



Georgia: BTC Pipeline-22/Tsemi

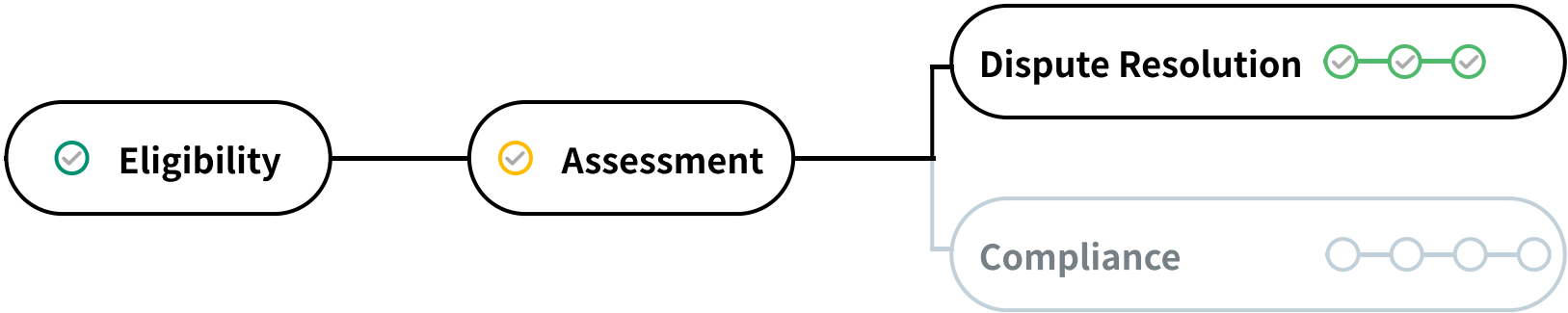
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PHASE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (DR)

COUNTRY GEORGIA

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Complaint Overview

Complainant

Residents of Tsemi

Cross-Cutting Issues

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Project Information

Region

[Europe & Central Asia](#)

Institution

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Name & Number

Baku Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline 11251

Company

Baku Tiblisi-Ceyhan Pipeline

Sector

Synopsis

Complaint

The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil and gas pipeline is a 1,768 km long crude oil pipeline stretching from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. It is the second longest oil pipeline in the world and passes through Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey. IFC has invested \$250 million since 2003 and the total project cost is approximately \$3.6 billion. The project is operated by BTC Co., which comprises a consortium of 11 partners. To date, CAO has received 33 complaints in relation to the project ranging from individuals to communities to local organizations. On June 24, 2005, CAO received a complaint from residents of Tsemi village, alleging that BTC Co. operations had significantly impacted their drinking water, which subsequently led to a drop in tourism and revenues to families in the area.

CAO Action

CAO began assessing the complaint on August 25, 2005, and traveled to Tsemi to meet with stakeholders. A negotiated agreement between the parties included the following actions:

- A billboard advertising Tsemi was placed near the village. Additional billboards advertising the wider Borjomi region were



Category

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Commitment

\$125 million (A loan) \$125 million (B loan)

system (which was on the surface awaiting ground-thaw) with new pipe that is now buried. Construction of a new permanent head facility was completed in October 2006. An inspection of the completed system was carried out in November 2006 by representatives of BP, the Contractor and village representatives. BTC donated the requisite 1.2 km of temporary plastic pipe to the village. Design of the system was reviewed and agreed to by villagers and Gamgabeli (the Mayor), who signed a final agreement. BTC also delivered 2 additional km of water pipe to the village for its distribution system (as per the villagers’ request) in late July 2006.

Status

CAO closed the case in December 2006.

Case Documents

Dispute Resolution

ASSESSMENT REPORT(S)

Tsemi Assessment Report

May 21, 2006 | English

Tsemi Assessment Report

May 21, 2006 | Georgian

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