

N	Award Name, Location, and Terms	Awarding Agency and Contact	Brief Description of Work
Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)			
1	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting Development of E-Transparency and E-Participation in the Municipalities of the Imereti Region</p> <p>Period of Performance: 18 April, 2018 – 18 September, 2018</p> <p>Value: \$13,890</p> <p>Project Number: LDD/08/18-20784</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili Executive Director 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel: +995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>Project Aim and Description:</p> <p>In order to enable citizens to utilize their rights laid down by the Local Self-Government Code, the project aims to improve transparency and citizen participation mechanisms in the municipalities of Georgia.</p> <p>To achieve the above-mentioned aim, IDFI will develop and install modern and dynamic municipal webpages, will develop capacity of webpage administrators employed in municipal public institutions and will increase public awareness about the new webpages. In total, IDFI will develop 7 websites for the municipalities of Bagdati, Terjola, Zestaponi, Tkibuli, Samtredia, Chiatura and Mestia.</p> <p>New webpages developed by IDFI will be identical to the websites developed and installed within the scope of projects implemented earlier. The websites will be equipped with various modules that support greater transparency and citizen participation. New websites will be equipped with electronic petitions, questionnaires, budget planning tool, online forms for requesting public information, official document database etc.</p>
2	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Prosecutorial Independence through Monitoring and Engagement (PrIME)</p> <p>Period of Performance: 14 March, 2018 – 14 May, 2020</p> <p>Value: EUR 333,321.64; European Union: EUR 299,989.48; Partners Match: EUR 33,332.16</p> <p>Project Number: ENI/2018/396-009</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union</p> <p>Implemented by: Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) in cooperation with the Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) and Studio Monitor</p> <p>Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>PrIME aims to support the increase of an external and internal independence of the Prosecution Service of Georgia for ensuring impartiality and fairness in the Georgian prosecution and investigation systems.</p> <p>Specific Objectives of the action are twofold:</p> <p>1. Increase the accountability of Prosecution Service of</p>

		<p>Janos Herman Head of Delegation CRRG-Georgia Non-governmental organization, Chavchavadze Ave., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia Studio Monitor Non-governmental organization, A.Kazbegi str.35, Apt.29, 0177 Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p>Georgia (internal independence) to ensure they meet the Strategy of the Prosecution Service of Georgia, international and EU standards;</p> <p>2. Empower information exchange between institutions: Government of Georgia (GoG), civil society organizations (CSOs), media as well as general public so that the public is knowledgeable and aware about issues of the ongoing major reforms in Prosecution Service of Georgia.</p> <p>The Action assumes a comprehensive approach, as part of which IDFI and its partners will work in four main directions: monitoring, media investigation, capacity building, and outreach and awareness.</p> <p>Entire Monitoring process from the baseline survey to policy recommendations, will be aimed at increasing the accountability of PSG, and involving and informing the public about ongoing processes in the PSG, with the ultimate goal of slowly changing the culture of reforming the law enforcement system and implementing various policies without the involvement of and dialogue with the public.</p> <p>Involvement of media in monitoring the implementation of Strategy and Action Plan of the PSG will be crucial for engaging the public. Investigative videos focused on high profile cases will provide clear and objective coverage of the case flow, thus informing the public and engaging the law enforcement system to work objectively and be accountable to the public. The public attention generated after publishing these videos will put pressure on specific cases and reduce possible external (political or other) influence on the process of investigation and litigation. To keep the discussion alive, the videos will be followed by focus group meetings once a year, summing up the cases presented in the investigative videos and similar high profile cases left investigated.</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Facilitate the Landing of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the National Level Period of Performance: 25 December 2017 – 25 September 2018 Value: \$82,440 Project Number: 0097412</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – Governance Reform Fund (GRF) through SIDA – Swedish International Development Agency Contact information: Mr.Shombi Sharp UNDP Georgia Deputy Resident Representative 9,Eristavi St UN House Tbilisi 0179,Georgia Tel: (+995) 32 2251126 Fax: (+995) 32 2250271</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The objective of the sub-project is to strengthen the data collection and coordination, capacities of leading national SDG mechanisms (the SDG Council Secretariat, the Council itself and the Council’s WGs.), along with the capacity development of civil servants to effectively monitor SDG implementation and apply newly-acquired skills in the development of the first progress report on SDGs implementation in Georgia.The project also aims to increase awareness on SDGs.</p> <p>To meet with the objectives of the project the national data and policy experts will be engaged in the process. Data experts will strengthen the WGs on data collection standards, while policy expert will work on incorporation of SDGs targets into national policy documents.</p> <p>In the framework of awareness raising campaign thematic discussions with the CSOs, meetings with the representatives of private sector and academia will be conducted.</p> <p>Project Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen data collection and coordination practices of leading national SDG mechanisms through facilitated institutional capacity development; - Increase public awareness and facilitate knowledge-sharing regarding global, regional and national developments on SDGs and their implementation, with a special focus on CSOs, private sector and academia; - Enhance the monitoring capacities of civil servants in terms of measuring the effectiveness of SDG implementation and supporting the development of the first SDG progress report. <p>Expected Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved data collection standards for the Council, WGs and AoG;
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<p>4</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Combating Clientelism in Local Investments and Financial Transfers Period of Performance: November 2017 – February 2019 Value: USD 8,360</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The Open Society Initiative for Europe through Expert Forum Association (EFOR) Contact information: Sorin Ioniță President Romania, Bucharest, Arh Petre Antonescu, no 13, bl 12, apt.96, 2nd District Tel: (+40) 21 211 7400 Fax: (+40) 21 211 7400</p>	<p>Objectives and Goals: CC-LIFT contributes to the development of watchdog mechanisms in Romania, Moldova and Georgia regarding the clientelistic allocation of funds towards the local communities. The project aims to improve the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of governance by enabling local civil society organizations to oversee the budgetary development procedures and participate in debates on resource allocations by facilitating the policy dialogue between the authorities and CSOs.</p> <p>The general objective of the project is to contribute to improving the effectiveness, transparency and accountability in budgeting and procurement in Romania, Moldova and Georgia. The specific objective of the project is to enable civil society to oversee budget, participate in public finance policy formulation and implementation by facilitating the policy dialogue between the authorities and public & civil society.</p> <p>Through the project, local CSOs from the three countries will develop tools and share best practices to oversee public budgets and the intergovernmental fiscal transfers, as well as budgetary allocations and procurement for local investments. The local stakeholders, assisted by the project partners, will participate in public finance policy formulation and implementation by facilitating the policy dialogue between the</p>

			<p>authorities and local civil society. All these will be achieved by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Translating in simple, visual instruments the key data on public budget transfers and thus provide more transparency on the local budgeting process. 2. Advocating with local and central decision-makers for better budgetary allocations in critical moments (before budget approvals or amendments). 3. Empowering (developing the capacity of) a network of local activists and journalists in 15 municipalities (6 in Romania, 6 in Moldova and 3 in Georgia) to undertake watchdog activities on public budgets and procurement processes. <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1. Preliminary Research A2. Data Collection and Analysis of 3 Target Municipalities A3. Identifying Local Activists in 3 Municipalities A4. Organizing Three Training Sessions for the Local Activists A5. Organizing Public Debates on National and Local Budgets A6. Monitoring the Government’s Budget Allocations to Communities A7. Map of Clientelism and Press Conferences A8. Developing an Analysis Methodology for Public Procurement A9. Preparing and Publishing Periodic Newsletters <p>Expected Outcomes - the project will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A set of visual tools to clarify key budget data, which can be later updated yearly. These will be disseminated through a series of public events and media / social media. - A methodology for monitoring and advocacy for budgetary transparency and implementation of criteria-based allocations to local governments, monitored from above (central budget)
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			<p>and from below (in 15 selected communities).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A community of local citizens-activists and journalists, trained in budgeting and procurement, and who will also get in contact with a regional network of projects and best-practices of civic monitoring of public budgets and fighting clientelism in New Member States. - Pressure from below in all three countries for making the allocation and use of public resources more transparent, rule-based and less clientelistic. - Pressure from above, through possible benchmarking in the future among the countries in the project (Romania, Moldova, Georgia) and other countries in the EU or EaP.
5	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing Access to Archival Documents in Former Soviet Republics</p> <p>Period of Performance: November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2019</p> <p>Value: 84, 155.5 USD</p> <p>Project Number: OR2017-34436</p>	<p>Awarding Organization:Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI):</p> <p>Contact information: Dr. Katalin E. Koncz Executive Director Molnar Utca 19, H-1-56 Budapest, Hungary Tel: (361)882 3100 Fax: (361) 8823101</p>	<p>Project Goals: The overarching goal of the project is to ensure openness of Soviet archives in the post-Soviet space. This goal is to be attained by several objectives and activities. Firstly, a network of scholars and NGOs working on issues of Soviet archive openness will be created during the conference planned within the framework of the project. Additionally, a thorough study on the issues of post-Soviet space in terms of archive openness will be conducted to have clear vision on how and where to advocate for more openness.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a network of scholars/NGOs in post-Soviet space working on the issues of Soviet Archive openness - Promote openness of archives in the post-Soviet space - Create a standard for archival openness
6	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Transparent Public Procurement Rating – Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process in the Eurasian Region and</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI):</p> <p>Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Description The project aims to build on the experience of the project – “Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR) – Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process</p>

	<p>Beyond Period of Performance: November 1, 2017 – May 31, 2019 Value: 155,292 USD Project Number: OR2017-34436</p>	<p>Dr. Katalin E. Koncz Executive Director Molnar Utca 19, H-1-56 Budapest, Hungary Tel: (361)882 3100 Fax: (361) 8823101</p>	<p>in the Eurasian Region” and expand the (TPPR) and its common standard for assessing the legislative framework of public procurement beyond the Eastern Partnership Countries, in Central Asian States (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan), Visegrad Countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), Albania and Mongolia.</p> <p>The TPPR project is a good example of how CSO collaboration can produce a unique product, with which it is possible to rank countries according to PPLs and create ground for improvement based on research and exchange of information. As a result of CSO collaboration in 6 Eastern Partnership countries, a standardized methodology was created that provides possibility to assess, compare and rank PPLs in different countries. The methodology was piloted in Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.</p> <p>The above mentioned regions for expanding the project were chosen in order to ensure that TPPR will cover diverse public procurement systems with different origins and realities. Central Asian states, Visegrad and Balkan countries have different political systems, which affect their public procurement systems.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding the Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR) Network (PPL Assessments, PPL Implementation Assessments) - Creating a Set Questionnaire for Assessing the Implementation of the PPLs in Participant Countries - Expanding the CSO Network in Target Countries - Conducting targeted advocacy campaigns to reach out to relevant stakeholders involving public officials, businesses, media, civil society and communities
7	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Digital Literacy and Internet Freedoms in Georgia</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The American Bar</p>	<p>Project Goals and Objectives The general goal of the project is to strengthen Internet</p>

	<p>Period of Performance: September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 Value: USD 7,999 Project Number: S-LMAQM-16-GR-1095</p>	<p>Association Through its Fund for Justice and Education Contact Information: Jeffrey Borns ABA ROLI, Deputy Director</p>	<p>freedoms and digital literacy in Georgia. To this end, the major objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering multi-stakeholder dialogue and discussion on issues of Internet freedoms in Georgia. • Enhancing digital literacy in Georgian through raising public awareness about the ways and tools for online security. • Communicating the proposed legislative changes to different stakeholders. <p>Beneficiaries The primary beneficiaries are Internet users, civil society and public institutions. Media and the private sector will also benefit from the project. Project activities:</p> <p>1) Participate in IGF panel about Internet freedoms In order to foster multi-stakeholder dialogue and discussion on issues of Internet freedoms in Georgia, the project team will use the local Internet Governance Forum that is planned to be held in September, 2017.</p> <p>2) Prepare guidebooks Another important activity of the project is to prepare practical, informative, interactive and comprehensive guidebooks about Internet freedoms and tools for digital security.</p> <p>3) Prepare quizzes In order to further increase outreach of the project and its products, two quizzes about digital security tips and opportunities will be prepared and promoted. With the help of these quizzes, Internet users can check their awareness about and use of security tools and mechanisms.</p> <p>4) Communicate the proposed legislative changes to different stakeholders In order to advocate the elaborated legislative changes in the <i>Regulation in respect to the Provision of Services and Protection of Consumer Rights in the Sphere of Electronic Communications</i>, the project team will continue communication with all relevant stakeholders.</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: PTF-IDFI Partnership for improving effectiveness of ADB-CSO engagement in Georgia Period of Performance: July 17, 2017 - August 30, 2017 Value: USD 13,500</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Project is implemented with the assistance from Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) with funds of the Asian Development Bank Contact Information: Richard Stern President www.ptfund.org 571-205-6394</p>	<p>Project Description and Goals</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The Asian Development Bank is committed to increasing the contribution of civil society organizations to ADB operations by helping CSOs and government agencies to work more effectively together in the design and implementation of ADB-funded projects. Toward that end, the ADB has entered into a Knowledge Partnership Agreement (KPA) with the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) to enhance CSO participation in ADB lending and technical assistance operations and sector and country assistance strategies. The project is being implemented in partnership with IDFI.</p> <p>IDFI and PTF will be doing fact-finding and analytical work in Georgia to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed and actual level of CSO collaboration in on-going ADB operations (loans, grants and technical assistance); • Opportunities to deepen CSO engagement in new operations proposed for the 2017-2019 period; • Current national environment for CSO engagement and its implications for ADB-CSO engagement. <p>The field and analytical work will aim to present recommended actions for a two-year capacity building programs for CSOs to engage with project implementing agencies.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Project to Support Independence and Transparency of the Constitutional Court Period of Performance: April 3, 2017 – February 3, 2018 Value: USD 32,450 Project Number: HR/01/17-20482</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The project is implemented with the financial assistance of Open Society – Georgia Foundation Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director 8-10 Tamar Chovelidze St,</p>	<p>Project Description and Goals</p> <p>In recent years, the cases in the Constitutional Court with significant public and political attention increased, which caused increase in interest towards work of the Constitutional Court and political pressure on the Court. On June 3, 2016 the Georgian Parliament adopted amendments to law, which was negatively regarded by many organizations and appealed to the Constitutional Court.</p>

		<p>Tbilisi</p>	<p>The Court declared many parts of the law unconstitutional. The amendments to the law significantly decreased effectiveness of the Court and made risk of paralyzing Court real.</p> <p>The irregularities and inconsistencies of the norms and rules guiding the work of the Constitutional Court, and the lack of information about the Court’s activities allowed participants of political process to transfer constitutional law into political space.</p> <p>The goals of the project is to initiate reform of the Constitutional Court and to support transparency, effectiveness and independence of the Court, to increase societal awareness about work of the Court and evaluate it.</p> <p>Target Audience</p> <p>Within framework of the project the draft law will be sent to the Parliament and the Constitutional Court.</p> <p>The recommendations adopted as a result of the evaluation of the work of the Constitutional Court will be used to improve proceedings of the Court.</p> <p>Besides, the results of the study and recommendations will be made available to professional circles and wide audience to increase informational knowledge about the Court.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving Legal Safeguards for Internet Freedoms in Georgia Period of Performance: March 1, 2017 – July 31, 2017 Value: USD 11,649 Project Number: S-LMAQM-16-GR-1095</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The American Bar Association Through its Fund for Justice and Education Contact Information: Jeffrey Borns ABA ROLI, Deputy Director</p>	<p>Project Goals and Objectives</p> <p>The general goal of the project is to ensure and strengthen safeguards and Internet freedoms on the legislative level in Georgia.</p> <p>To this end, the major objectives of the project are:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage public discussions on issues of blocking, filtering and take-down of online content in Georgian society; - Foster multi-stakeholder dialogue on issues of blocking, filtering and take-down of online content in Georgia; - Identify major challenges and problems relevant for Georgia in the sphere of restrictions of the Internet; - Study international practice and international standards in terms of Internet freedom and share the aspects relevant for Georgia’s challenges; - Propose draft laws on Internet freedoms, including legal restrictions of online content. <p>Beneficiaries</p> <p>The primary beneficiaries are civil society, media, and private sector and government institutions as well as the general public. The project team plans to organize workshops (at least 3 workshops) with the participation of the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government institutions - Media and CSO representatives, members of academia - Representatives of private sector, including Internet service providers <p>Project activities:</p> <p>1) Workshops</p> <p>In order to achieve the stated goals and objectives, the project team plans to encourage public discussions on issues of blocking, filtering and removal of illegal content in Georgia. For this purpose, at least three workshops will be organized with the participation of various stakeholders (media, NGOs,</p>
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		<p>government, private sector and academia representatives). The major objectives of these events will be: on the one hand, to show the importance and relevance of the project topic for Georgia, and on the other hand, to take their positions into account before the initiation of a draft law. In general, these workshops will foster multi-stakeholder dialogue, which could lead to the elaboration of proper legislative proposals reflecting the interests of a wide segment of society.</p> <p>2) Study and a draft law Another important activity of the project is to prepare a comprehensive legal and practical analysis of the Internet regulation in Georgia and international standards in this regard. The main focus will be on issues of filtering, blocking and takedown of illegal content, and the role of different stakeholders and institutions in this process. Based on the study, a package of recommendations will be elaborated for the government to adopt a comprehensive policy to ensure Internet freedom in the country. Most importantly, as Internet restrictions are chaotically regulated in different legal acts, adopting a uniform law on freedom of Internet is crucial. Therefore, the project team will elaborate a draft law regulating the above-discussed issues. The proposal should inter alia include an exhaustive list of scenarios when certain content can be filtered, blocked or taken down. Equally important is having a clear and unambiguous distinction between the powers and obligation of state institutions dealing with the issue of freedom of Internet, e.g. GNCC, Prosecutors Office, State Security Service, Personal Data Protection Inspector, etc. The role of courts should be precisely defined in the process of filtering, blocking and takedown of illegal content. Also, rights and obligations of ISPs should be clear and enshrined in the legislation.</p> <p>3) Communication of the draft law with the public In order to have public consensus on the prepared draft law, the project team will closely cooperate with different stakeholders. The draft law will be distributed among IDFI's partners from the media, NGOs and academia. Also,</p>
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			<p>representatives of the government and private sector will be informed, including the participants of the workshops. The studies and recommendations worked out during the project will be public and anyone will have the opportunity to comment. In this way, IDFI will get feedback from different stakeholders with various means of communication and make final changes to the draft law.</p> <p>4) Submission of the draft law to the government Afterwards, the final version of the draft legislation will be submitted to the relevant government institutions to have it later be initiated in the Parliament of Georgia.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Problems of a Growing Bureaucracy in the Context of Public Administration Reform Period of Performance: March 9, 2017 - August 8, 2017 Value: USD 10,400 Project Number: 00095872</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Project: "Support to Public Administration Reform (PAR) in Georgia through the Governance Reform Fund" Contact information: Shombi Sharp UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Georgia Sophie Guruli Project Manager UN House, 9 Eristavi Street Tbilisi 0179 Georgia (+995 32) 2251126</p>	<p>Problem Statement and Project Objective</p> <p>According to annual budget execution reports prepared by the Georgian government, the number of employees and the amount of administrative expenses in the public sector have been increasing every year.</p> <p>Considering the slow rate of economic growth in recent years, the topic of growing bureaucracy has attracted increasing interest from the general public as well as the State Audit Office. The problem has been recognized by the government, which has announced its intention to cut bureaucratic costs by 10% in 2017.</p> <p>The objective of this project is to develop a policy document that will study the state of government bureaucracy and, more specifically, administrative expenses in 2011-2016 for the purpose of identifying existing problems and challenges. The policy document will then study international best practice and elaborate specific recommendations directed at both central and local governments that will ensure a more rational management of administrative expenses and help establish an effective system of human resources management.</p>

			<p>Target Audience</p> <p>The policy document will be directed at the Government of Georgia and local government bodies.</p> <p>After identifying major problems and challenges in the management of human resources and administrative expenses, the document will present recommendations to government bodies on what changes would make their systems of recruitment, remuneration and resource management more efficient, rational and transparent.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Empower Society for Strengthening Good Governance Period of Performance: March 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018 Value: EUR 49,670 Project Number: 21650161</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Visegrad Fund, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Partner Organizations: KohoVolit.eu (Czech Republic and Slovakia), K-Monitor Public Benefit Association (Hungary), Stanczyk Institute of Civic Thought Foundation (Poland) Contact Information: Beata Jaczewska Executive Director Hviezdoslavovo nam. 9, 811 02 Bratislava, SK</p>	<p>Project relevance/context</p> <p>Despite some progress over the past few years, standards of good governance, open data and accountability of government still remain a challenge for Georgia. Open data available at government portal - www.data.gov.ge does not match with the actual open data resources available at public institutions. Even the datasets, that are available, are not used sufficiently for mobile applications, public monitoring, data visualizations, creating stories, raising awareness, providing services, etc. Journalists, activists as well as society in general do not have enough skills and knowledge on how to use open data. In addition, in most cases, public information is not provided in machine-readable format and is instead disclosed in paper or scanned form. This limits opportunities for the public to properly perform its watchdog function.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Empower the Georgian public to effectively monitor and control the government as well as increase the level of openness and accountability of the Georgian government.</p> <p>Specific project objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage use of open data and data visualization for monitoring government activities/spending among activists, journalists through establishment of an interactive platform containing hundreds of datasets. - Improve cooperation between different groups of Georgian

			<p>society (journalists, CSO representatives, activists, students, etc.) in their watchdog activities. - Enhance standards of proactive disclosure of open data in Georgia through sharing the experience and practice of European countries.</p> <p>Outputs/Deliverables: Products or Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FOI requests and received public data from several Georgian government institutions 2. Establishment of the platform 3. Creating and publishing data sets 4. Consultations with partners from V4 countries on data visualization 8. Video about the platform 9. Data visualizations 10. Preparing publication 11. Presentation of the platform 12. Essay contest 13. Final presentation
<p>13</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: New E-Governance Initiatives to meet OGP Commitments in Georgia Period of Performance: 12 December 2016 – 30 April 2018 Value: \$ 72, 685 (\$ 65,935 Supported by USAID and \$ 6,750 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia) Project Number: GGI-G-008</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative – Tetra Tech ARD, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia Implementing Partner: e-Governance Academy Foundation (Estonia) Contact Information: Hannes Astok, Deputy Director Rotermann 8, 10111 Tallin, Estonia</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The aim of the project is to support three pilot municipalities and 2 Ministries in implementing effective electronic tools of engagement and citizen participation. The project will assist the municipalities of Batumi, Akhaltsikhe and Kutaisi in the implementation of innovative citizen engagement solutions and in increasing the capacity of human resources in areas of citizen engagement, participatory budgeting and electronic service delivery. These municipalities are represented with specific commitments in the 2016-2017 OGP National Action plan and the project aims to assist them in different ways. In addition, the project will assist 2 Ministries in improving 2 existing e-governance tools that are aimed at increasing citizen engagement and improving communication between public agencies and citizen on the delivery of specific services.</p>

			<p>Project Goals</p> <p>Within the framework of the project, IDFI and the e-Governance Academy (eGA), working in close cooperation with representatives from City Halls of Akhaltsikhe, Batumi and Kutaisi as well as from Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs and Ministry of Finance of Georgia will undertake efforts targeted at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Setting up a new electronic system for facilitating involvement of citizens in local decision-making processes in Akhaltsikhe, Batumi and Kutaisi. The main aim of the system is to speed up communications with citizens, promote transparency, and allow for improved decision-making and service-delivery. 2. Development of Participatory Budgeting Mechanisms (procedures, tools) of the Local Budget for Kutaisi, Batumi and Akhaltsikhe. The main objectives of this activity are effective elaboration of the local budget, increased public awareness and understanding of budgetary processes and improved mechanisms for public engagement in discussions on draft budget; 3. Elaboration of a concept note (including international best practice analysis) and terms of reference (TOR) for development of an effective patient’s portal of the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs; 4. Development of a concept note and TOR to improve the participatory budgeting online platform of the Ministry of Finance; 5. Creation of new websites for Akhaltsikhe, Batumi and Kutaisi municipalities to improve e-transparency and electronic participation. <p>Expected results</p> <p>In order to meet the above-mentioned goal the following main objectives will be achieved through introduction of new e-</p>
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			<p>governance solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced transparency, good governance practices and e-communications with the public in Kutaisi, Batumi and Akhaltsikhe; • Promoted public engagement in the process of policymaking and budgeting in Kutaisi, Batumi and Akhaltsikhe; • Two central agencies (Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs) will be assisted to use e-governance techniques to increase transparency and citizen engagement while conducting their activities;
<p>14</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Georgia Period of Performance: 1 December 2016 –31 July 2018 Value: \$140,700 Project Number: 00060981</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – Governance Reform Fund (GRF) through SIDA – Swedish International Development Agency Contact information: Mr.Shobi Sharp Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Georgia 9,Eristavi St.,UN House,Tbilisi 0179, Georgia</p>	<p>Project Objectives The aim of the sub-project is to support the Administration of the Government of Georgia (AoG) in effective monitoring of the national agenda on the implementation of UN Sustainable Goals (SDGs), based on a pilot system that will initially monitor Georgian performance on Goal 16.</p> <p>The project intends to use an innovative approach and develop an electronic monitoring system that will enable effective and transparent monitoring of the national agenda of UN Sustainable Goal 16 that can be later adjusted to all SDGs after the successful testing of the initial tool. The electronic monitoring tool will support the distribution of up-to-date information about the performance of public agencies on individual targets and indicators of Goal 16 and subsequently all 169 targets of the SDGs.</p> <p>The project also aims to increase public awareness about the global agenda on UN SDGs in the Georgian context. The planned target groups of the awareness campaign are central and local public employees, the private sector, youth, civil society and academia. Active involvement of various stakeholders in the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals will increase public ownership of SDGs as well as national activities aimed at their implementation.</p> <p>Project Goals</p>

			<p>Main Goals of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create an electronic monitoring and evaluation mechanism that will be utilized by AoG for ensuring effective coordination between government agencies in the process of monitoring and reporting on the national SDG agenda; - Increase public awareness and facilitate knowledge-sharing on global, regional and national developments on SDGs and their implementation; - Based on the principles of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), support AoG in institutionalizing and operationalizing the SDG coordination process. <p>Expected results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A electronic monitoring system is created for effective monitoring of SDG 16 and subsequently all SDGs; - A pilot monitoring report for SDG 16 is prepared; - Awareness of the general public, civil society, public officials, media and youth is increased regarding 2030 UN Sustainable Development Agenda; - The capacity of the Administration of Government of Georgia is increased on coordination of SDG implementation
15	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia Period of Performance: 1 September 2016 - 30 August 2018 Value: USD 257,520.00 Project Number: 00101142</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Contact information: Shombi Sharp UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Georgia Sophie Guruli Project Manager UN House, 9 Eristavi Street Tbilisi 0179 Georgia (+995 32) 2251126</p>	<p>Project Description Problem Statement (Situation Analysis) UNDP, in the frames of its EU funded Project “Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia”, supports the Parliament of Georgia in the involvement process in Open Government Partnership (OGP) through development and implementation of legislative openness action plan commitments. Since only a few parliaments worldwide were involved in the OGP initiative, such a decision was itself an innovative approach. To provide support to the Parliament of Georgia in being involved in OGP initiative, UNDP partnered with the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), the leading Georgian CSO engaged together with the</p>

			<p>Government in the OGP initiative at national level.</p> <p>Goals</p> <p>The programme contributes to UNDPs overall programme aim to establish the Georgian Parliament as a credible institution with a greater role in national policy-making and European integration.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the activities of the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Support the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance during the Transition Period 1.2. Increase the capacity of the Secretariat of the Council (Speaker’s Cabinet) 1.3. Supporting the process of drafting the OPG Action Plan (the second one) 1.4. Prepare a study about the issues and new trends of Parliamentary Openness 1.5. Facilitate Public Consultations during the Elaboration Process of the Action Plan 1.6. Promote peer exchange and international partnerships between Parliament of Georgia and other OPG member parliaments 1.7. Presentation of the Interim Results of the Action Plan (The first and the second action plans) 2. Support the Parliament of Georgia in Implementation of the selected commitments of the OPG Action Plan 2015-2016 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Supporting the Council in preparing Speaker’s Orders and advocating for amendments in Rules of Procedures of the Parliament needed for implantation of the taken commitments in OPG
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			<p>Action Plan (2015-2016).</p> <p>2.2. Introduction of the system of public consultations on draft legislation (Action Plan Commitment 1.1.)</p> <p>2.3. Introduction of the system of submitting legislative initiatives electronically (Action Plan Commitment 1.2.)</p> <p>2.4. Development of Open Data standards (Action Plan Commitment 3.1.)</p> <p>2.5. Develop mobile applications for web services of the Parliament of Georgia (Action Plan Commitment 3.2.)</p> <p>2.6. Ensuring access to parliamentary information for people with disabilities (Action Plan Commitment 2.1.)</p> <p>2.7. Elaborate the Concept and the Budget for improving the access for the people with disabilities to the Building of the Parliament of Georgia in Tbilisi</p> <p>3. Public Awareness Activities</p> <p>3.1. Raising the Public Awareness about the Parliamentary Openness and the Implemented Commitments of the Action Plan</p> <p>3.2. Support the Parliament of Georgia to plan, organize and implement the Legislative Openness Week in Georgia</p> <p>3.3. OGP Global Summit in Georgia</p> <p>4. Promoting UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs).</p>
16	<p>Name of Grant Activity: For Open and Accountable Local Government - National Assessment of Transparency and Public Participation of Georgian Municipalities</p> <p>Period of Performance: July 27, 2016 – January 31, 2018</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Responsible Organizations: Centre for Training and</p>	<p>Project Description Problem statement (analysis of the existing situation)</p> <p>A relatively low level of civil participation and public awareness is one of the major challenges for local self-governance in Georgia. According to the 2015 survey, only 4%</p>

	<p>Value: Total budget \$ 99,645 (IDFI budget – \$ 38,330) Project Number: LLD/10/16 (2) - 20360</p>	<p>Consultancy (CTC), Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and Management Systems Development Center (MSDC) Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>of the population is informed about the activities and services of municipalities. These measures are not different from the results from the previous studies. This fact confirms that there are no positive tendencies in this regard yet. The low level of participation practice is caused not only by inactivity of people and lack of experience/culture, but also by insufficient efforts and willingness of local self-government bodies.</p> <p>At the same time, the practice of proactive disclosure of public information by local self-government bodies does not meet minimal standards. According to the Georgian legislation, all administrative bodies are obliged to publish public information online, however, there are no common standards or policy regulating proactive disclosure of public information by public institutions. This problem is especially relevant for the municipalities of Georgia</p> <p>Project Goals</p> <p>The ultimate goal of the project is to enhance civic participation and ease risks of corruption in municipalities through the improvement of the practice of transparency and accountability of local self-government bodies.</p> <p>To this end, the concrete goal of the project is to consolidate the standards of transparency and civic participation mechanisms and practice of municipalities, according to which a national evaluation platform will be established.</p> <p>3. Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve existing evaluation standards of transparency, participation mechanisms and practice of municipalities. 2. To establish an electronic platform enabling assessment of the work of municipalities. 3. To empower and involve local public society representatives in the evaluation of local government bodies based on the new standards of evaluation.
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17	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Increasing Access to Judicial Decisions in Georgia Period of Performance: 1 July, 2016 – 31 March, 2017 Value: 37,867.50 USD Project Number: G-1296-16-211-3024-20</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through East-West Management Institute (EWMI) under the Project of</p>	<p>Project Description Current practice of non-governmental organizations in Georgia reveals existing problems in the area of access to court decisions. The research and prior experience of IDFI has shown that courts refuse to disclose decisions on specific cases on the basis of protecting personal data of the involved</p>

		<p>Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG) Contact information: Adrian Hewryk President Giorgi Chkheidze Chief of Party 5 Marjanishvili street, 3rd floor 0102, Tbilisi info@ewmi-jilep.org (+995 32) 250 54 04 (+995 32) 220 24 41</p>	<p>parties. Currently, IDFI is litigating against the Tbilisi City Court for refusing to disclose judicial decisions on cases against former high-ranking public officials. This process reveals a lack of balance between public interest and personal data protection.</p> <p>The existing system is unable to correctly balance access to court decisions and protection of personal data. The judiciary acknowledges the existing problem and the need of finding a proper balance between the two above-mentioned interests. A special working group was formed by the Supreme Court of Georgia with the aim to address these issues, in which IDFI took active part.</p> <p>We believe that the first step is to properly assess the problem, followed by research of best international practice, drafting recommendations and advocating for change. It should be noted that within the scope of the second wave of judicial reform, courts will be obligated to publish judicial decisions online. However, at this point the judicial system is not technically prepared to implement this system.</p> <p>The project proposed by IDFI and its partner organizations (EMC and OSGF) aims to improve the standards and practice of access to court decisions in Georgia. For this purpose, the project team and the partners will assess domestic legislation and practice, study the best practice of access to judicial decisions and standards of their electronic publication, develop recommendations to amend legislation and will ensure the participation of an international expert in the above activities.</p> <p>Goal</p> <p>The core purpose of the project is to improve the legal framework and practice of access to court decisions in Georgia, bearing in mind the balance between access to judicial information and protection of personal data. The overall purpose of the project will be achieved through the</p>
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			<p>following objectives:</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess domestic legislation and practice in Georgia and draft a report. • Research international best practice (legal framework as well as existing web-platforms for proactive disclosure of court decisions) and prepare the final research document. • Consult with the Judicial Administration Working Group of the Coalition for Independent and Transparency Judiciary about recommendations and finalize the document. • Advocate for the amendments in primary as well as secondary legislation based on the recommendations prepared within the project. • Initiate a parallel process of strategic litigation in the Constitutional Court of Georgia.
<p>18</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Transparent Public Procurement Rating- Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process in the Eurasian Region Period of Performance: June 10, 2016 – June 9, 2017 Value: 137, 473 USD Project Number: OR2016-2819</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) Contact information: Dr. Katalin E. Koncz Executive Director Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) H-1051 Budapest Oktober 6 u. 12 Hungary T: +36 1 882-3171 F: +36 1 882-3101</p>	<p>Project Description Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine are the states, which became independent from the Soviet Union simultaneously, yet have had varied success in terms of fighting corruption within the same timeframe. Having diverse political and legislative regimes, the public procurement systems of the abovementioned states differ accordingly. In order to establish and develop common standards of transparency and civic participation in public procurement systems of the selected Eurasian states, regulations based on the universal principles, such as transparency, openness and civic engagement should exist. As of now, there is no universal model for a standardized legal framework of public procurement that could assess legislation and lay the ground for the reform and development of public procurement systems. IDFI aims to address this particular gap by developing a common standard for assessing the legislative framework of public procurement by focusing on Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. In addition to the lack of universal model for a standardized</p>

			<p>legal framework of public procurement legislation, there is no effective mechanism for tracking the PPL enforcement process in the pilot states.</p> <p>Despite some improvements of PPLs in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, there are significant problems with the enforcement of PPL provisions. To match the existing gaps between legislations and their implementation process, IDFI, with its partner experts will assess the PPL enforcement processes in the pilot states and will work out an effective monitoring mechanism to regularly assess the developments in PPL and its implementation practices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>The project aims to elaborate a common standard for assessing the legislative framework of public procurement in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, which will later be used to evaluate the PPL enforcement process in the pilot states.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborating Public Procurement Legislation Assessment Methodology • Launching online platform - Public Procurement Legislation Rating (PPLR) of the Eurasian Region • Assessing Public Procurement Legislation enforcement process • Building a network of Open Public Procurement Advocates • Conducting active advocacy campaigns to reach out to relevant stakeholders including public officials, businesses, media, civil society and communities
19	Name of Grant Activity: Developing a	Awarding Organization:	<p>Project Description Transparency, financial accountability, public engagement and</p>

	<p>Transparency and Integrity Framework for the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia Period of Performance: March 9, 2016 – December 8, 2016 Value: 52 351,52 USD Project Number: GGI-G-006</p>	<p>Tetra Tech ARD, USAID Good Governance Initiative Contact information: David B. Smith USAID Contractor Chief of Party, Tetra Tech ARD Good Governance Initiative (GGI) Pixel Center, 8th Floor 34 Chavchavadze Avenue Tbilisi 0179, Georgia. Tel: +955 598 24 77 47 Email: dsmith@ggi.ge</p>	<p>access to public information are key principles that should be guiding every public institution. The Georgian public service system has seen a swift change from virtually absent public integrity to a system that guarantees a certain level of accountability of public institutions. Despite of a functioning institutional mechanism for the prevention of corruption, the progress still greatly depends on the individual effort of the institution and its management.</p> <p>An effective and targeted effort to prevent corruption and increase accountability is based on several core areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency • Effectiveness of the institutional framework • Access to public information • Evidence-based policy planning • Fiscal accountability • Public oversight • E-governance <p>The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) aims to create an independent anti-corruption and transparency framework for the Ministry of Regional Development and infrastructure (MRDI) and incorporate the framework into the national anti-corruption system.</p> <p>Goals of the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify existing risks of corruption at MRDI through a comprehensive situation analysis. • To create a working group tasked with the development of an internal anti-corruption policy document. • Develop an Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategic Document for the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure • Develop indicators that will guarantee successful monitoring of the achieved progress. • Advocate for the formal adoption of the document and
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			<p>its incorporation into the general anti-corruption framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to public information for further cultivation of public engagement.
<p>20</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia Period of Performance: 28 December 2015 - 28 April 2016 Value: 45,335.70 USD Project Number: 00089975</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Contact information: Mr. Shombi Sharp UNDP Georgia Deputy Resident Representative 9, Eristavi St., UN House, Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia</p>	<p>Overall Objective Parliamentary openness and citizen engagement in the legislative activities of the Parliament of Georgia enhanced.</p> <p>Specific Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitating the effective functioning of the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance 2. Supporting the Parliament of Georgia in the implementation of the selected commitments under the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan. <p>Expected End-Results</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance functions effectively and is operational. 2. Concepts and/or draft projects of the selected five commitments under the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan are elaborated and adopted by the Council.

<p>21</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Organizational Development Grant - IDFI Period of Performance: September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2017 Value: USD 113,850 Project Number: OR2015-22682</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) Contact information: Ms. Judit Benke Program Coordinator Think Tank Fund Open Society Foundations H-1051 Budapest Oktober 6 u. 12 Hungary T: +36 1 882-3171 F: +36 1 882-3101</p>	<p>Goal of the project: The goal of the project is to assist the overall development of IDFI as a think tank in three specific areas: quality of research products, communications and advocacy, and internal development and governance.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of Policy Research and Methodology <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Creating thematic priorities, formats and methods for research b. Implementing internal and external review systems c. Contracting for editing and translation services d. Organizing distribution of research outputs e. Conducting trainings for IDFI team on research methods and research formats f. Subscribing to online libraries 2. Communications and Outreach <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Elaborating long-term and short-term theories of change b. Elaborating communications strategy c. Preparing and presenting comprehensive analysis of policy impact of IDFI d. Sending a representative of IDFI to study visit in a foreign leading think tank organization e. Conducting training in communications for the staff of IDFI f. Hiring web-designer/developer
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			<p>g. Conducting media monitoring to evaluate policy impact of IDFI</p> <p>3. Internal Development and Governance</p> <p>a. Creating new governing structure comprised of a board of advisors, the board and executive director</p> <p>b. Creating thematic institutional directions reflecting hybrid character of the Institute</p> <p>c. Creating a position of Assistant to Executive Director</p> <p>d. Inviting Internal development expert for regular consultation and assistance</p> <p>e. Inviting fundraiser expert for regular consultation and assistance</p> <p>f. Creating a full-time position for PR and communications manager</p> <p>g. Organizing annual team-building meetings for the staff</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improvement of Electronic Transparency in the Municipalities of Kakheti and Promotion of Public Engagement in the Work of Local Self-Governments</p> <p>Period of Performance: October 16, 2015 – April 16, 2016</p> <p>Value: USD 44, 950</p> <p>Project Number: LDD/14/15-20078</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>The goal of the project is to implement tools of electronic transparency in the municipalities of Kakheti region, increase access to public information and ensure public engagement in the work of local self-governments.</p> <p>Goals of the Project</p> <p>Main identified goals of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and improve the legal basis for proactive disclosure of public information in the municipalities of the Kakheti Region

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborate and implementation electronic transparency modules • Ensure public engagement in the municipalities of Kakheti • Improve procedures for the proactive disclosure of public information • Capacity building for individuals employed in administrative entities of the local self-governments <p>Activities carried out within the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the legal basis for proactive disclosure of public information in the municipalities of the Kakheti region • Factual research on the status of electronic transparency • Preparation of draft legislation and advocating for their adoption • Preparation of electronic modules for the municipalities of the Kakheti region • Conduct activities to raise public awareness
<p>23</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: PPD Quality Tracking in Georgia Dates: September 21, 2015 – September 21, 2018 Location: Georgia Value: USD 94,700 Project Number: RFA#2015 - 008</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Deloitte Consulting LLP, a contractor to the United States Agency for International Development (“USAID”) authorized to administer grants on behalf of USAID (“Grant Administrator”) under Contract No. AID- 114-C-14-00007 for Governing for Growth (G4G) in Georgia Contact information:</p>	<p>Goal The objective of this grant is to develop and implement a “PPD Quality Tracking Mechanism” for which each major law or regulation proposed by selected key ministries will be evaluated upon the extent and quality of inclusive consultation and assigned a rating in terms of four PPD quality parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Design and Development • Legislation/Policy Drafting • Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) • Circulation and public comment

		<p>Deloitte Consulting Overseas Projects LLC, on behalf of Grant Administrator Markus Mueller, Director - Nato Ardishvili Grants Manager USAID Project Governing for Growth (G4G) in Georgia Deloitte Consulting Overseas Projects LLC Office Phone: +995 32 224 01 15/224 01 16 Mobile: +995 577 981808 85, PaliashviliStr. Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic reports on evaluation of laws produced • Public discussions • Annual Reports and awards • Trainings for civil servants • Trainings for representatives of CSOs arranged • Preparing PPD Quality Tracking System Design and Methodology • Implementing PPD Quality Tracking System • Outreach/Dissemination activities
<p>24</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB) Dates: July 10, 2015 – February 10, 2016 Location: Georgia Value: 94.785 EUR Project Number: FKZ2515AA0419</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Federal Foreign Office of Germany Partner Organization: Bremen University Contact information: Petra Banik Legal Counsel Bibliothekstr. 1 28359 Bremen, Germany</p>	<p>Objectives: The goal of the project is to raise the awareness among civil society groups and to strengthen the understanding of Georgia’s socio-economic development strategy “Georgia 2020”. To identify problems and to formulate relevant recommendations, existing challenges and the implementation process of the strategy will be critically analyzed.</p> <p>Current State: The strategic document “Georgia 2020” discusses the most critical problems that hamper the sustainable economic growth of Georgia and analyzes the ways to overcome these obstacles. The problems identified are - low level of competitiveness, insufficiently developed human resources (Educational System, Health Care and Social Protection System) and the credit accessibility. Based on the current situation, the main goal of the Government of Georgia is identified as - supporting private sector, supporting</p>

		<p>development of human resources and improving the financial availability. To eradicate the aforementioned problems by the year of 2020, various activities and measures to be taken are included in strategy. The Government of Georgia has already started reforms in certain areas to reach the objectives of the strategy “Georgia 2020”, which provides an opportunity to critically analyze the implementation process.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting analysts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Organizing three day workshop and holding lectures and discussions about “Georgia 2020”; o Selecting four analysts to receive the stipend over the four month period; o Awarding the best analyst during the concluding forum of the project; • Holding five series of lectures in various universities across Georgia (Batumi, Kutaisi, Telavi, Akhaltsikhe, Tbilisi); • Holding discussions about the strategic document “Georgia 2020”, with the participation of government officials and the representatives of other interested parties. Five public discussions will be organized, where representatives of various governmental entities and stakeholders will be invited; • Organizing a concluding conference the strategic document “Georgia 2020”. Along with Georgian experts, the conference will host number of foreign experts and academics working on Georgia’s social-economic problems; • Publishing a concluding report, which will include the works of analysts participating in the contest and analytical pieces
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25	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia (2015) Dates: April 2015 - February, 2016 Location: Georgia Value: USD 40,814.98 Award Number: MM/08/15-19961</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge, osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Goals IDFI assumes that over the next 10-month period monitoring of the transition to digital broadcasting of Georgia will be covered during the project in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To proceed the final stage of transition to digital broadcasting platform in a democratic way and reflect interests of operators of Georgian media market and broadcasters as much as possible. - Eradicate the technical, legal and economic barriers of the transition to digital broadcasting with active involvement. - Monitor the activities, outline the problematic aspects, make recommendations and advocate in the following cases: Georgian National Communications Commission, LEPL “Digital Broadcasting Agency”, Licensees of the digital broadcasting network, “Georgian TeleRadioCenter” LLC, and Georgian Public Broadcaster. <p>Activities In order for the Georgian media environment to be improved in the project period, it is of utmost importance that the final stage of transition to digital broadcasting is successfully implemented. The activities must be carried out in four directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of the process of information campaign of transition to digital broadcasting, Advocacy and promotion by preparing and presenting recommendations. Also preparing highly professional studies, monitoring effectiveness of social awareness raising campaign and research of the marketing efficiency. - Involvement in the process of legal changes in the development and implementation of transition to digital broadcasting, evaluation, making recommendations, promotion and advocacy. - Monitoring of the activities of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Digital Broadcasting Agency, Georgian National Communications Commission, “Georgian TeleRadioCenter” LLC, LEPL Georgian Public Broadcaster, Licensees of the digital broadcasting network

			<p>(national and local coverage operators) related to transition to digital broadcasting process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring the process of distribution of the technical equipment needed for receiving digital broadcasting, study of market and society readiness, making recommendations and advocating for their implementation. <p>Ways for Implementation</p> <p>During the project activities will cover the following major areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of license conditions, including the coverage of population, placing of TV programs and other important actions implemented by “Georgian TeleRadioCenter” LLC, “Stereo+” LLC, and local licensees of the digital broadcasting network. Also preparing study of problematic cases and providing recommendations for the activities to be implemented. - Studying the strategy of information campaign on digital switchover made by LEPL “Georgian Public Broadcaster” and commercial broadcasters, as well as legislative changes and planned activities, and preparing recommendations. - Evaluation of the process and intensity of information campaign on digital switchover, studying effectiveness of the channels of communication with citizens; Estimation of the effectiveness of the information campaign and readiness index of the population. - Studying the consideration of interests of socially unprotected citizens, also studying, studying events aimed at integration and accessibility of services for users with disabilities and preparing recommendations to identify existing gaps. - Studying the problems of the local TVs associated with transition to digital broadcasting and presenting recommendations. - Supporting transparency of the conditions behind placing channels in digital terrestrial television network; supporting implementation of recommendations and advocating non-discriminatory and cost-oriented conditions. - Studying the problems which arise from subsidization of end
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			<p>users, also from distribution and installation of digital broadcasting equipment as well as other problems related with the installation of the antennas and the other technical matters related with regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studying of problems related with openness and interoperability of software receivers and preparing recommendations. - Research of development of state broadcasting network, construction deadlines and research of quality with so-called 20 test point selection. - Studying whether the interests of ethnical minorities are considered during the process of transition to digital broadcasting. <p>The project will be implemented via various tools such as: by research of the current state of affairs, requests of public information, face-to-face meetings and roundtable discussions, analysis of the results, SWAT analysis in order to identify problematic directions, presenting recommendations to the relevant authorities and making presentations, involvement in legislation drafting process, monitoring and analysis of the implementation process. Quarterly and thematic reports will be prepared about the results.</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Internet freedom in South Caucasus Dates: July 1, 2015 – November 30, 2015 Location: Georgia Value: 6,800 EUR Project Number: 0-GE-02-13-01/A</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia and Armenia Coordinator Organization: Stichting Free Press Unlimited Contract Information: Ruth Knonenburg Director of Operations Programme Coordinator: Albana Shala Weesperstraat 3 1018 DN Amsterdam The Netherlands Tel: 00 31 020 8000 446</p>	<p>The project aims to promote Internet freedom in the South Caucasus through research, monitoring, advocacy and training. It aims to expand and consolidate freedom of speech through establishing of a regional platform where democratic changes are stimulated and promoted through campaigns and story sharing.</p> <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and presenting the report on Internet freedom in Georgia - 2015 • Social media promotion of the platform • Website update

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27	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Family Support Policy – EU Member States and Georgia Period of Performance: April – December, 2015 Value: 35,000 GEL</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: MagtiCom LTD</p>	<p>Project Description According to UN, Georgia is among 20 countries worldwide which are affected with depopulation. Economic hardships, as well as political instability in the country have resulted in critically low birth-rates and increased death rates. In contrast with 1980ies, when there were approximately 94 thousand newborns annually, currently this number has almost halved. One of the important factors which can improve demographic situation in a country, is state social policy, a combination of state assistance and support programs, as well as active involvement of the society. Unfortunately, the programs that have existed until today, as well as current ones can be assessed as ineffective, which has resulted in more active work from CSOs.</p> <p>Goal The Goal of the project is to prepare recommendations and a project of legislative initiatives for the state policy supporting families with many children, based on analysis of public information as well as international practice.</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysis of demographic data of Georgia ○ Analysis of international best practice of demographic and social policy ○ Preparing recommendations and a project of legislative initiatives for state support policy
28	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Open Data: Source of Changes and Innovations Dates: December 10, 2014 - November 30, 2015 Location: Georgia Value: GEL 56,584 Award Number: GGI-G-002</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Tetra Tech ARD, implementer of the USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia Project. Contact information: David B. Smith USAID Contractor</p>	<p>Goals IDFI aims to support further development of www.data.gov.ge and implementation of open data standards in public sector of Georgia.</p> <p>Main objectives of the project are: - To identify existing GoG datasets that should be published on open data portals,</p>

		<p>Chief of Party, Tetra Tech ARD Good Governance Initiative (GGI) Pixel Center, 8th Floor 34 Chavchavadze Avenue Tbilisi 0179, Georgia. Tel: +955 598 24 77 47 Email: dsmith@ggi.ge</p>	<p>- To evaluate accuracy, quality and intelligibility of published data, - To identify public interest for data that should be published on www.data.gov.ge, - To draft package of recommendations for development of www.data.gov.ge and implementation of open data standards in public sector.</p> <p>Activities From August to December 2014, IDFI plans to carry out the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending FOI requests to GoG agencies, • Research the existing open government data in Government of Georgia (GoG) agencies, • Request legal documents and procedures to identify the current standards of administrating of www.data.gov.ge, • Monitor and evaluate the level of accountability and proactivity of the GoG agencies in releasing data for the www.data.gov.ge, • Monitoring of the www.data.gov.ge to evaluate accuracy, quality and intelligibility of published data in compliance with open data standards, • Workshop in Tbilisi on www.data.gov.ge, • Organize online survey to identify public interest on Government datasets, • Workshops in Kutaisi and Batumi on www.data.gov.ge, • Publishing mid-term report, • Preparation of recommendations, • Presentation of final report.
<p>29</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting Parliament of Georgia Involvement in Open Government Partnership Dates: December 10, 2014 – November 30, 2015 Location: Georgia Value: USD 149 700,30</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Contact information: Mr. Shombi Sharp UNDP Georgia Deputy Resident Representative</p>	<p>Overall Objective Openness and transparency of the Parliament of Georgia must be increased and effective citizen participation in legislative processes has to be ensured through active engagement of the Parliament in OGP.</p> <p>Specific Objectives</p>

	<p>Award Number: 00089975</p>	<p>9, Eristavi St., UN House, Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of the Parliament on Open Government Partnership and Legislative Openness • Developing and adopting Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan by the Parliament of Georgia • Launching the process of Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan implementation <p>Expected Outputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and Staff of the Parliament of Georgia are aware of the concept of open parliament concept and importance of transparent legislative processes • Strategy, commitments and mechanisms of institutionalizing the concept of open parliament are elaborated and its monitoring tools are available to the Parliament • Openness and transparency of the Georgian Parliament is improved through implementation of the commitments undertaken by the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan. <p>Description of Activities Over the period from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015, the project will focus on the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of the Parliament on Open Government Partnership and Legislative Openness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepare a study of international practices of parliament-related commitments in National Action Plans ○ Organize an awareness raising workshop on OGP • Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan will be developed and adopted by the Parliament of Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft the Terms of Reference of the Open Parliament Georgia Working Group ○ Create Open Parliament Georgia Working Group ○ Develop draft Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan
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30	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB)</p> <p>Dates: October, 2014 – February 2015</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Value: EUR 86 580</p> <p>Award Number: 2514AA0529</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Federal Foreign Office of Germany</p> <p>Partner Organization: University of Bremen</p> <p>Contact information: Prof. Dr. Jochen Zimmermann, +49 (0)421 218-66680 E-Mail: jzimmerm@uni-bremen.de</p>	<p>The project aims to give rise to the interest of various groups of civil society towards involvement and extension of knowledge about the Strategic Document in order for them to be more involved in discussions for the future.</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned goals the following activities are planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organizing the special-courses of Assistant-Professors and PHD students of Georgian and Germany Universities at Georgian State universities (most importantly in regions), for example, in Batumi, Kutaisi, Telavi and in other regions. Four special-courses will be organized within the project: financial development, social protection systems, policy of economy, and culture management. ● Supporting Georgian bloggers and young analytics; ● Organizing three day workshop for Georgian bloggers and young analytics of non-governmental organizations; ● Selecting the young Georgian bloggers and analytics of Georgian non-governmental organizations for receiving the financial assistance; granting a 3 month stipend; ● Organizing the Blogger’s Day for Georgian Bloggers and awarding them in various categories; ● Organizing the conference “Scientific Analysis of the

			<p>Perspectives of the Strategic Document – “Georgia 2020” in February 2014. Famous German experts will be invited together with Georgian experts (with the collaboration of Tbilisi State University).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing the discussions in connection with the Strategic Document of Georgian Government “Georgia – 2020” with the presence of relative public groups. Three public discussions will be organized. Corresponding representatives of the relative ministries and state agencies, also other representatives of the given spheres will be invited to the discussions. The topics of the discussions will be the ongoing reforms in social protection sphere (healthcare and pension reforms) and educational reform, also current financial development of Georgia.
<p>31</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Georgian Public Services through Libraries Dates: April 2014 – January 2015 Location: Georgia Value: USD 300.000 (USD 150.000 from IREX, USD 150.000 from PSDA), IDFI is a volunteer partner Award Number: FY14-GLDI-PSDA-01</p>	<p>Awarding Agency: International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), Beyond Access program; LEPL Public Service Development Agency (PSDA) Contact information: PSDA: Shio Khetsuriani 67a, Tsereteli Ave. 0154 IREX: Robert Cronin 1275 street, N.W Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005 USA (202) 628-8188 (tel) (202)628-8189 (facsimilie) rcronin@irex.org</p>	<p>Project goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide equal access to information and public services through community spaces Develop economic opportunity at all levels Bring citizens' voices online and connect them to government resources <p>GPSLib Fast Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners: Public Services Development Agency (PSDA), Georgian Libraries Association (GLA), Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) Working with 4 libraries to reach a total of 20-30,000 Georgians Developing new services in libraries around access to information <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library renovations - Four libraries in rural areas will be updated and equipped with technology and internet access Workshop - Train librarians to deliver Public Services Development Agency Community Center services Training - Train librarians on technology skills, internet use, and using local government resources Training of trainers - Train librarians to transfer

			technology skills to library users
32	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing E-Skills of Controlling Government among Young People Dates: August, 2014 – January, 2015 Location: Georgia Value: 19 330 USD Award Number: S-GE800-14-GR-100</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: U.S. Embassy in Georgia Contact information: Yaroslava (Lola) Petrova, PAO 11 Balanchine Street, Tbilisi Tel.: (995-322) 227-118</p>	<p>The project “Enhancing E-Skills of Controlling Government among Young People” strives to further develop critical thinking of youth. In particular, project aims to raise awareness among the students, young activists and civil society representatives about contemporary mechanisms how to hold government accountable and build up direct contact with decision-makers as well as enhance their practical skills in these directions.</p> <p>In order to achieve the mentioned goal, project team plans to organize trainings for young people (in Tbilisi) and discussions for wider society of ten regions of Georgia and equip them with all necessary tools for achieving higher accountability of public institutions and their openness towards suggestions and feedback provided by citizens.</p> <p>Apart from educational activities, project enables participants to use newly gained knowledge practically, conduct their own monitoring with the permanent consultation of IDFI staff and prepare analytical articles on the basis of the main findings of the monitoring.</p> <p>In order to expand outreach and impact of the project, IDFI aims to organize discussions in 10 regions about monitoring of electronic resources of public institutions. These regions include: Akhaltsikhe, Batumi, Gori, Zugdidi, Telavi, Marneuli, Ozurgeti, Rustavi, Sagarejo, Kutaisi.</p>
33	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Concept for the New Web-Page of Tbilisi City Hall Dates: October – December, 2014 Location: Georgia Value: USD 24680 Award Number: LLD/15/14-19883</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society - Georgia Foundation-OSGF Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Objectives of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of transparency and accountability of Tbilisi City Hall; • Promoting the effective and the transparent expenditure of the public finances; • Supporting the development of the freedom of information with implementing the standards of e-democracy; • Improving the public control on the public service agencies with the involvement of the citizens, NGO sector and media; • Increasing the citizens participation and access to information via discussing the public service

			<p>activities and participating in the decision making process</p> <p>Methods of Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study of the internal procedures of the Tbilisi City Hall and logical designation of the frames of business-procedures • Determination of the current public requirements towards the new web-page • Collaboration of the concept and the prototype of the web-page.
34	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Facilitate OGP Initiative Dates: July – November, 2014 Location: Georgia Value: 59 500,00 USD Award Number: 493700.01-14-221.SUB1</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance in Georgia (G3) Program Contact information: Koba Khutsishvili Finance & Admin. Manager 5 Mtskheta Street, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia E-mail: kkhutsishvili@msi-georgia.com</p>	<p>The goal of this project is to support the activities of the Government of Georgia within the framework of OGP, as well as support the coordinating mechanism for OGP Georgia, OGP Forum. The project also aims at informing the society via intensive public awareness campaign on the OGP that will ensure continuity of organizational relationships with OGP’s partners.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Plan and implement public awareness campaign on OGP at Central and Regional levels * Develop the design and content of the printed materials to be produced and disseminated to public. Printed materials will include up to 3,000 copies the OGP Action Plan of Georgia 2014-2015 to be published in the high quality format for domestic and international dissemination (in Georgian and English languages);
35	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving the Practice of Compliance with the Proactive Disclosure of Public Information Obligation by State Authorities of Georgia Dates: September – November, 2014 Location: Georgia Value: USD 19 873,80 Award Number: 493700.01-14-17-IDFI</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance in Georgia Program (G-3) Contact information: Koba Khutsishvili Finance & Admin. Manager 5 Mtskheta Street, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia E-mail: kkhutsishvili@msi-georgia.com</p>	<p>The objective of this grant is to assist Government of Georgia institutions to effectively manage FOIA compliance, engage civil society in monitoring implementation of FOIA provisions, and publicize information on implementation and constraints to implementation of FOIA provisions.</p> <p>Activities to be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of the implementation process of Proactive Disclosure of Public Information in Georgia 2. A statistical study of GoG’s compliance with the FOIA: 3. Case studies of international practice of 3 foreign countries

			<p>with experience in implanting provisions to more readily disclose public information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Targeted focus groups with civil society organizations: 5. Workshop on best practices of disclosing public information for the GoG’s FOIA officers: 6. Providing recommendations for improving FOIA provision practice in Georgia: <p>Key Assumptions: As a result of the activities conducted within the framework of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paper on FOIA compliance by focus GOG institutions will be published; ○ The new list of the public information to be proactively published will be identified; ○ Paper on international experience on disclosing public information will be published; ○ Recommendation paper on improving FOIA compliance by GoG institutions will be worked out.
<p>36</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Internet Freedom as Human Right in Georgia Dates: November-December, 2014 Location: Georgia Value: 6499.35 EUR Award Number: GEPKP2014/04</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Contact information: Heine Lageveen +995322276200 Heine.lageveen@minbuza.nl Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel 20 Telavi Street 0103 Tbilisi, Georgia www.mfa.nl/tbl</p>	<p>In 2014 Web turns 25. This quarter of century has seen internet affect virtually all aspects of our lives including communication, services, education, news, entertainment, business, governance etc. However, along with the unarguable advantages, internet has also brought new challenges and debatable questions: how to protect human rights in internet? Should internet be regulated? If yes, how, by whom and to what extent?</p> <p>While common to any country, these questions are of even more importance for those countries struggling with protecting human rights offline – Georgia, as one of the newer democracies, being one of the examples. Despite impressive progress in terms of e-governance, Georgia is still facing such basic problems as lack of internet access, with only less than half of its population being connected to World Wide Web. However, the biggest challenge remains lack of strategic view on internet development. Despite high level of public interest there have been considerably few opportunities to discuss and</p>

			<p>debate on such issues.</p> <p>With the goal to fill this existing gap about internet as human right, there could be no better timing as December – since December 10th is celebrated worldwide as international human rights day. Thus, IDFI with the support of Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia plans to organize an event with the goal to promote discussion on diverse aspects of internet freedom as human right and create space for debate on whether, when, how and to what extent to regulate internet.</p>
37	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia Dates: April, 2014 – December 2014 Location: Georgia Value: 60 645,04 USD Award Number: 19112</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society - Georgia Foundation-OSGF Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>During 7 months, in terms of monitoring the process of digital switchover, project covers the following key directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing the process of digital switchover in accordance to the directives of EU, Georgian media market operators and European Court of Justice, identifying flaws and defining the ways of eliminating these defects. - Eliminating the technical, competitive, economic barriers of the process of digital switchover. - Monitoring the work of the LEPL Digital Broadcasting Agency, studying the current practice and the legal acts that were designed to regulated the process, elaborating the recommendations and advocacy; submitting the proposal of legislative amendments to the Parliament of Georgia and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.
38	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Public Information Database - www.opendata.ge Location: Georgia Dates: 01.10.2013 - 06.30.2015 Value: 151, 085 USD Award Number: 19467/19476</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Foundations (OSF) (75 542,5 USD) and Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) (75 543 USD) Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia</p>	<p>The goal of the project is supporting of the development of freedom of information by increasing level of accountability of state authorities and civic engagement in decision-making process and public monitoring and control over the government.</p> <p>Project Objectives and Activities: With the project “Public Information Database – www.opendata.ge” IDFI addresses three main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness raising (stakeholders & civil society) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Research Activities: publishing analysis of public information 1.2. Public Awareness Campaign about access to public information

		<p>Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>1.3. Educational activities regarding request of public information 2. Advocacy campaign (FOI changes) 2.1. Legal Practice & Reform concerning access to public information 2.2. Advocacy Strategy: participating in policy changes, using existing expertise for better informed policy decisions 3. Watchdog activities 3.1. Coalition Activities: technological improvement of Web-Page www.opendata.ge 3.2. Awards: nominations for the most accountable and closed public authorities 3.3. Development of bilingual FOI database</p>
<p>39</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Process and Increasing Public Awareness of FOIA Location: Georgia Dates: June 2013- January 2014 Value: 103993.57 USD (182 038,01GEL) Award Number: 493700.01-13-139.POI</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID, Good Governance in Georgia (G-3) Partner Organizations: Transparency International Georgia, Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) Contact Information: Koba Khutsishvili MSI POC 5 Mtskheta Street, Tbilisi, 0108 E-mail: kkhutsishvili@msi-georgia.com</p>	<p>Project team assisted the Government of Georgia (GoG) in establishing improved mechanisms for disclosing public information and citizen access to public information. Furthermore, the project included public awareness activities to increase and promote citizen understanding on their right to request public information, allowing citizens and other stakeholders to be actively involved in public decision making. The project’s civic society organizations were encouraged to closely collaborate with the Prime Minister’ Office, Ministry of Justice and other government institutions to ensure broad policy discussion related to the freedom of information.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a working group of partner organizations-TI, EMC, local/international experts and stakeholders, aimed at developing effective recommendations and strategic planning for activities under the framework of the project. • Work closely with the contracted IT company to develop a recommendation package on proactive publication of public information for 3 partner GoG institutions, who will be provided with designs of web-pages that better disclose requested public information for transparency and access of interested individuals. • Conduct policy discussions on proactive disclosure of public information with representatives from the

			<p>Prime minister’s Office (PMO), Ministry of Justice and other government institution officers on FOIA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct board workshops / discussions on FOIA and OGP for FOIA officers on the mechanisms of freedom of information, disclosure of proactive public information, and the processes to respond to citizen requests for public information. • Arrange broad workshops and discussions for target groups based on diverse geographic location, gender, age and ethnic origin. The public discussions are aimed at promoting GoG commitments on freedom of information and open government partnership.
<p>40</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: State-owned enterprises (SOE) and their efficiency in Georgia; Focus: Agriculture Sector Location: Georgia Dates: December 2013 – July 2014 Value: 43,052.10 USD Award Number: G 1051 13 210 3016 20</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: East-West Management Institute (EWMI) program “Public Policy, Advocacy and Civil Society Development in Georgia” (G-PAC) Contact Information: Irina Lashkhi Deputy Chief of Party EWMI, G-PAC 5, Marjanishvili Street Third Floor, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (995 32) 2 202 444 E-mail: lirina@ewmi-gpac.org</p>	<p>Project Description: Institute of Development of the Freedom of Information (IDFI) in partnership with the taxpayers Union and the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, is implementing project "State-owned enterprises (SOE) and their efficiency in Georgia; Focus: Agriculture Sector". The main purpose of the project is to conduct a study on state-owned enterprises (SOE) whose shares of 50% or more are under direct or indirect ownership of the state. The research aims to reveal the effectiveness and efficiency of the SOE’s and expediency of Government ownership. Based on the research results, the research team will offer the recommendations to Government bodies. Also project aims at elaborating and advocating for recommendations on improvement of transparency of state owned enterprises. Project Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Audit reports will be studied and the information about the SOEs will be obtained. ▪ High officials, heads of the enterprises, farmers, representatives of the private sector and experts will be interviewed in Tbilisi and the regions, where SOEs are located. ▪ Discussions will be conducted in the round table format for the experts, decision makers and the representatives of the private sector. ▪ Project team will study the legal bases that ensure the

			<p>growth of transparency of SOEs and elaborate recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting with the representatives of the government and parliament will be organized in order to make them familiar with the outcomes of the project and the recommendations.
41	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Internet freedom in South Caucasus Dates: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 Location: Georgia Value: EUR 149.854 (IDFI budget - 18.400 EURO) Award Number: O-GE-02-14-01</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia and Armenia Coordinator Organization: Stichting Free Press Unlimited Contact Information: Ruth Knonenburg Director of Operations Programme Coordinator: Albana Shala Weesperstraat 3 1018 DN Amsterdam The Netherlands Tel: 00 31 020 8000 446 E-mail: shala@freepressunlimited.org</p>	<p>During the project period, distinguished media analysts, media lawyers, Internet activists, ICT experts from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan are working closely together in order to address the challenges of Internet freedom in the South Caucasus.</p> <p>The project aims to promote Internet freedom in the South Caucasus through research, monitoring, advocacy and training. It aims to expand and consolidate freedom of speech through establishing of a regional platform where democratic changes are stimulated and promoted through campaigns and story sharing.</p> <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going research exploring Internet accessibility, access to information and implementation of e-governance and freedom of expression on the Internet • Presentation of the research and discussion of recommendations locally and regionally • Organization of two workshops in Tbilisi and online coaching • Designing of the online campaigns promoting transparency and democratic decision making • Setting up an online platform where all what has been produced in the frame of this project is shared • Launching of the campaign(s) that target Internet freedom in the three countries and call for democratic change
42	<p>Name of Grant Activity: EU-Georgia e-governance facility Location: Georgia Dates:</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: DIADIKASIA Business Consultants S.A., assigned by the European Commission Contact Information</p>	<p>Engagement of experts and provision of training sessions for up to 150 staff of the public agencies of Georgia in the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Government and Project Management • Ethics in E-Government

	<p>20 June, 2013 Value: 13.200 Euros Award Number: EUROPEAID/131671/C/SER/GE</p>	<p>Konstantinos Tsiakataras Partner and Project Director ktsiakataras@diadikasia.gr +302106729040</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Government and Data Protection • Formulation of E-Government strategies • Freedom of Information and Access to Public Documents <p>Electronic Access to Public Information (Proactive Disclosure of Information)</p>
43	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Development of Civil Service Concept and Action Plan Dates: May 2013 - December 2013 Location: Georgia Value: 6512.52 USD (11 400 GEL) Award Number: 49370 01-13-138. RFP1</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID, Good Governance in Georgia (G-3) Project's development Consortium: Grigol Robakidze University, Smart Consulting and Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) Contact Information: Koba Khutsishvili MSI POC 5 Mtskheta Street, Tbilisi, 0108 E-mail: kkhutsishvili@msi-georgia.com</p>	<p>The project aimed at developing Civil Service Reform Concept and Action Plan, which would support to establish the modern model of civil service in Georgia. The basis of analytical work was the existing Georgian Law on Civil Service and the draft-law "Law on Public Service" submitted during the previous period. The analysis considered the results of different researches concerning the civil service done by other organizations. The project provided meetings with the civil servants for sharing their practical experience. The project analyzed different models of civil service and mainly paid attention to the professional civil servants institute. Besides traditional bureaucratic model, the project took into consideration key aspects of the "New model of Management, the control mechanisms of independent management free of political influence, the main directions of the legal status and legal protection mechanisms of civil servants. The Civil Service Concept would create sufficient grounds for adopting a new law on Civil Service. The new law on Civil Service must define the civil service system, civil service classification and rule of civil service in accordance with the principle of civil service careers, social guarantees for civil servants, civil servants' education, training and retaining system. In order to ensure the functioning of the civil service system should be established the effective body, which will be equipped with real powers to promote equal standards governing the civil service. The attitudes, suggestions and recommendations presented in the concept, after discussion and agreement, would be realized in the legislative as well as in sub-legislative acts.</p>
44	<p>Name of Grant Activity: "Past Legacy of a New</p>	<p>Awarding Organization:</p>	<p>In the frameworks of the project, IDFI researchers looked for</p>

	<p>State”(Publication: Analysis of events of 1989-1991 in Georgia) Location: Georgia Dates: March 2013 - December 2013 Value: 25136.05 USD (44, 000 GEL) Award Number: GE – 08 (02/2013)</p>	<p>dvv international Contact Information: Lali Santeladze Director Tel: 995 32 291 34 75 E-mail: info@dvv-international.ge 4 Naphareuli, Ap. 5, 0179, Tbilisi</p>	<p>and analyzed archival materials and documents about the 1990s, stored in the Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which contains the archives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Georgia and the former Security Committee Archive; the research group also searched for materials in the newspaper archive of the National Library of Georgia; studied the newspapers and magazines published in that period and analyze the development of social-political changes and transformation in the country based on the results; also, in the process of the study, IDFI planned to record oral histories from the active participants of the events of that period. The researchers also used materials that cover the mentioned period provided by the George Washington National Security Archive At the end of the project a book was published covering the research and photo-documental materials.</p>
45	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia Location: Georgia Dates: March-December 2013 Value: 38 574, 24 USD Award Number: 19112</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society - Georgia Foundation Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>The goal of the project was to support the formation of guiding principles acceptable to all groups of society. These principles, apart from other issues, should encompass the following directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating conditions and guaranteeing free, universal and Public Broadcaster’s programs, as well as spreading and availability of the service of commercial broadcasters on a national, regional and local level; • Guaranteeing concrete conditions of access to digital terrestrial broadcasting networks of independent content providers, also guaranteeing openness of the market and the diversity of TV content; <p>Before the end of 2013, the development of a document outlining the policy of the transition of Georgia to digital terrestrial broadcasting and the formation of an action plan while taking into account the activities to be implemented by the involved parties were planned. Project team were working in five main directions of the process in the frameworks of this project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active participation in the formation of the strategy for transition of Georgia to digital broadcasting. 2. Preparation of legislative amendments;

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Evaluation of the legislative act adopted by the state in regards to existing challenges. Monitoring of the activities to be implemented in 2013, with the purpose of revealing the weak points of the policy of the strategy and the plan of transition to digital broadcasting. 4. Supporting the informational campaign for the general population; 5. Analysis of the factual data in the document of the policy of digitalization, as well as in the action plan, and presentation of the recommendations. <p>Activities planned in the frameworks of the project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing and presenting the project of the strategy of transitioning to digital terrestrial broadcasting; 2. Researching economically and non-economically vulnerable categories; 3. Study of the internal competition of the platform and recommendations for its support 4. Study and evaluation with regards to challenges of the working plan of transitioning to digital terrestrial broadcasting; 5. Publishing articles; 6. Presentation of the strategy for state aid; 7. Preparing and presenting a video for providing end users with information; 8. Evaluating the information campaign for the end users; 9. Study of the concentration of digital receivers in the population and the retail market; 10. Studying and presenting the legal basis (changes) of the transition to digital broadcasting; 11. Evaluating the strategy for transitioning to digital broadcasting in the light of the interests of regional and local broadcasters; 12. Evaluation of the business model for transitioning to digital broadcasting suggested by the Government; 13. Implementation of the transition to digital terrestrial broadcasting in the frameworks of the advertising campaign.
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<p>46</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Open Society Human Rights Internship 2013 Location: Georgia Dates: February 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013 Value: 8,625.00 USD Award Number: OR2012-00558</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI)</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>The research planned in the framework of this project relates to the comparative analysis of the legislative and practical problems of Georgia in the area of freedom of information and issues of the transparent and accountable government to international standards, especially the case law of the ECHR and the best practice of different states with the best practice of access to public documents.</p> <p>The research contains problematic issues raised from the Georgian reality: access to public information, transparency of the state budget and government financing, accountability of public officials, issues of personal information, problems relating to the data protection and etc. These issues would be analyzed independently and in detail, taking into account the actual nature of the topic in Georgia.</p> <p>The research would use different types of research methodologies. Mainly, it would be oriented on comparative method of the research to show the similarities, advantages and disadvantages of some regulations or practice of Georgia to other states, but it will use the descriptive and analytical methods as well.</p> <p>The purpose of the research is to create a blog concerning the comparative analysis of the problematic issues in the above-mentioned areas and to prepare reports about actual matters in a current time. The blog will provide to answer the challenges of the Georgian legislation and practice concerning the freedom of information and discuss all the actual problems in this area in comparative perspective. Reports would be oriented to prepare some recommendations for Georgia in the light of international, especially European standards and experience of foreign states.</p> <p>The researchers will be uploaded on the IDFI web-site (www.idfi.ge) and will be also published on the social networks. It will initiate active discussions on the issues such as freedom of information, accountability, transparency of administrative expenses, etc. The reports would be useful for all citizens to receive more information about the situation in Georgia comparing to international standards and for those who work in this area of the protection of the right to</p>
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<p>47</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Public Information Database - www.opendata.ge 2012-2013 Award Number: 18562 Location: Georgia Dates: June 2012- June 2013 Value: 61 000.00 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Agency: Open Society Georgia Foundation / Open Society Foundations Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Within the framework of the project IDFI created and developed information web-portal which permanently displayed public information officially requested from public authorities for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the level of transparency and accountability of public authorities; • To promote effectiveness and transparency of public finance expenditures; • To promote development of freedom of information via establishment of e-democracy standards; • To improve public control over public authorities via the involvement of the population, non-governmental sector and media; • To increase the level of public awareness and civil engagement in the decision-making process of the public authorities. <p>The strategy of project implementation was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of bilingual (Georgian-English) FoI public information web-resource; • The establishment of database of up-to-date and socially significant public information; • The continuous updating of the internet database via public information requests and alternative sources of public information. • The permanent informing of the society and international organizations about the information resources of the database; • Active advocacy of the issues of freedom of information; • Activating and supporting the involvement of the society in discussing the issues of freedom of information.

			<p>In order to implement the abovementioned strategy IDFI was planning the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational update of the database • Coalition activity • Technological improvement of the web-page • Proactive social lobbying of the single database • The compilation of resonant cases, the initiation of lawsuits and claims and the support of their publicity • Publications prepared and issued within the framework of project • Organizing get-acquainted meetings with the society interested in the outreach activities in the regions of Georgia.
<p>48</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Development of e-Participation in Georgia Location:Georgia Dates: June 2012- May 2013 Value: 59 800,00 USD Award Number: 750 12 210 3016 20</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United State Agency for International Cooperation (USAID), "East-West Management Institute" (EWMI) program "Public Policy, Advocacy and Civil Society Development in Georgia" (G-PAC) Contact Information: Fron Nahzi Deputy Chief of Party East West Management Institute 5, Marjanishvili Street Third Floor, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (995 32) 2 202 444 E-mail: lirina@ewmi-gpac.org</p>	<p>The purpose of the project was, based on the research and analysis of the best international examples and practice of electronic governance and electronic involvement, and in order to assist development of modern e-communications in Georgia, to familiarize the Georgian society with the necessary tools for enhancing the level of their involvement in political planning and to find the ways to adopt and improve the governmental/civil platforms. In order to achieve this purpose, the organization was planning to meet a number of goals/implement tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking into account the international experience, to prepare a research about the necessary techniques, innovative projects, platforms, necessary for e-participation and e-involvement; • To define the components of e-involvement used by the Georgian public institutions and political parties and find out the existing challenges by studying the communicational elements of their web-sites and their social networks; • To work out recommendations for Georgian public structures by studying foreign examples and mechanisms of e-participation; • Based on the mentioned recommendations, to advocate the development of modern means of electronic format of communication between the

			<p>society and Georgian government through the governmental web-space and e-engagement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the help of social networks and new technologies, to inform the common citizens about the importance of e-involvement and the existing resources and leverages; • In order to increase trust between the society and the public structures and enhance communication between them, to improve the already implemented initiatives and encourage new initiatives, to find new ways, organize discussions; • To monitor the election campaign covered by electronic media.
49	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Research on the Effectiveness of the FOIA Provisions in Georgia Location: Georgia Dates: March - May 2012 Value: 14 960,00 USD (24 980 GEL) Award Number: 493700.01-11-7-IDFI</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United State Agency for International Cooperation (USAID) Contact Information: Maris Mikelsons Chief of Party Management Systems International, Inc.</p>	<p>Goal of the project was to establish better practice of transparency and good governance at governmental agencies (Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Civil Service Bureau, Competition and Procurement Agency, Chamber of Control, Government of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara) through implementing the best international practice of access to public information and identifying the existing problems and lacks in this field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the factors which are impeding effective functioning of the institutional mechanisms of accessibility of public information in the G-3 partner institutions; • Based on the sphere of activities of the public institutions, to establish/define public information of the biggest public interest and the most requested, in order to establish practice of publishing them in a proactive regime; • Studying the best international practice of FoI provision (United States, UK/Scotland, Estonia); • Elaborating the recommendation package in means of implementing them in the administrative proceedings of the G-3 partner state authorities.
50	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe Contact Information:</p>	<p>Roundtable on the topic – Freedom of Information and Accessibility of Public Documents for media professionals.</p>

	<p>Location: Tbilisi Award Number: CEAD 32992 Dates: 6 July 2012 Value: 1.700 Euros</p>	<p>Ivan Nikoltchev Head of Section, Media Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law Tel: +33 (0)3 90 21 52 99 - Fax: +33 (0)3 88 41 27 05 Email: ivan.nikoltchev@coe.int</p>	
51	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe Location: Kutaisi Dates: 26 October 2012 Value: 1.996 Euros Award Number: CEAD 32992</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe Contact Information: Ivan Nikoltchev Head of Section, Media Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law Tel: +33 (0)3 90 21 52 99 - Fax: +33 (0)3 88 41 27 05 Email: ivan.nikoltchev@coe.int</p>	<p>Roundtable on the topic – Freedom of Information and Accessibility of Public Documents for media professionals.</p>
52	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving the Accountability and Transparency of the Georgian Courts Location: Georgia Dates: October 2011 – September 2012 Value: 49 720.00 USD Award Number: 000720</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), East-West Management Institute (EWMI) Contract Information: George Zarubin President Eurasia Partnership Foundation 29/31/33 Chavchavadze ave., 2nd fl. Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia Tel: 995 32 225 39 42/43</p>	<p>The objective of the project was to increase the degree of accountability and transparency in activities of judiciary system of Georgia, the increase of availability of public information within the judiciary system via monitoring of E-Resources and visualization of various statistical data pertaining to judiciary field. Tasks of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to increase the level of transparency and accountability of judiciary system; • to support the efficiency and transparency of public finance expenditure; • to promote the development of freedom of information via establishment of standards of E-Democracy; • to improve social control over public authorities via engagement of citizens, non-governmental sector and media; • to increase the level of trust of population towards judiciary system via development of transparent judiciary system.

<p>53</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Monitoring of Information (Internet) Resources of Public Authorities of Georgia Award Number: 17788 Location: Georgia Dates: April 2011 – March 2012 Value: 64 000.00 USD</p>	<p>E-mail: info@egfound.ge</p> <p>Awarding Agencies: The Open Society Foundations and The Open Society Georgia Foundation (\$60 000.00) The National Security Archive (\$6 000.00) Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>The Aim of the Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the level of transparency of public authorities in Georgia; 2. To promote the development of freedom of information; 3. To initiate changes in Georgia legislation on Freedom of Information; 4. To develop e-Governance and e-Transparency in Georgia. <p>In the framework of the Project the Institute addressed issues of transparency and accountability of the Georgian public administration on the central level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor over those ministries and legal entities of public law (LEPLs) that were studied during the Monitoring 2010 project to enable a continuous reporting on government institutions of a particular interest or a greater importance; • To expand the target group of the project “Monitoring of Information Resources” and to include all bodies of the Executive Branch of the Government of Georgia (Agencies and sub-agencies under the Ministries and the Government of Georgia, Regional Governments), Independent Regulatory Bodies, Legislative Branch of the Government of Georgia; • To develop and expand the existing monitoring methodology; • To provide advocacy work for the Freedom of Information legislation change in Georgia; • To work on a new justice initiative which will outline and regulate standards of online public information availability for government institutions; • To emphasize the need for an active outreach to public institutions and a non-commercial based engagement via providing recommendations and consultations to the monitored public authorities; • To raise the public awareness towards the issue of freedom of information, as well as to perform a
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54	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Public Information Database 2011-2012 Location: Georgia Dates: March 2011 – February 2012 Value: 59,978.43 USD Award Number: 17731</p>	<p>Awarding Agency: Open Society Georgia Foundation Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Within the framework of project IDFI created and developed information web-portal which permanently displayed public information officially requested from public authorities for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the increase in rate of transparency and accountability of public authorities; • the promotion of the efficiency and transparency of public finance expenditure; • the promotion of freedom of information development via establishment of e-democracy standards; • the improvement of public control over public authorities via the involvement of the population, non-governmental sector and media; • the increase in rate of public awareness and engagement within the decision-making process by public authorities. <p>For the purposes of implementation of the abovementioned strategy IDFI planned to take the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Update of Database • Coalition Activity • Technological Improvement of the Web-page • Proactive Social Lobbying of the Unified Database • The Compilation of Resonant Cases, the Initiation of Lawsuits and Claims and the Support of Their Publicity • Publications Prepared and Issued within the Framework of Project
55	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Georgian Nationalism and Soviet Power: the March 1956 Events in</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: University of Eastern</p>	<p>The project has analyzed the relationship between Georgian nationalism and Soviet power by focusing on the background,</p>

	<p>Context Location:Georgia Dates: 1 September 2011 – 31 July 2012 Value: 54588 Euros Award Number:250736</p>	<p>Finland Academy of Finland</p>	<p>causes, discourses and consequences of the March 1956 events during which the peaceful demonstrations of Georgian students turned into a bloody confrontation with Red Army troops.</p>
<p>56</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Stalin’s Lists on Georgia Dates: March 2011-October 2012 Location:Georgia Value: 28 700.15 USD (20,920.00 EURO) Award Number: BMZ 1-2-4-12-05</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Heinrich Böll Foundation South Caucasus Regional Office (10,365.00 EURO) and the Embassy of Switzerland in Georgia (10,550.00 EURO) Partner: LEPL Archive of the Ministry of Interior of Georgia Contact Information: Dr. Iris Kempe Director of the South Caucasus Regional Office of the Heinrich Boll Foundation 38, Zovret st. Tbilisi 0160 Anita Schluchter Roth The Embassy of Switzerland in Tbilisi</p>	<p>In the framework of the project, IDFI together with the LEPL Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia planned to work on the book of Stalin’s Lists.</p> <p>The book included full list of the people listed in the Stalin’s list on Georgia and on each person there was given standard information based on the archival materials from Georgian Archives (former Archive of the Ministry of State Security of Georgia (KGB) and the Archive of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Georgia) and included data taken from personal cases (files) of the prisoners, protocols of “NKVD Troika” sessions, party member’s work sheets, personal and family archives and other sources of information.</p> <p>Foreword about the “Great Terror of 1937-1938” and about the “Stalin’s Lists” was also included. Vocabulary of terminology and abbreviation was written.</p> <p>Statistical data according to several parameters was also provided in the book. Book was published in Georgian and in Russian.</p> <p>The digital version of the book in Georgian and Russian was available on the web-sites of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information and partner organizations of the project.</p>

57	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Public information on-line database – Public information registry</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Dates: September 2010 – February 2011</p> <p>Value: 26,972.19 USD</p> <p>Award Number: 17261</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation</p> <p>Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>In September 2010 IDFI lunched a project “Public information on-line resource database – Public information registry”. An online resource database of public information developed in the framework of this project enabled the population of Georgia, press and media means, non-governmental and international organizations to observe freedom of information dissemination in a real-time format and conduct an on-line auditing of agencies’ operations, proposals and use of budget funds.</p> <p>The Aim of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the level of transparency and accountability of the government agencies. To show support in respect to increasing the efficiency and transparency of public financial expenditures; • To facilitate the development of freedom of information through adopting modern standards of electronic democracy; • To enhance public control over government agencies through active engagement of the population, non-governmental sector and media.
58	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Monitoring of Governmental Agencies' Informational Recourses, 2010</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Dates: July 2010 – December 2010</p> <p>Value: 45 000.00 USD</p> <p>Award Number: 40017688</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Foundation Open Society Institute (\$30 000.00) and the National Security Archive (\$15 000.00)</p> <p>Contact Information: Human Rights and Governance Grants Program (HRGGP) – OSI-Zug c/o – Dr. Suzanne Wettenschwiller Baarerstrasse 12, CH 6300 ZUG, Switzerland</p>	<p>The Aim of the Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the degree of transparency of public institutions; 2. To promote the development of freedom of information; 3. To develop Electronic Governance in Georgia. <p>Strategy to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing official web-sites of the public institutions of Georgia; • Calculating and analyzing ratings by estimating the results of the auditing of the web-sites; • Preparing recommendations for public institutions on freedom of information and efficient modes of electronic governance (and proactive lobbying for the changes); • Preparing reports on the existing situation in the realm of freedom of information in Georgia.

<p>59</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Publishing of the Collection of Archival Documents Location: Georgia Value: 4950 EURO Dates: March 2010-October 2010 Award Number: 250736</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Heinrich Böll Foundation South Caucasus Regional Office and the Embassy of Switzerland to Georgia Contract Information: Dr. Iris Kempe Director of the South Caucasus Regional Office of the Heinrich Boll Foundation 38, Zovret st. Tbilisi 0160 Anita Schluchter Roth The Embassy of Switzerland in Tbilisi</p>	<p>Within the frameworks of the project, the scholars guided and supported by the IDFI and the Archive administration of ministry of internal affairs of Georgia searched for, selected, examined and studied related documents.</p> <p>The selected documents were published in collection periodicals strictly according to the originals and were accompanied by explanations of scholars and related vocabulary. The electronic version of the publication was uploaded on IDFI web-page and was accessible for everyone by internet.</p> <p>Such a collection of documents enabled both scholars and the society in general to get to know and understand the real environment of the Soviet way of being, which for almost 70 years was hidden and known as classified information.</p> <p>The first collection of works was dedicated to the events developed in the 5-9 March of 1956 when soviet troops executed first antigovernment riots in Soviet Union. Due to lack of information, it was not known till now, what was the realm of these events.</p> <p>Was this just the protest of the Georgian society against Nikita Khrushchev’s new policy against the Personal Cult of Stalin or the protest with ethnic content? Most of the history of Soviet Georgia is still unstudied and the series of the publication of archival documents helped to fill that gap.</p>
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<p>60</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Auditing of Official Web-Sites of Executive Authorities (Ministries) of Georgia Dates: July, 2009 Location: Georgia Value: 10 000.00 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The National Security Archive (George Washington University) Contract Information: Thomas Blanton Director The National Security Archive Tel: 202/994-7000 E-mail: nsarchive@gwu.edu Address: The Georgia Washington University Gelman Library, Suite 701 2130 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20037</p>	<p>Project Description: In the framework of the project, the IDFI working group and invited experts of the Institute made research on Electronic Government in the world, the level and challenges of E-government, legislation about internet transparency and E-governance in Georgia. The IDFI working group performed an auditing of the official web-sites of the Ministries of Georgia, made a detailed analysis and assessed the level of transparency of the web-sites and introduced a ranking scale of the Ministries according to the level of transparency.</p>
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