (9.5")

But last year he wasn't optimistic about his future. Tornike was charged with stealing a washing machine and faced four to seven years in prison for petty theft. (10")

Georgia has no specialized courts for children. However, under juvenile justice reforms supported by UNICEF, Tornike was released on 12 months probation. (10")

Now he attends film-making classes at the Rustavi Rehabilitation Centre for Children in Conflict with the Law. The centre helps to protect his rights and support him while on probation. Tornike was lucky to find work. (14")

TORNIKE ON CAMERA

TORNIKE: (Georgian) **M**

“First of all, I will certainly buy a camera, will spend more time to learn, will work more and try to become a cameraman.” (13”)

CARPENTRY WORKSHOP

NARRATION

Each young probationer is assessed. Social workers consult family members to develop a skills training plan to help them reintegrate into society. Marika Natadze, team leader. (12.5”)

NATADZE ON CAMERA

NATADZE: (Georgian) **F**

“The centre is unique as it offers different kinds of services, including educational and vocational training, various activities focused on crime prevention, and on helping children return and be better reintegrated into society.” (15”)

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BUILDING

NARRATION

UNICEF is working to reduce the number of young people entering Georgia’s criminal justice system. Some 200 legal professionals were trained in the rights and needs of juvenile offenders. Benjamin Perks, UNICEF’s Deputy Representative. (16”)

PERKS ON CAMERA

PERKS: (English) **M**

“The continuum of services that deal with children in conflict with the law are in line with international standards, and to the extent possible prevent the incarceration of children – which is a last possible resort – but also ensure that a cycle of criminality and imprisonment is

not started. That as soon as possible rehabilitation and alternative processes for those children are developed.” (21.5”)

NARRATION

KIDS LEAVE CENTRE

Under Georgian law, probation is currently the only alternative to prison sentences. UNICEF will continue to work with the government on juvenile justice reform to protect the rights of children in conflict with the law and to ensure that no child is unnecessarily criminalized.

TORNIKE FILMS FRIENDS

(17.5)

UN LOGO

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