

<u>Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)</u>			
<u>N</u>	<u>Award Name and Terms</u>	<u>Awarding Agency and Contact Information</u>	<u>Brief Description of Work</u>
1.	<p>Project Title: Documenting Systemic Human Rights Violations in Georgia Total Budget: CZK 750,000 Duration of the project: April 11, 2025 - June 30, 2025</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Contact Information: Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tbilisi. Add: 37, Ilia Chavchavadze Ave., building 6, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia. Tel: (+995) 322 916 740/41/42/43</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: Based on the activities envisaged by the project, systemic human rights violations in Georgia will be documented, and local and international societies will be informed about the identified circumstances. The project also envisages the provision of free legal assistance to victims of political repression in administrative cases.</p>
2.	<p>Project Title: Supporting Peoples' Right to Vote in Georgia Total Budget: 500 000 CZK (19,860.97 EUR) Duration of the project: September 01, 2024 - December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Contact Information: Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tbilisi. Add: 37, Ilia Chavchavadze Ave., building 6, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia. Tel: (+995) 322 916 740/41/42/43</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: Georgian civil society organizations have formed a Coalition - "My Vote for the EU." The Coalition aims: 1. to conduct a campaign - "My Vote for the EU" - before the elections; 2. to organize a large-scale observation mission which among other things includes a voter information campaign in the pre-election period, joint observation of the pre-election period and election day, protection of votes. The observation mission should cover all polling stations opened both in Georgia and abroad. The project activities aim to contribute to the work of the Coalition, including through protecting the votes based on the litigation, and participation in the training of the observers.</p>
3.	<p>Project Title: Organizing the joint '5th International Conference: Access to State Archives in the post-Soviet Space' Total Budget: 5.000 USD Duration of the project: August 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The National Security Archive (NSA) at the George Washington University Contact Information: Tom Blanton / Tel: +1 202 997 1811 / E-mail: blanton.tom@gmail.com / Address: 2130 H Street N.W., Suite 701, Washington, D.C., 20037 USA</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: Organizing the joint 5th International Conference on Access to State Archives in the Post-Soviet Space to enhance public access to archival information, foster dialogue, document, compare, and evaluate future strategies for opening the Soviet archives. Fostering dialogue and strengthening social participation among scholars, archival researchers, educators, and non-governmental organizations' representatives on archival openness. Documenting and comparing recent trends and approaches in archival research and openness, focusing on Eastern European and</p>

			<p>post-Soviet countries, where significant changes have occurred due to the pandemic, war, and democratic backsliding. Evaluating future strategies to ensure archival openness, promote free access to archival institutions, increase participation in research and modern historiography, and combat disinformation and propaganda through the use of accurate, research-based historical sources.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Project Title: Assessment of Digital Tools for Citizen Engagement Total Budget: 99,995 GEL Duration of the project: May 30, 2024 - February 7, 2025</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: DAI Global, LLC / USAID National Governance Program</p> <p>Contact Information: National Governance Program, 29 Chavchavadze Avenue, 6th Floor, Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia. Primary Contact/Grants Manager: Natia Lomtadze, Natia Lomtadze@dai.com, Technical Contact: Anna Gvenetadze, Anna Gvenetadze@dai.com</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: This project aims to enhance the effectiveness and use of digital tools for citizen engagement. It addresses the lack of research on these tools and user experience by investigating their challenges and opportunities, ultimately providing recommendations for better technology utilization. This aligns with the USAID National Governance Program's goals of increasing government accountability and responsiveness, improving public service delivery, and facilitating citizen participation in decision-making.</p> <p>The project will develop an assessment methodology and create a shortlist of digital tools for in-depth analysis. This includes gathering information from stakeholders and compiling an inventory of available tools. These tools will be mapped based on criteria, and widely used ones will be thoroughly assessed using a user-centered approach within the people-process-technology framework.</p> <p>Data will be collected through online surveys to capture public feedback on satisfaction and experiences with digital tools. User experience testing will focus on the needs of vulnerable groups, and interviews with public and private sector individuals will provide additional insights.</p> <p>The project team will conduct a comprehensive analysis based on the collected data, resulting in an evidence-based research paper with recommendations for public sector entities and other stakeholders. These recommendations will focus on strategies to enhance citizen uptake and utilization of digital tools.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>Project Title: Digital Storytelling for Peaceful Coexistence (DSPC) Total Budget: 2.500 EUR Duration of the project: 15.04.2024 - 30.06.2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The Civic Innovation Fund</p> <p>Leading organization: Yerevan State University (YSU) Center of Innovational Social Research</p> <p>Organizations involved: The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), and Slobodná škola Košice (Slovakia).</p> <p>Contact Information: Anna Hayrapetyan / annahayrapetyan@ysu.am</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: The DSPC project is a transformative initiative aimed at fostering empathy and promoting reconciliation among historically conflict-impacted communities. By collecting and sharing personal narratives of individuals affected by wars and conflicts, the DSPC project seeks to bridge societal divides and inspire meaningful dialogues. The project will produce a collection of oral video stories (a total of 5 videos from Georgia) that will challenge deep-rooted biases and promote a common understanding of the past. At its core, the project centers around a user-friendly digital platform where these diverse narratives will be hosted and made accessible to the public.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Project Title: Common History, Common Future Total Budget: 18.465 EUR Duration of the project: 15.04.2024-25.02.2025</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Civil Society Forum e.V.</p> <p>Contact Information: Kristina Smolijaninovaite / kristina.smolija@csf-ev.org</p>	<p>Brief description of the project: The Civil Society Forum e.V.'s Confronting Memories program gathers over 100 teachers from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Germany, Moldova, Poland, Russia, and Ukraine to collaborate on developing multi-perspective, competency-based teaching materials spanning from World War II to current conflicts. These materials, created through collective effort, are accessible for free download on the program's website. The project aims for history teachers and educators to utilize the pedagogical guide developed within the Confronting Memories program in crafting teaching materials and lessons. They are encouraged to integrate the materials into their own classrooms, conduct lessons using the provided resources, and foster familiarity with the material among their colleagues.</p> <p>The activities to be carried out by IDFI: 1) Selection of 5-7 history teachers and educators (formal or informal education sector) to participate in the summer school; 2) Participation in the workshop on July 17-21, 2024, in Dilijan, Armenia;</p>

			<p>3) Facilitating and supporting selected teachers in conducting workshops for their colleagues;</p> <p>4) Organizing a workshop for 20-25 international participants in Tbilisi in January 2025.</p>
7.	<p>Project Title: „CSO meter: Empowered for action”</p> <p>Budget: 6,720.00 EUR</p> <p>Duration: March 05, 2024 - December 31, 2027</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union (EU); Civil Society Institute</p>	<p>Project Goal: The aim of the project is to be engaged in the project-based regional hub and to upgrade the CSO Meter annual report.</p> <p>Main Activities Envisaged by the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation of an expert/experts within the hub organization, who will work on the issues covered by the project and will be responsible for the topic related to the project; - Participate in local and international events of CSO Meter for capacity building and networking; - Participate in the development of the annual advocacy plan, in the process of determining priorities and responsibilities; - Participate in the development of monitoring, reporting and other analytical documents at the country level; - Participate in the work process of the CSO Meter Advisory Board - Update the CSO meter report - Involve and discuss project-related issues within its competence - Identify Early warnings for CSO meters according to relevant directions and provide information about them to the customer and other members of the hub; - Disseminate the reports prepared within the framework of the project; - Be engaged in advocacy activities with other members of the Hub.
8.	<p>Project Title: Empowering Youth for Evidence-Based Policy-Making</p> <p>Project Contract Number: 1005207-101</p> <p>Total Budget: 215,922 GEL</p>	<p>Donor: DAI Global, LLC / USAID National Governance Program</p>	<p>Project Summary Given the scarcity of high-quality research and policy documents concerning a range of governance reforms, the project aims to empower youth, students, and young professionals to become active contributors to the policymaking process through capacity building, sharing practical experience/best practices, and providing them a</p>

	<p>Duration of the project: February 23, 2024 - February 22, 2025</p>		<p>wide-range of opportunities to prepare and communicate evidence-based analyses and recommendations. This overall objective will be attained by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing theoretical and practical knowledge and experience of students and young professionals in the field of good governance, including corruption; • fostering the availability of evidence-based policy analyses produced by young professionals through mentorships and capacity building; • encouraging government oversight activities and evidence-based discussions on crucial governance reforms with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. <p>Under the project, IDFI will expand the existing four academic modules/courses on a wide range of corruption and good governance issues integrated into the academic program of the Ilia State University. This expansion will provide additional opportunities (workshops, trainings, mentorships, Summer School on various governance issues, research methods, data analysis, data visualization, etc.) for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the existing alumni network of these courses, students from other Universities, young professionals, and civil servants to further enhance their analytical skills. They will also be able to produce evidence-based policy papers and recommendations on various public policy issues through contests, scholarships, and mentorships, and to communicate them with all relevant stakeholders through social media campaigns and targeted outreach methods/activities.</p> <p>National governance stakeholders will receive evidence-based analytical and policy papers produced by young professionals on a diverse set of governance issues. These papers can serve as valuable external analyses and assessments of ongoing reforms, highlighting significant achievements, identifying shortcomings, and offering specific policy recommendations to address observed gaps. In addition, the project will offer discussion and exchange opportunities</p>
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			<p>between young professionals and other stakeholders on particular governance reforms.</p> <p>Project activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination of courses of the Spring 2024 semester and admission/coordination of new students for the Fall 2024 semester and the provision of additional opportunities (I-XII months) 2. Update the existing anti-corruption portal (I-V months) 3. Contest of evidence-based analytical/policy papers (IV-X months) 4. Around 6 lectures / workshops in cooperation with partner Universities to encourage students to participate in the contest (IV-X months) 5. Online training sessions, as well as one-on-one mentorships on research methods, data collection, data analysis, data visualization, policy analysis, and policy documents design (IV-X month). 6. Presentation held in the format of public-private dialogue (X-XI month) 7. Paid internships/scholarships at IDFI or leading think-tanks for selected students/young professionals 8. Outreach activities (VIII-XII months) 9. Winter School on Good Governance (XI-XII month)
<p>9.</p>	<p>Project Title: Digital Freedoms in Georgia - 2024 Project N: SG-GX2060-LP-125 m00 Budget: 24,783 USD Duration: November 29, 2023 – August 28, 2024</p>	<p>Donor: Internews and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>The project aims to strengthen Internet freedom in Georgia.</p> <p>IDFI will implement the following activities as part of the project:</p> <p>Activity 1: Capacity Building Material Creation. In order to raise awareness of people about emerging digital challenges, and new developments as well as to reach out more people, IDFI will prepare</p>

			<p>a video, informational brochure and online quizzes on digital safety issues.</p> <p>Activity 2: To conduct 3 end-user trainings on digital safety topics - Based on the materials IDFI had prepared on digital safety as well as prepared videos, brochure and online quizzes as part of GIF supported local activities, IDFI will conduct a training on digital rights for students, journalists, CSO representatives and civic activists.</p> <p>Activity 3: To publish 2 blog posts on digital rights. As a follow up of previous analytical work conducted under GIF supported local actions, IDFI will prepare two blog-posts on the most pressing digital challenges, developments and needs in the sphere of digital freedoms (including surveillance, online content moderation or digital safety in Georgia). Blog-posts might also follow up the topics of our previous studies/reports in order to assess new developments and changes as well as to what extent our recommendations were considered by various stakeholders.</p> <p>Activity 4: Plan, organize and execute a digital rights workshop. To communicate our observations made and recommendations elaborated in our blog-posts as well as to follow-up our recommendations, voice the challenges we observed over the past years under GIF local activities, IDFI will hold a workshop with the participation of all relevant stakeholders (e.g. several public institutions, CSOs, business sector, technical community) to discuss emerging digital threats, our recommendations on protecting digital rights in Georgia and necessary steps to be taken in the coming years.</p> <p>Activity 5: Plan, organize, and execute a digital rights awareness-raising/advocacy campaign – With the use of all prepared awareness raising materials, IDFI will implement an awareness raising/advocacy campaign online, during which IDFI will widely disseminate prepared video, informational brochure and online quizzes on digital security and digital rights issues. The aim of the</p>
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			<p>campaign will be to raise awareness of online users about digital challenges and get more people familiar with digital hygiene tips and tools.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Project title: Assessing the accountability, transparency, and effectiveness of the institutions involved in the external oversight of covert surveillance</p> <p>Donor: The grant is issued by the Netherlands Helsinki Committee within the scope of the European Union funded project - Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights in Georgia</p> <p>Duration of the project: 01.03.2024 – 31.07.2024</p> <p>Grant amount: 11,995.20 EUR</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The grant is issued by the Netherlands Helsinki Committee within the scope of the European Union funded project - Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights in Georgia</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The activities to be implemented by IDFI:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of the monitoring methodology – March 2024; 2. Find, study, and sort publicly available information on incidents related to covert surveillance - March-April, 2024; 3. Based on the monitoring methodology request of public information – March 2024; 4. Analysis of the received information and if necessary, request of the clarifying information – April-May, 2024; 5. Legal proceedings in response to the possible refusal, partial refusal, and/or inaction of public institutions in relation to the FOI requests – April-June, 2024; 6. Analysis of the findings of the monitoring in light of the international standards and recommendations and drafting of the report - May-June, 2024; 7. Public presentation of the report and its distribution on the organization’s website and social media channels – July 2024; 8. Preparation and distribution of the informative products on the organization’s website and social media channels – May-July, 2024.

<p>11.</p>	<p>Project Title: Promoting Greater Civic Awareness and Engagement in Judicial Reforms and Facilitating Increased Access to Justice through Holistic Multi-agency Action</p> <p>Total amount of grant: EUR 967,343.37</p> <p>The amount received by IDFI: EUR 124,255</p> <p>Duration of the Project: 01.01.2024 – 31.12.2026</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The European Union, represented by the European Commission, itself represented by the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The activities to be implemented by IDFI:</p> <p>To improve access to reasoned court decisions, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producing annual monitoring reports on the accessibility of judgments from the Common Courts and the Constitutional Court of Georgia. To assess the accessibility of judgments from the Common Courts and the Constitutional Court of Georgia, a comprehensive methodology - the Judicial Transparency Index of Georgia - will be developed; • Producing comparative analysis on the proactive disclosure of the reasoned judgments. Particularly, conducting extensive research on case law, legal acts, recommendations, directives, and standards from international bodies concerning the accessibility of court decisions; • Monitoring the practical enforcement of the Constitutional Court of Georgia's judgment on the accessibility of judicial acts and producing the report. IDFI will identify the current legal and practical challenges and develop comprehensive recommendations to enhance public access to reasoned judgments of the courts; • Initiating strategic litigation to overcome the barriers that currently impede public access to judicial acts.
<p>12.</p>	<p>Project Title: History education at the time of war</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Civil Society Forum e.V.</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p>

	<p>Subgrant: Georgia Total Budget: 1,500.00 EUR Duration of the Project: 28.11.2023 - 31.12.2023</p>	<p>Contact information: Kristina Smolijaninovaite Add: Badst. 44, 13357, Berlin, Germany</p>	<p>The IDFI will be responsible for the coordination of translating the Toolkit produced by the Confronting Memories programme from English into Georgian.</p> <p>The obligations of the IDFI are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Coordinate the translation and proofreading of the Toolkit (ca. 17,000 words) from English into Georgian with external service providers. b) Communicate and coordinate with service providers (translator, proofreader, and designer) to finalise the Toolkit for publication. c) Bind the toolkit in accordance with the designer’s template.
<p>13.</p>	<p>Project Title: Increase the access of media to public information in Georgia Subgrant: Georgia Total Budget: 213,161 Gel Duration of the Project: 1 September, 2023 – 30 November, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Netherlands in Georgia Contact information: Lela Lomia Add: 34 av. Chavchavadze, Pixel Business Center</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The project's goal is enhancing and supporting evidence-based journalism, particularly during the pre-election period, and combat systemic legal and practical challenges in accessing public information.</p> <p>The objectives of the project are to enhance journalists' access to public information, reduce systemic legal obstacles in public information accessibility. To achieve these objectives, the project team will provide full legal and professional aid to journalists. Furthermore, project team will strengthen their proficiency in requesting public information.</p>

<p>14.</p>	<p>Project Title: Core Support Subgrant: Georgia Total Budget: SEK 16, 500, 000 Duration of the Project: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) Contact information: Mr. Erik Elles Add: 15 Nikolioz Kipshidze St. Tbilisi 0160, Georgia</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The goal of the project is to promote the Euro-Atlantic integration of the state, fight against corruption, improve the transparency and accountability of public institutions, increase citizen engagement in decision-making processes, promote the independence and impartiality of democratic institutions, achieve higher standards of rule of law, promoting inclusive economic policies, facilitating the democratic decentralization and the democratic transition processes, studying and analyzing Soviet past and countering disinformation, upholding media and human rights, and promoting innovations to solve outstanding problems.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Project Title: Global AI Advocacy Subgrant: Georgia Total Budget: EUR 3,256.59 Duration of the Project: May 01, 2023 - March 14, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Global Partners Digital (the Grant Holder) Add: registered office is Second Home, 68 Hanbury Street, London, E1 5JL, UK, company number 10573080</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Project goal is to promote a human rights approach to artificial intelligence by shaping the outcomes of relevant international debates.</p> <p>Sub-project goal is to contribute to the implementation of the project strategy by directly engaging and advocating within identified global processes to ensure a human rights approach to AI</p> <p>In collaboration with GPD, the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information will implement the project's global advocacy strategy and engage in advocacy efforts at the identified forums to ensure a human rights approach to AI in identified global processes.</p> <p>For the duration of the project, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information will engage in the below forums and processes, with the aim of ensuring a human rights-respecting approach to AI.</p> <p>The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information may also engage in other ad hoc opportunities subject to their interest and capacity.</p> <p>- Council of Europe’s Committee on Artificial Intelligence: Convention on Artificial Intelligence</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - United Nations Secretary General’s Envoy on Technology: Global Digital Compact - United Nations Human Rights Council <p>Specifically, the partner will will take on the following responsibilities and engages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review global mapping developed by GPD and provide input on forums identified for direct advocacy under the project - Identify at least 2 forums and/or processes for advocacy engagement under the project - On the basis of the updated global advocacy strategy, engage in the designated forums and/or processes and implement the activities outlined in the strategy. <p>Engagement may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participation in consultations with civil society; - development of analysis, joint statements, and/or responses to relevant policy outcomes and texts adopted by relevant policy forums; or - engagement in direct advocacy with relevant policy makers - articulating policy positions through the use of strategic communications
<p>16.</p>	<p>Project Title: Open Government Data (OGD) Survey Project Contract Number: G-2305-01788 Total Budget: GEL 63,104 Duration of the project: July 10 - January 9, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Deloitte Consulting LLP, a contractor to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for The USAID Economic Governance Program</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>International practice shows that businesses are reaping tremendous value from both data created through businesses’ economic activities and data shared by governments. The World Bank’s latest report entitled - Data for Better Lives - identifies major benefits of open government data (OGD) for business: quality improvements; cost reduction and process optimization; production innovation; more effective intermediation and lower transaction costs. Nevertheless, the economic aspect of open data has been neglected, and the private sector in Georgia lacks information and opportunities to utilise open data for economic growth. The project</p>

			<p>aims to address the underutilization of open government data (OGD) from the perspective of the broader open data ecosystem, since the Country has low scores in Open Data Use and Impact indicators according to the Global Data Barometer report, indicating a lack of practical use cases and engagement from the private sector and academia.</p> <p>Project Objectives and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaborate an overview of the baseline of the economic aspect of the OGD ecosystem in Georgia; - Develop a survey methodology to identify high-impact and high-potential sectors for utilising open data, including the identification of high-impact and high-potential sectors for open data usage; - Conduct surveys among target populations in Tbilisi and seven larger cities ((Batumi, Gori, Kutaisi, Ozurgeti, Rustavi, Telavi, and Zugdidi) to gather data on open data usage and needs; - Analyse the survey results and prepare a report summarising the findings; - Facilitate a public-private dialogue (PPD) on open government data to foster collaboration and address barriers; fostering stakeholder engagement from the private sector and academia.
<p>17.</p>	<p>Project Title: Providing the International Conference – “Uncovering the Truth: Mass Graves of the Great Terror (1937-1938) in Batumi, Georgia” and the joint publishing of the book on the victims of the great terror in Adjara Total Budget: 42,200.00 EUR Duration of the project: 10.07.2023 - 31.05.2025</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue, Poland</p>	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <p>The project aims at the correct and precise examination of the Soviet past as a cornerstone of proper rethinking of its wrongdoings, and crimes against humanity and Actively introducing them to the wider public in Georgia and abroad.</p> <p>Today, the manipulation of historical narratives is primarily directed toward Ukraine, Poland, and Eastern Europe, serving the larger context of the war launched in Ukraine. However, Central Asian countries, Georgia, and Armenia are also periodically targeted. Historical revisionism serves as a catalyst for the Kremlin's geopolitical interests, including aggressive foreign policy</p>

			<p>and populist nationalism. By downplaying Russia's historical wrongdoings, exaggerating its achievements, and grossly falsifying facts, the Kremlin aims to mislead both domestic and international audiences.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to understand the Soviet past from the perspective of the first mass graves of the victims of the repressions of 1937-1938 discovered in Adjara. To achieve this, a conference will be planned with the involvement of leading scientists working on the issue. The goal is to facilitate an exchange of ideas so that steps can be formulated for further study of the mass graves and raising public awareness. Additionally, the project aims to publish the first "Book of Remembrance" in Georgia. This book will include brief biographical data of all people repressed in Adjara, alongside scientific articles.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing an international conference about the first mass graves discovered in Adjara in October 2023. - Preparation and publication of the book on the victims of the great terror in Adjara, in the Georgian language containing scholarly articles and biographies of victims of political repressions in a total of 300 copies. - Presentation of the book and holding of open lectures in higher education institutions, schools, and libraries.
<p>18.</p>	<p>Project Title: Global Index on Responsible AI: Regional Research Hub Total Budget: 54,470 USD Duration of the project: July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Rerearch ICT Africa Add: Workshop 17, 17 Dock Road, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The Global Index on Responsible AI (GI) is a project of Research ICT Africa (RIA) and the Data for Development Research Hub (D4D.net), supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).</p> <p>The Global Index is a new rights-based tool being developed to support a broad range of actors in advancing responsible AI</p>

			<p>practices. It is intended to provide a comprehensive, reliable, independent, and comparative benchmark for assessing progress toward responsible AI in countries across the world. The Global Index will bolster the capacity of governments, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders in upholding rights-based responsible AI principles by providing research and data to foster accountability, develop more precise policy interventions, refine best practices, and encourage regional and international cooperation.</p> <p>To assess each country against Responsible AI indicators, there will be a global task team on primary data collection. 120 countries are involved in the survey and each country is assessed by one national researcher. These national researchers will be selected, co-trained (along with the Global Index core team) and supervised by the Regional Hubs, which will be responsible for the quality of the collected evidence and its assessment in the GI survey tool.</p> <p>Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) serves as the Regional Research Hub in Georgia covering 12 Eastern European and Central Asian countries and is expected to engage with the GI core team across the following phases of the GI first edition.</p> <p>The major activities of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 1: Pilot the GIRAI survey and team building - March-August 2023 - Phase 2: Establish the research network and data collection for the full study - September-December, 2023 - Phase 3: Data analysis for global report and dissemination - December 2023- November, 2024 <p>IDFI will be engaged to complete the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engage with the GI Steering Committee; - provide inputs on methods and indicators; - verify the regional relevance of indicators; - recruit and train regional team leaders;
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<p>19.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Overcoming Barriers to Combat Disinformation in Ethnic Minority Communities Period of Performance: June, 2023 – December, 2023 Total Value: EUR 7000 Grant Number: 221026c</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: NATO Public Diplomacy Programmes/Division Contact information: Add: Blvd. Leopold III, B-1110 Brussels, Belgium mailbox.publicdiplomacyinformation@hq.nato.int.</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in Georgia are among the most vulnerable communities to disinformation, particularly regarding NATO, which may be due to language barriers predominantly exposing them to Russian media outlets rather than Georgian or European. This project aims to combat this, especially among young ethnic minorities (ages between 16-25) through workshops, social media campaigns and utilising traditional and local media outlets to spread factually accurate information about NATO during this project and beyond. The IDFI aims to reach 90 Armenians (predominantly from the Samtskhe-Javakheti region) and 90 Azerbaijanis (predominantly from Kvemo Kartli) in person through lecturers, experts and trainers who are well-versed in Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijani, and 20,000 people via the videos that will be created and spread on social media and local news outlets. Main outputs: 3 training sessions, 3 workshops, 2 videos.</p> <p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To address anti-NATO sentiment and the lack of knowledge amongst ethnic minority communities in rural areas of Georgia. - To combat feelings of being sidelined from Georgian society and the benefits that Georgia receives from NATO.

			<p>- To raise the resilience of ethnic minority communities against disinformation and increase awareness of NATO and its mission in Georgia.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <p>Activity Number 1- Creating videos that will debunk disinformation about NATO and raise awareness of NATO’s role and mission in Georgia spread by local influencers and through social media accounts.</p> <p>Activity Number 2- Conducting training sessions in disinformation, misinformation, propaganda and ways to confront it for local communities. This will take place in local NGOs, schools, American Corners and civic centres.</p> <p>- Activity Number 2 - Stage 1- Training the trainers by experts and lecturers in the topics mentioned above.</p> <p>- Activity Number 2 - Stage 2- Training the locals, consisting of 3 training sessions in each region by students and locals in their mother languages.</p> <p>Activity Number 3 - Conducting interactive and accessible workshops held by experts and lecturers addressing specific cases of disinformation and how to counter it.</p> <p>Follow-up Activities to ensure the projects sustainability-</p> <p>- 1. Videos created can be continually used in the future. 2. Keeping in contact with participants. 3. Continually engaging participants with the University of Georgia programmes and internships within the IDFI.</p> <p>- Qualitative and Quantitative forms of assessing the success of the programme - Number of sessions delivered, attendance levels, the extent of the spread of the videos and social media content and verbal feedback given by attendees and trainers.</p>
20.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Empowered Watchdog Community and Enhanced</p>	<p>Awarding Organization:</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p>

	<p>Transparency Standards for Government Accountability Period of Performance: June 1, 2023 – June 1, 2024 Total Value: 34,990 EUR Grant Number: 22310350</p>	<p>International Visegrad Fund and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Partner Organizations: KohoVolit.eu (Czech Republic and Slovakia), K-Monitor Public Benefit Association (Hungary), Citizens Network Watchdog Poland (Poland) Contact information: Hviezdoslavovo námestie 9 811 02; Bratislava; Slovakia Tel: +421 259 203 811</p>	<p>Access to company beneficial owner (BO) data is crucial to combat international, and high-level corruption. The recent sanctions imposed on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine demonstrated the issue's importance. Georgia still needs to adopt BO standards, making it challenging for watchdog groups to monitor suspicious companies effectively. They must request data from various institutions, monitor constantly, and use various platforms for data collection. Also, they lack relevant data collection experience. As for V4 countries, as our previous joint regional study prepared under Visegrad Fund-supported project showed, even though they have implemented standards on anti-money laundering, the best international standards are not fully implemented yet. Additionally, the recent European Court of Justice ruling revoked general public access to BO. However, it confirmed access for journalists and civil society, highlighting the need for further advocacy and local context-based approaches for adequate legislation in the EU and beyond.</p> <p>To scrutinize the government, access to more BO data of companies operating in Georgia is necessary, along with support for monitoring activities and advocacy for adopting BO standards, taking into account the experiences and lessons learned from the V4 countries.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <p>IDFI together with its partners, aims to a) continue advocating for BO standards through local and regional events; b) empower watchdog communities in Georgia and beyond through research, capacity building, government monitoring, and more available public data; c) map beneficial owners of the most influential/largest companies operating in Georgia and publish a comprehensive database.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop on Beneficial Ownership 2 Training for journalists/activists/CSOs/watchdogs regarding government oversight activities
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			<p>3. Preparing follow-up analyses/analytical papers about beneficial ownership transparency in Georgia and V4 countries</p> <p>4. Regional/International Hybrid Conference on BO transparency and government accountability</p> <p>5. Preparing new Datasets, Mapping Beneficial owners and updating DataLab.ge with new data</p> <p>6. Conducting government oversight activities and preparing analytical/investigative articles.</p>
<p>21.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Coalition chairing – Service Agreement</p> <p>Period of Performance: May 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: USD 10,000</p> <p>Grant Number: ----</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p> <p>Contact information: John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Tasks and responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assign staff member(s) with relevant background to work at least 50% of their time on the project; - Coordinate and lead the work of the Steering Committee for the period of six months; - Set up regular Coalition meetings to coordinate its activities, reach agreement on outstanding issues, and distribute tasks among the members. - Keep notes of the Coalition meetings, circulate those among members, and follow up implementation against decided deadlines; - Facilitate drafting of the Coalition statements (including occasionally writing first drafts of the statements), approval and adoption of those statements by the Coalition member organizations; - Overseeing the Coalition's joint advocacy initiatives by supporting the Coalition to identify the advocacy objectives, creating advocacy strategy and plan, and helping in delivering activities against those objectives; - Co-organise the Information Integrity Coalition’s annual conference; - Co-organise other events related to the coalition’s work. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coalition work plan for the period of six months; - Bi-monthly reports, covering the key activities of the Steering Committee and wider coalition; - Write-ups of the events and meetings organized during the rotating management;

			- Final report, covering the period of six months rotating management.
22.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Parliamentary Project</p> <p>Period of Performance: April 24 – June 30, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: USD 4500</p> <p>Grant Number: 11042023</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Contact information: 3 Kavsadze St, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia</p> <p>Tel: (+995 32) 2 25 11 26</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information will provide services to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and will support the Supreme Council of Ajara to facilitate implementation of the 2021-2024 Institutional Development Strategy, strengthening of the effective oversight and the fulfilment of commitment under the Open Governance Action Plan 2022-2024.</p> <p>Main Activities Envisaged by the Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing consultation and assistance to the Open Governance Council and the Department of Strategic Development and International Relations of the Supreme Council of Ajara in processing of opinions and information received within the framework of the Thematic Inquiry, as well as support in desk research, for the preparation of the Thematic Inquiry report and recommendations, including through provision of feedback and input for the final outputs of the Thematic Inquiry. 2. Supporting the SCA in the enhancement of its oversight functions, through consulting and provide feedback in the process of developing a guide on the oversight mechanisms of the Supreme Council of Ajara - with particular focus on new oversight mechanisms, the recommendations on their effective use and tools to engage citizens further.
23.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Advancing the capacity of CSOs and the Media in the field of Freedom of information and freedom of speech</p> <p>Period of Performance: April, 2023 – October, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: CZK 399 993</p> <p>Grant Number: 20-23GE01</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Czech Republic – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic’s Official Transition Promotion Program</p> <p>Contact information: Mr. Petr Mikyska Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Georgia</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In order to facilitate the application of the ECHR case law in national jurisdiction and promote free speech and freedom of information, the pressing legal questions stemming from the existing administrative practice and case law regarding the freedom of information, freedom of speech and freedom of media will be documented. Working meetings aimed at mapping the main challenges will be organized and held with CSOs, independent lawyers and media representatives who are actively engaged in</p>

		<p>Add: I.Chavchavadze Ave. 37, building 6, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995) 322 916 740/41/42</p>	<p>handling the cases related to freedom of Media, Freedom of Speech and Freedom of expression. Research of the ECHR (and ECJ as well if required) case law will be conducted in order to study the legal standards that are applicable to legal challenges specific for Georgia. Digital manual of newest case law of the ECHR regarding the freedom of information, freedom of speech and other rights that fall under the scope of Media freedom will be prepared and free access will be provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Main objective of the project</p> <p>Facilitating the application of the ECHR case law in national jurisdiction and advancing the standards of free speech and freedom of information.</p> <p>Project activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disseminating information about the project through the website and social network; 2. Conducting meetings with the relevant stakeholders 3. Drafting and publishing at least three legal blogs/articles regarding the legal standards of the ECHR; 4. Preparing and publishing three visual materials (infographics) regarding the project; 5. Submitting amicus curiae to the Common or the Constitutional court of Georgia regarding the case of high legal importance; 6. Preparing Digital Manual; 7. Holding final presentation; 8. Published and sending digital report to the legal departments of the Media, CSO's, Bar association of Georgia, Administrative bodies, Judiciary.
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<p>24.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Transcaucasian and Visegrad Nations Common Memory – Occupants or Liberators? Democracy or Tyranny? Period of Performance: April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 Total Value: 13,812.27 EUR Grant Number: 22230312</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Visegrad Fund Project Lead: Bost Bellum (CZ) Project partners: - Slovakia - Post Bellum SK - Poland - Krzyzova Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe - Hungary - Terra Recognita Foundation - Armenia - „Hazarashen“ Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies Contact information: Petr Mareš Executive Director Hviezdoslavovo námestie 9 811 02; Bratislava; Slovakia Tel: +421 259 203 811 Mikuláš Kroupa Grantee Spanská 1073/10, Vinohrady, 120 00 Prague 2 Tel: +420 731 831 999</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Project lead and partners:</p> <p>Post Bellum is a non-governmental nonprofit organization which documents the memories of witnesses of the important historical phenomenon of the 20th century and tries to pass these stories on to the broader public. It was founded in 2001. The organization was founded by a group of journalists and historians. The organization believes that witnesses should have the opportunity to tell their stories and that these stories should be accessible to everyone. From this vision, Post Bellum was created.</p> <p>Post Bellum’s <u>core project</u> is the Memory of Nations, a collection of memories from people who experienced the totalitarian eras of the 20th century as well as photographs, newspapers, and various historical records. The collection is comprised of about 12 thousand of witness stories and is accessible to the public through an online database.</p> <p>Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slovakia - Post Bellum SK - Poland - Krzyzova Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe - Hungary - Terra Recognita Foundation - Armenia - „Hazarashen“ Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies <p>Overall Project Objectives:</p> <p>The aim of the project is to document Armenian and Georgian witnesses remembering past, who can tell their life stories related to common Communist past. Georgian and Armenian project partners will receive workshops in documenting the life stories by oral historical methodology.</p>
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<p>25.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Fostering Decentralization and Good Governance at the Local Level in Georgia Period of Performance: February 24, 2023 -November 30, 2023 Total Value: 209,512.00 GEL Grant Number: 00111004/00108806</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: UNDP Georgia Contact information: United Nations Development Programme by its Authorized Representative: Nick Beresford UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia 3 Kavsadze St, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 25 11 26</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The aim of the grant is to contribute to the development and improvement of transparency and accountability of local self-governments and support public participation in the local decision-making processes through monitoring, reporting, capacity building, advocacy and networking. Page 24</p> <p>To this end, the grant’s specific objective is to assess the openness and accountability of municipalities based on the Local Self-Government Index for the fourth time for 2023 and communicate the results with relevant local, national and international stakeholders.</p> <p>Under the grant, IDFI will have several outputs and will implement the following activities:</p> <p>Output 1: Local integrity systems are advanced through increased capacities of local stakeholders and the assessment of municipalities</p> <p>Activity 1.1. Ensuring institutional, and methodological set up of future capacity building, monitoring and and research efforts – review of the methodology, preparing all monitoring documents, updating the website and outreach to relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Activity 1.2. Conducting training for local observers/partners/experts and launching the evaluation</p> <p>Activity 1.3. Assessment of municipalities – initial assessment and review process Activity 1.4. Communicating initial assessments with municipalities and results validation</p>

			<p>Output 2: Advocacy and networking between civil society organizations, the government institutions and donor community are promoted</p> <p>Activity 2.1: Preparing the monitoring report, key findings and recommendations</p> <p>Activity 2.2. Providing with networking and advocacy platform</p>
<p>26.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Advocating Open Data Standards and Promoting Open Data Use in Georgia – Phase II</p> <p>Period of Performance: February 1 –September 30, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: 30,887 EUR</p> <p>Grant Number: IMS-03461</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Media Support (IMS)</p> <p>Contact information: Gulnara Akhundova Head of Department Global Response International Media Support Add: Nørregade 18 1165 Copenhagen K,Denmark Tel: +45 88 32 70 00</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Despite Georgia’s achievements in making more public data available over the past years, international studies and our analyses demonstrated that the country’s performance is low in terms of availability of beneficial ownership data. It is widely acknowledged that availability of beneficial ownership data is incremental for journalists and civil society representatives to track activities of companies and high-ranking officials as well as reveal potential corruption cases. Due to the importance of the issues, we consider it relevant to elaborate and propose Beneficial Ownership Data Standards to relevant public institutions and stakeholders.</p> <p>On the other hand, IDFI plans to expand its awareness raising and outreach activities on the use of public data for holding the government accountable in the regions of Georgia, where activists, journalists, civil society actors, students, and other stakeholders necessitate experience and knowledge sharing on methods and tools for using data for government oversight activities.</p> <p>The project aims to continue advocating Open Data Standards (especially, Beneficial Ownership Data Standards) through sharing best practices and outreaching to relevant stakeholders. In addition, to ensure greater public use of public data, capacity building and outreach activities will be implemented for local civil society actors and stakeholders.</p> <p>IDFI will implement the following activities in frames of the proposed project:</p> <p>Activity 1. Preparatory stage - At the first phase of the project, IDFI will plan/prepare all organizational or methodological</p>

			<p>documents/issues, which ensure that all project activities are implemented on time and with high quality.</p> <p>Activity 2. Preparation and elaboration of Beneficial ownership data standards for Georgia – Based on international best practices and experience of several advanced countries in this direction (e.g. UK, Denmark, etc.), IDFI will prepare policy document/analytical paper on beneficial ownership standards (with the focus on open data standards - BOD) for Georgia.</p> <p>Activity 3. Beneficial Ownership Data Standards advocacy meeting/workshop - IDFI will organize an advocacy meeting with the participation of Georgian civil society, public institutions, journalists, academia, business sector, and the international community to discuss the prospects for the elaboration and adoption of beneficial ownership standards in Georgia. IDFI will present its policy document/analytical paper prepared as part of the project.</p> <p>Activity 4. Preparing and conducting trainings in the regions - Three one-day practical trainings will be held for journalists, activists, watchdogs and CSOs residing in three big cities outside Tbilisi.</p> <p>Activity 5. Publishing and Updating Datasets on DataLab.Ge – In order to ensure that more relevant data is available for the Georgian public in open formats for their future use, IDFI will publish and update more datasets on its portal – DataLab.Ge. Three winners will be awarded financial awards at the end of the project.</p> <p>Activity 6. Open Data Contest - In order to promote the use of open data for government accountability and the public good, IDFI will organize its annual contest on analytical articles on the topic of #Data4Change.</p>
<p>27.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting the Accessibility of Judicial acts through Monitoring, Advocating and Litigation Period of Performance: 1 February, 2023 - 30 November, 2023 Total Value: \$ 24,850.00</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Rule of Law Program Contact information: Giorgi Chkheidze Chief of Party Add: 5 Marjanishvili street, 3rd floor Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 50 54 04</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The project aims at ensuring the accessibility of judicial acts through monitoring, advocacy, and strategic litigation. The project activities will be focused on the implementation of the Constitutional Court’s decision of 7 June 2019, the execution of the decision will be monitored, working meetings will be held with the representatives of the Parliament and other relevant stakeholders, an analytical report will be prepared, and applicable legislative</p>

	<p>Grant Number: G-2126-23-211-3047-20</p>		<p>amendments to the Organic Law of Georgia on Common Courts will be advocated. The project team will also start strategic litigation requesting proactive publication of the court decisions.</p> <p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>The overall purpose of the project is to promote the accessibility of judicial acts</p> <p>Objectives of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring the implementation of the Constitutional Court’s decision of 7 June 2019; - Holding working meetings with stakeholders and preparing/advocating relevant recommendations; - Delivering a report on the availability of the judicial acts, identifying the challenges in legislation and practice; - Submitting a complaint to the court requesting to publish/disclose judicial acts.
<p>28.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Digital Freedoms in Georgia – 2023 Period of Performance: November 29, 2022 – May 28, 2023 Total Value: USD 19,839 Grant Number: 7200AA20CA00021</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Internews and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Contact information: Stacia Hoover Business Manager Add: 113315th St. u«, Unit 350, Washington, DC 20005</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The project aims to strengthen Internet freedom in Georgia.</p> <p>IDFI will implement the following activities as part of the project:</p> <p><u>Activity 1. Produce a policy brief on surveillance, encryption and/or digital freedoms in the country</u> - IDFI will prepare a policy brief on the most pressing digital challenges, developments and needs in the sphere of digital freedoms (including surveillance, encryption, or digital safety in Georgia).</p> <p><u>Activity 2. Campaign and engagement with communities and/or advocacy activities based on work in year 2 activities</u> - In order to raise awareness of people about emerging digital challenges, new developments and our recommendations, as well as to reach out more people, IDFI will prepared three videos on various digital</p>

			<p>safety issues. In particular, when selecting the video topics/text, the prepared policy briefs, analyses and elaborated recommendations, as well as content of our trainings conducted before will be used. Apart from the videos, to follow-up our recommendations, voice the challenges we observed over the past years, IDFI will hold a presentation or workshop with the participation of all relevant stakeholders (e.g. several public institutions, CSOs, business sector, technical community) to discuss emerging digital threats, our recommendations on protecting digital rights in Georgia and necessary steps to be taken in the coming years.</p> <p>Activity 3 - Plan, organize, and host 1 training on digital rights – Based on the materials IDFI had prepared on digital safety as well as prepared videos and policy briefs, IDFI will conduct a training on digital rights for students, journalists, CSO representatives and civic activists.</p>
29.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: EU-UNDP project - “Consolidating Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia”</p> <p>Period of Performance: November 14 – December 25, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: USD 4650.00</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The European Union (EU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Contact information: Add: UN House, 9 R. Eristavi Street Tel: (+995 32) 2251126</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information will provide services to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and will support the Supreme Council of Ajara to the implementation commitments of the Open Governance Action plan for 2022-2024.</p> <p>Main Activities Envisaged by the Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Piloting a Thematic Inquiry on open governance issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Providing trainings for staff of the Supreme Council of Ajara and representatives of civil society organizations on the full process of Thematic Inquiry. 1.2. Providing consultation and assistance to the Supreme Council of Ajara in preparing the relevant documents for conducting the Thematic Inquiry. 2. Consultancy in the development of the concept of the international conference and holding workshop with the Ajara Supreme Council staff.

			3. Consultancy In the process of developing a guide on the oversight mechanisms of the Supreme Council of Ajara and holding workshop with the staff of Supreme Council.
30.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: De Minimis Contract on Research on Population Data Analysis in Global Data Barometer about the Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region</p> <p>Period of Performance: November 1, 2022-December 31, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: USD 9,990</p> <p>Grant Number: UNFPA/EECARO/PSC/2022/004</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>Contact information: Florence Bauer Regional Director</p> <p>Add: United States (headquarters) New York 605 Third Avenue New York 10158</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In frames of the project, IDFI will analyse GDB results of the countries from Central Asia and Eastern Europe region in Health and Covid-19 module, which includes country assessments in terms of accessibility of important population/demographic data. In particular, the module consists of the following sub-modules/categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vital statistics (primary indicator); - Healthcare system capacity data (secondary source); - Real-time healthcare system capacity data (primary indicator); - COVID-19 statistics, which includes Vaccination data (primary indicator); Testing data (secondary source); Infection and mortality data (secondary source). <p>Based on the analysis, IDFI will prepare a comprehensive report, which will contain the following topics/chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major tendencies and findings in the region regarding the accessibility of population and healthcare data - Compilation of best practices from the countries regarding the accessibility of population and healthcare data - Major gaps and needs in terms of accessibility of population and healthcare data - Recommendations in terms of accessibility/management of population and healthcare data - Annex of country profiles - country results in particular indicators, highlighting major strengths and needs/gaps in terms of accessibility of population and healthcare data.
31.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Analysis of Russian Capital in Georgian Business - Stage 3</p> <p>Period of Performance: October 26, 2022 – January 27, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: GEL 57,250</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p> <p>Contact information: GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In the second phase of the project, IDFI intends to review and publish a new report detailing the work, resources and connections of Georgian companies owned by Russian citizens in the following</p>

	<p>Grant Number: GIIP-IDFI-003</p>	<p>Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>sectors: water resources, tourism, construction and big investments from other sectors not listed in previous stages of the project.</p> <p>In addition, at this stage the findings from all three stages of total 11 sectors will be combined and published as one large study. In this way, the project will result in one extensive report about Russian capital in Georgia’s key business sectors.</p> <p>The business is often related to socio-political actors and influences on public perceptions. We deem it important to closely investigate such links between political, civil and media actors and business companies owned by the citizens of Russia. This would give us a clear image of funding sources behind some malign political, media and civil actors that actively spread disinformation in the country. For this, IDFI will monitor the donations, lobbying cases and other types of connections between the companies and societal actors in order to map the network of Russian capital and political organizations in Georgia. As a result of the three-stage project, IDFI plans to create a map of the Russian capital in Georgia, which will be integrated into the Georgian Disinformation Ecosystem Map.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigation of Russian capital in the mentioned sectors of Georgian business and its impact on the political, media and civil sectors; - Investigating and mapping the Russian capital in Georgian business and its impact on Georgian political, media, and civil actors; - Revealing the connections between the companies owned by the citizens of Russia and political, civil, and media actors affiliated with the government of the Russian Federation; - Creating an effective tool and source of verified information for the civil society and research organizations as well as for media
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			<p>outlets that are focused on Russian-Georgian relations, Russian propaganda and disinformation issues;</p> <p>-Investigate the activities of the companies, relevant to these sectors, that have been sanctioned by the West after the Russian invasion in Ukraine.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the second phase of the project, gathering information from public agencies, the Internet and other open sources in the following key areas: water resources, tourism, construction and big investments from other sectors not listed in previous stages of the project. - Update the company information studied in 2015’s report. - Creating an analytical brief/interim report. <p>-Production and advertising of the final research report of the three stages.</p>
<p>32.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Roots of Anti-Western Propaganda Period of Performance: September 20 - December 20, 2022 Total Value: EUR 4500 Grant Number: IDFI092022</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Institute for war and peace reporting (IWPR) Contact information: Stephen Ramsey Chief Operating Officer Add: IWPR United Kingdom 48 Gray’s Inn Road London WC1X 8LT Tel: +44 (0)20 7831 1030</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Russia actively uses its economic, financial, political, and informational leverages, and resorts to information war and propaganda to return our country to its orbit. It is worth noting that the existence of pro-Russian, anti-Western forces inside the country is the result of the Russian narrative. Due to the long-term Soviet propaganda, the nostalgia for the united Soviet Union, and the fear of European values, lifestyle, and society, in general, still exist in a certain part of society.</p> <p>The results of the nationwide representative public opinion research conducted in Georgia by USAID Information Integrity Program revealed that Soviet nostalgia is still an issue nowadays. Soviet Nostalgia is strongest among the older, rural and ethnic minority population.</p>

			<p>The main focus of the small study will be to analyze anti-Western narrative as constructed within the Georgian press of the 1970s. In particular economic, social and cultural dimensions of constructing the anti-Western discourse in the most important daily newspaper - The Communist (Komunisti) will be examined. As the this was the newspaper that waged a daily informational warfare against the West.</p> <p>In the scope of the proposed project, the issues of the newspaper from the five years' period (1970 to the end of 1974) will be randomly selected and analyzed using the tools of narrative and discourse analysis. Particularly, the data collection and analysis process will be focused on the narratives that include references to the Western examples, coverage of the international news and comparisons used in the media coverage of social, cultural, economic and political issues. In addition, the materials such as posters, caricatures, and other types of visualizations will be included in the study. Understanding the roots of the anti-Western propaganda will be useful for demonstrating the historical relevance of the modern day disinformation tools used mainly by Russian or pro-Russian sources.</p> <p>Overall project objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased understanding of the historical development of the anti-Western propaganda fueled by a regime headquartered in Russia; - Students(future journalists and experts of social sciences) trained in critically approaching and investigating deeper roots of the contemporary pressing issue; - Increased awareness of the long duree character of the anti-Western propaganda and its historical sources; - Trained students in retrieving and deploying archival material for the media purposes. <p>Activities:</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The students will be recruited as trainees and research assistants of the project. - The Students will be trained in narrative and discourse analysis, as well as the analysis of the historical sources. The students will also be given training on the importance of the historical first-hand sources for the media. - The issues of the newspaper Komunisti will be selected and collected in cooperation with the National Library of Georgia. - The analytical tools such as discourse and narrative analysis will be systematically used.
33.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Gender Equality for Sustainable Development in Guria Region</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 8 - September 26, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: EUR 730</p> <p>Grant Number: ----</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Dekabristen e.V.</p> <p>Contact information: Sergey Medvedev Head of Board Berlin Office Dvor Dekabristen e.V. Ahlbecker Str. 3 10437 Berlin Tel: +49 30 284 22739</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The primary objective of the project is to build capacity of the Municipal Gender Equality Council (established at the level of municipalities in Georgia for the purpose of ensuring regular and coordinated work on gender issues) members and initiate close coordination with reference to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in three self-governing units of Guria: Lanchkhuti Municipality, Ozurgeti Municipality and Chokhatauri Municipality. The capacity building activity/training aims at incorporating national indicators regarding SDG5 into the annual action plan and long-term gender equality strategy, and raise awareness of the members that will contribute to the meaningful changes - to prevent violence against women and domestic violence, recognize and value domestic work through the provision of public services and raise the visibility and impact of global initiatives.</p> <p>The training will also address local and innovative actions and solutions that can lead to transformative change toward the SDGs. The IDFI team will determine the SDG Ambassador from each council (contact person) who will be eager to bring a new perspective to the council in course of the SDGs and encourage council members to participate in the global process.</p>
34.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Overcoming disinformation and nostalgia surrounding Stalin: A</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p>

	<p>new identity for the city of Gori - Stage 3 Period of Performance: 08 September, 2022 - 15 January, 2023 Total Value: GEL 61, 900 Grant Number: GIIP-IDFI-002</p>	<p>Contact information: GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>Disinformation narratives that are primarily based on the sentiments and nostalgia towards Stalin in Shida Kartli have been passed down from generation to generation and continue to play a key role in the region's identity and self-identification. Due to the constant instrumentalization of Stalin's legacy, the region is still nurtured by the myths surrounding Stalin. Considering the above-mentioned issue, it is important to contribute to the de-escalation of the deepening nostalgia towards Stalin and Soviet times and to intervene in passing on these views to future generations without any critical approach. The identity of Gori being this intertwined with Stalin's figure (both internal and external perceptions) does not allow the citizens to imagine a different positioning of their region or alternative means of developing its tourism potential. The project's approach is to not only deliver the idea to the local population but more importantly, to incorporate them, as the main audience of the project, in creating and upholding this renewed narrative.</p> <p>The project aims at creating an alternative visual platform. Hence, the project will highlight hitherto unknown people, locations, places of memory of trauma and triumph, and important moments in the (pre-Soviet or independent to Soviet regime) history of the city. While creating and promoting the materials, the local youth and vulnerable groups (e.g. IDP people) will be engaged and informed on the development of the project making their city's historical identity relevant for them. As a result, the local stories, merits, narratives of trauma, and victories become important driving forces and the central element of social identity in the center of Shida Kartli.</p> <p>The third stage of the project envisions development in three following directions: Firstly, more short stories will be created based on archival research and interviews with the locals, together with more known and unknown historical places marked on the digital map; Second aspect is web-development - the web-site www.gorimaps.ge created for this project, will be further designed, developed and expanded. Third aspect is installation of designed plaques around the city - following the identified pins on the map, specially designed boards will be installed around the city that will also depict the QR code leading to further information on the</p>
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			<p>place/story on the website. A summary plaque will depict the digital map with the pins. The online and physical spaces are meant to popularise the alternative and at times forgotten history of the city/region among the local population and the guests of the city.</p> <p>The products of the project are meant to contribute to an alternative route design of the city tour. The project will also contribute to the generational dialogue, engaging the teachers and students in discussing their city, its unique history, and alternative identity. The “identity map” and corresponding informational banners/items displayed across the town will serve as a starting point for kicking off the dialogue.</p> <p>In a greater picture, the project will be considered successful if the new identity map and narratives have a long-standing impact on the stories that are told about the region and if the locations and items throughout the city serve as a starting point for the dialogue about the city’s alternative history.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to the greater knowledge of and awareness about the alternative history of Gori / Shida Kartli and replacing the figure of Stalin as an element of pride; - new identity map and narratives have a long-standing impact on the stories that are told about the region and the locations and items throughout the city become to serve as a starting point for the dialogue about the city’s alternative (from that where Stalin is the central figure) history; - Create a new (online and physical) “identity map” based on the city’s history, superseding the figure of Stalin as the most important source of pride; - Engage locals in re-discovering city’s new identity;
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			<p>- Highlight hitherto unknown people, locations, places of memory of trauma and triumph, and important moments in the (pre-Soviet or independent to Soviet regime) history of the city.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compose short stories based on historical and sociological research; • Production of the Videos and infographics • Meetings across Shida Kartli for discussing the outcomes of the project with history teachers and pupils • Develop the website www.gorimaps.ge • Identifying the relevant locations in the city with the local representatives and researchers; • Installation of the boards (or QR codes) across the city • Present project outcomes to the local authorities/stakeholders • Communicate with tourism agencies and tour guides and deliver project products • Develop and print physical map with the pins from digital map.
<p>35.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Solidarity Branding - Promoting Entrepreneurs Living in the Shida Kartli Region, Next to the Occupied Territories – Stage 2 Period of Performance: July 15, 2022 – September 30, 2022 Total Value: GEL 45,300.00 Grant Number: GIIP-SK-IDFI-002-1</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID Contact information: GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Entrepreneurs in the Georgian agricultural sphere face common challenges in selling agricultural products: from the natural causes, related to finding markets, storage, and transportation. Citizens of the villages located next to the administrative boundary line (ABL) in Shida Kartli, in addition to these problems, face constant fears of illegal borderization and kidnapping from de-facto police or military forces. Also, they feel abandoned by wider Georgian society and their efforts to repel Russian occupation are unsupported and unrecognized.</p> <p>Some feel it is best to avoid antagonizing Russia – fearing that any actions perceived as anti-Russian may result in further negative consequences. Others feel that partnering with Russia is the best or only way to resolve the current situation. This is of course exploited by Kremlin-backed disinformation, which seeks to reinforce the</p>

			<p>idea that placating Russia will prevent the situation from worsening their circumstances and promotes a sense of defeatism.</p> <p>The project aims to make residents living near the ABL more resilient to Russian hostile influence as a result of increasing perceptions of recognition and support from the rest of Georgian society. To do this, the initiative will build a new brand identity that expresses physical and emotional solidarity with people and communities near the administrative boundary line (ABL), as well as promotes products created along the area. This brand will include (a) the creation of solidarity label,' which will be applied to locally produced products and will appeal to citizens living in other parts of the country to support their struggles while protecting Georgian territory; (b) to ensure higher income for the population near ABL, the brand will support increased market access through quality assurance by supporting those citizens in applying for Georgian Farmers' Association (GFA) certification (GeoGap standard) to increase their competitive advantage and the potential of entering new markets.</p> <p>Overall Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entrepreneurs living in the Shida Kartli Region, next to the ABL feel supported by the rest of the Georgian population - Beneficiaries feel the solidarity brand has contributed to the increase in their sales - Increasing of the competitive advantage and the potential of entering new markets for the farmers living next to the ABL - In the greater picture, decreased dependence on the Russian market <p>Stage 2 Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue meetings with beneficiaries with the goal of introducing them to the benefits of branding. - Defining mediums and elements of the outreach/ PR campaign.
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36.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Relocation/Individual Support Grant</p> <p>Period of Performance: July 1- December 31, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: 12,956 EUR</p> <p>Grant Number: ----</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (ifa)</p> <p>Contact information: Urban Beckmann Head, Dialogues Department Add: Charlottenplatz 17 D-70173 Stuttgart</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>IDFI will provide individual and institutional support to human rights defender(s) to build operational structure in Georgia, and integrate into the local community.</p> <p>To this end, human rights defender(s) will be provided with the practical aspects of NGO work in Georgia, the necessary opportunities for professional networking with local experts, and the necessary support to maintain personal resilience.</p>
37.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Organisation and implementation of the Workshop on localisation with Georgian and Belarusian partners</p> <p>Period of Performance: June 24 – July 8, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: 24,273 GEL</p> <p>Grant Number: 83412795</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</p> <p>Contact information: Sandra Schenke Country Director Bertram Winkler Head of Finance and Administration of GIZ Office Add: GIZ Office South Caucasus 31 Griboedov Str. 0108, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995) 32 2 20 18 00</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The service contract considered the organization of study trip for Belorussian and German experts in Georgia on the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The service included the following tasks:</p> <p>1. Organisation and implementation of the workshop - preparation of workshop methodology; presentations concerning the Georgian status quo of localizing the Agenda 2030; implementation, moderation and documentation of the workshop and its results;</p> <p>2. Organisation and implementation of the field trip - identifying and coordination of relevant visiting points supporting the achievement of the overall workshop goals; approaching and</p>

			<p>preparing stakeholders of the visiting points; technical concept of the field trip; documentation of the field trip results;</p> <p>3. Logistical support of the workshop and field trip - organization of catering during the workshop day and during the field trip; organization of technical equipment; organization of transport on the day of the field trip; providing contact and resource person for participants (especially for foreign participants); settlement of costs incurred during the workshop and field trip.</p>
38.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Advancing Open Data Standards and Promoting Open Data Use in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: June 1- November 30, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: 22.619 EUR</p> <p>Grant Number: IMS-03112</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Media Support (IMS)</p> <p>Contact information: Gulnara Akhundova Head of Department Global Response International Media Support Add: Nørregade 18 1165 Copenhagen K, Denmark Tel: +45 88 32 70 00</p>	<p>Summary of Project and Activities</p> <p>Despite Georgia's achievements in making more public data available over the past years, observations of local and international organizations show that the country necessitates improved legislation on access to public information and adoption of open data standards.</p> <p>The project aims to advocate for the improvement of FOI regulation in the country through multistakeholder dialogue and sharing best practices with Georgian public servants. In addition, to ensure greater public support on the issue, IDFI will promote the use of open data among various stakeholders.</p> <p>IDFI will implement the following activities in frames of the proposed project:</p> <p>Activity 1. Preparatory stage - At the first phase of the project, IDFI will plan/prepare all organizational or methodological documents/issues, which ensure that all project activities are implemented on time and with high quality.</p> <p>Activity 2. FOI advocacy meeting - IDFI will organize an advocacy meeting with the participation of Georgian civil society, public institutions, journalists, academia, and the international community to discuss the need for the improvement of legislation and practice in Georgia.</p> <p>Activity 3. Preparing and disseminating analyses - IDFI will prepare two analyses to demonstrate major legislative, institutional,</p>

			<p>and practical gaps/needs in terms of access to open data in Georgia based on international rankings and reports, with a particular focus on the Global Data Barometer, published in May 2022.</p> <p>Activity 4. Organizing Workshops - To better advocate our recommendations and inform public institutions as well as civil society and private sector representatives on major needs and particular gaps for Georgia in terms of the availability of open data, IDFI will organize two workshops with their participation.</p> <p>Activity 5. Open Data Contest - In order to promote the use of open data for government accountability and the public good, IDFI will organize its annual contest on analytical articles on the topic of #Data4Change.</p>
<p>39.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Global AI Advocacy in Georgia Period of Performance April 25 - November 28, 2022 Total Value: 2,750 EUR Grant Number: 2022-23_61_Proj62</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Global Partners Digital Contact information: Rebecca Zausmer Chief Operating Officer Add: 68 Hanbury St, London E1 5JL, United Kingdom Tel: +44 20 3818 3258</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>The project aims to promote a human rights approach to artificial intelligence by shaping the outcomes of relevant national and international debates. The major activity of the project is updating and implementing the global advocacy strategy.</p> <p>The project deliverable include:</p> <p>I. Global AI Advocacy Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and update the global advocacy strategy that was developed in the first phase of the project. - Identify which forum(s) and/or process(es) civil society input would have the biggest impact and provide a clear and strategic plan for engagement in one or more of these processes. <p>II. Implementation of Global AI Advocacy Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the basis of the updated global advocacy strategy, engage in the designated forums and/or processes and implement the activities outlined in the strategy; - Engagement may include, but is not limited to: participation in consultations with civil society; develop analysis, joint statements,

			and/or responses to relevant policy outcomes and texts adopted by relevant policy forums; or engagement in direct advocacy with relevant policy makers.
40.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Digital Freedoms in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: April 18 – November 17, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: USD 19,843.70</p> <p>Grant Number: SG-GX2060-LP-37 moo</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Internews and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</p> <p>Contact information: Brittany Piovesan Chief of Party, Greater Internet Freedom Addr: 113315th St. u«, Unit 350, Washington, DC 20005</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>The project aims to strengthen Internet freedom in Georgia. To this end, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish and disseminate a policy brief on digital rights issues (Month 1 - Month 3) – At the first phase of the project, IDFI will prepare a policy brief, outlining major developments and needs in the sphere of digital freedoms and literacy in Georgia. 2. Plan, organize, and execute one digital rights advocacy campaign (Month 1-Month 3) – IDFI will prepare a video discussing major challenges, opportunities and policy recommendations in the sphere of digital freedoms in Georgia. 3. In collaboration with ICNL, publish an evidence based policy brief on digital rights issues related to surveillance ((Month 2 - Month 4). This would be a cooperation between ICNL, DSLU and IDFI and Media Diversity Institute from Armenia. 4. In collaboration with RDR, undertake a data-driven, evidence based research on corporate accountability issues (Month 5 - Month 7)– Similarly, IDFI will cooperate with RDR and prepare a country report on Georgia on the issue of corporate accountability. 5. Plan, organize, and execute a digital rights training (Month 5 - Month 7)– At the final stage of the project, IDFI will conduct a training on digital rights for students, journalists, CSO representatives and civic activists. It will be a half-day training and among other theoretical issues on digital rights, training participants will get familiar with IDFI’s policy briefs prepared as part of the project.
41.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Analysis of Russian Capital in Georgian Business - Stage 2</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p> <p>Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In March 2022, IDFI published a study - <u>Russian Capital in Georgian Business: A First Overview of the Communications</u>,</p>

	<p>Period of Performance: April 18, 2022 – September 1, 2022 Total Value: GEL 46,800 Grant Number: GIIP-IDFI-002</p>	<p>GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p><u>Banking and Mineral Water Sectors</u> - which included the above sectors.</p> <p>In the second phase of the project, IDFI intends to review and publish a new report detailing the work, resources and connections of Georgian companies owned by Russian citizens in the following sectors: electricity, oil and gas.</p> <p>The business is often related to socio-political actors and influences on public perceptions. We deem it important to closely investigate such links between political, civil and media actors and business companies owned by the citizens of Russia. This would give us a clear image of funding sources behind some malign political, media and civil actors that actively spread disinformation in the country. For this, IDFI will monitor the donations, lobbying cases and other types of connections between the companies and societal actors in order to map the network of Russian capital and political organizations in Georgia. As a result of the three stage project, IDFI plans to create a map of the Russian capital in Georgia, which will be integrated into the Georgian Disinformation Ecosystem Map.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigation of Russian capital in the mentioned sectors of Georgian business and its impact on the political, media and civil sectors; - Investigating and mapping the Russian capital in Georgian business and its impact on Georgian political, media, and civil actors; - Revealing the connections between the companies owned by the citizens of Russia and political, civil, and media actors affiliated with the government of the Russian Federation; - Creating an effective tool and source of verified information for the civil society and research organizations as well as for media outlets that are focused on Russian-Georgian relations, Russian propaganda and disinformation issues;
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			<p>-Providing the Government of Georgia with detailed information about the potential and/or existing malign influence of Russian capital on the Georgian political environment;</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the second phase of the project, gathering information from public agencies, the Internet and other open sources in the following four areas: Electricity, oil and gas. - Update the company information studied in 2015's report. - Creating an analytical brief/interim report.
42.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Global Data Barometer – Dissemination</p> <p>Period of Performance: March, 30-December 31, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: \$ 4,000</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Latin American Open Data Initiative (ILDA)</p> <p>Contact information: Silvana Fumega Project Director Global Data Barometer project</p> <p>Add: Rincon 477/803, Uruguay</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>The project aims to actively promote and disseminate the results of the Global Data Barometer (GDB) first edition. GDB's goal is to provide a critical new benchmark on country-level data governance, data capability, data availability, and data use for the public good. The regional hub will organise and plan to disseminate the results within its region.</p> <p>Key activities & milestones</p> <p>May, 2022: Design of audiovisual and communications material surrounding the key trends and findings of GDB results for the region in English, Georgian and Russian.</p> <p>June, 2022: Regional conference/presentation to discuss the results of the Global Data Barometer based on thematic modules and prominent challenges relevant for Eurasia. Potential panelists will include GOB researchers from Georgia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Kazakhstan and Mongolia.</p> <p>July- December, 2022: Further dissemination and engagement with mobilized stakeholders.</p>
43.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Solidarity Branding - Promoting Entrepreneurs Living in the Shida</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p> <p>Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Entrepreneurs in the Georgian agricultural sphere face common challenges in selling agricultural products: from the natural causes,</p>

	<p>Kartli Region, Next to the Occupied Territories – Stage 1 Period of Performance: March 28, 2022 - May 31, 2022 Total Value: GEL 22,465 Grant Number: GIIP-SK-IDFI-002</p>	<p>GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>related to finding markets, storage, and transportation. Citizens of the villages located next to the administrative boundary line (ABL) in Shida Kartli, in addition to these problems, face constant fears of illegal borderization and kidnapping from de-facto police or military forces. Also they feel abandoned by wider Georgian society and their efforts to repel Russian occupation are unsupported and unrecognized.</p> <p>Some feel it is best to avoid antagonizing Russia – fearing that any actions perceived as anti-Russian may result in further negative consequences. Others feel that partnering with Russia is the best or only way to resolve the current situation. This is of course exploited by Kremlin-backed disinformation, which seeks to reinforce the idea that placating Russia will prevent the situation from worsening their circumstances and promotes a sense of defeatism.</p> <p>The project aims to make residents living near the ABL more resilient to Russian hostile influence as a result of increasing perceptions of recognition and support from the rest of Georgian society. To do this, the initiative will build a new brand identity that expresses physical and emotional solidarity with people and communities near the administrative boundary line (ABL), as well as promotes products created along the area. This brand will include (a) the creation of solidarity label,' which will be applied to locally produced products and will appeal to citizens living in other parts of the country to support their struggles while protecting Georgian territory; (b) to ensure higher income for the population near ABL, the brand will support increased market access through quality assurance by supporting those citizens in applying for Georgian Farmers' Association (GFA) certification (GeoGap standard) to increase their competitive advantage and the potential of entering new markets.</p> <p>Overall Project Objectives:</p> <p>- Entrepreneurs living in the Shida Kartli Region, next to the ABL feel supported by the rest of the Georgian population</p>
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44.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Core Grant</p> <p>Period of Performance: January 13, 2022 – December 31, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: USD 200,000</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Luminate, Global Philanthropic Organization</p> <p>Contact information: Stacy Donohue 1200 17th Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036</p>	<p>The Goals of the Grant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IDFI will continue their public spending and good governance watchdog role as well as analytical activities in Georgia. 2. IDFI will ensure systematic monitoring of public procurement, public spending and government programs in Georgia.
45.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Overcoming disinformation and nostalgia surrounding Stalin: A new identity for the city of Gori - Stage 1</p> <p>Period of Performance: January 12, 2022 - March 31, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: GEL 23,460</p> <p>Grant Number: GIIP-SK-IDFI-001</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP)/ USAID</p> <p>Contact information: GIIP Contact – Zhana Sirbiladze Network Coordinator; For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. – John Montell Commercial Director Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Disinformation narratives that are primarily based on the sentiments and nostalgia towards Stalin in Shida Kartli have been passed down from generation to generation and continue to play a key role in the region's identity and self-identification. Due to the constant instrumentalization of Stalin's legacy, the region is still nurtured by the myths surrounding Stalin.</p> <p>Considering the above-mentioned issue, it is important to contribute to the de-escalation of the deepening nostalgia towards Stalin and Soviet times and to intervene in passing on these views</p>

		<p>SE1 8NW United Kingdom; Tel: +44 (0)20 3906 9103</p>	<p>to future generations without any critical approach. The identity of Gori being this intertwined with Stalin’s figure (both internal and external perceptions) does not allow the citizens to imagine a different positioning of their region or alternative means of developing its tourism potential.</p> <p>Via highlighting the city’s pre-Soviet historical past, restoring the images from this period, and creating an “identity map” for the central city of the region (Gori), the project aims at providing a new identity and a source of positive self-identification all while bypassing the role of Stalin. The project’s approach is to not only deliver the idea to the local population but more importantly, to incorporate them, as the main audience of the project, in creating and upholding this renewed narrative.</p> <p>With research-based stories and personalities, based on archival materials and historical analysis, a new "identity map" of the city will be created, highlighting the distinctive historical moments and figures that underline the city's uniqueness and rich history.</p> <p>The project will also contribute to the generational dialogue, engaging the teachers and students in discussing their city, its unique history, and alternative identity. The “identity map” and corresponding informational banners/items displayed across the town will serve as a starting point for kicking off the dialogue.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to the greater knowledge of and awareness about the alternative history of Gori / Shida Kartli and replacing the figure of Stalin as an element of pride - Identify, analyze, interpret, and visualize historical and archival materials concerning the history of the region/city; - Create a new (online and physical) “identity map” based on the city’s history, superseding the figure of Stalin as the most important source of pride;
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage locals in re-discovering city’s new identity; - Highlight hitherto unknown people, locations, places of memory of trauma and triumph, and important moments in the (pre-Soviet or independent to Soviet regime) history of the city. <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researching the history of Shida Kartli and its inhabitants, important historical events, and places; - Collecting oral histories from a part of the population on specific issues and personalities; - Identifying online and physical platforms where the researched and processed information will be placed; - Communication with the local authorities, acquiring necessary permissions;
46.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving Access of Media to the Public Information</p> <p>Period of Performance: January 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: USD 14.000</p> <p>Grant Number: MM/22/21-21312</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili Executive Director Add: 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>Aim of the project is to improve media’s access to the public information and to promote evidence-based journalism.</p> <p>In order to achieve this aim, IDFI will be offering full legal support to media and journalists in particular about issues regarding freedom of information. In the process of legal aid there will be identified systemic problems that hinder journalists’ access to public information. Methods of resolving of such systemic problems will be advocated through various methods, including strategic litigations and cooperation with Media Advocacy Coalition (“Mediacoalition”).</p> <p>The project beneficiaries are media (implying both regional and national, TV, radio and online broadcasters) and individual journalists. During the course of the project journalists will be available to get full and qualified legal aid. In order to achieve project aims IDFI will be cooperating with Mediacoalition during</p>

			<p>this cooperating there will be identified systemic problems and advocating changes.</p> <p>During the course of the project there will be implemented specific legal support suited for journalists and “mapping” of practical-legal problems that journalists face in accessing public information</p> <p>Main project activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Granting full legal support to journalists about issues regarding freedom of information (preparing applications, complaints, claims; legal representation); - Strategic legal and/or non-legal response to detected systemic problems; - Documenting detected problems. Informing civil society, public defender, state bodies and international society.
<p>47.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Support research and public campaign aimed to account needs of vulnerable groups in Georgian educational system during the COVID-19 pandemic Period of Performance: December 1, 2021-July 31, 2022 Total Value: USD 38,200 Contract Number: OR2021-82602</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: OSF Services Berlin GmbH acting on behalf of Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) Contact information: Baarerstrasse 12, CH 6300 ZUG, Switzerland</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Goals</p> <p>The aim of the project is to Advocate the needs of vulnerable groups of society and ethnic minorities to increase the accessibility and efficiency of public services in the Georgian Education System..</p> <p>To this end, the major objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing FOI requests and analyzing statistical data, during the COVID-19 pandemic and before the pandemic period; • Monitor the development of identified challenges facing different social groups in terms of the learning process within the scope of the pandemic and in the post-pandemic period; • Concentrate on the issues of ethnic minorities, rural population and identify the problems of vocational education in Georgia;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop action plan with the working group of experts and CSOs, prepare recommendations based on the good practice. <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing FOI Requests; 2. Preparing questionnaires, conducting focus groups in the regions and with the ethnic minorities and analyzing received information; 3. Meeting with the teachers in the regions, advocating the distance learning and identifying challenges of the rural population; 4. Analyzes of the data; 5. Meeting/workshop with the experts and representatives of CSOs and other stakeholders to present findings and develop action plan and policy recommendations; 6. Campaigning and PR activities; 7. The final reporting period.
<p>48.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Overcoming disinformation and nostalgia surrounding Stalin: A new identity for the city of Gori - Stage 2 Period of Performance: 02.05.2022 - 26.07.2022 Total Value: GEL 47,310</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP) / USAID</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Disinformation narratives that are primarily based on the sentiments and nostalgia towards Stalin in Shida Kartli have been passed down from generation to generation and continue to play a key role in the region's identity and self-identification. Due to the constant instrumentalization of Stalin's legacy, the region is still nurtured by the myths surrounding Stalin.</p> <p>Considering the above-mentioned issue, it is important to contribute to the de-escalation of the deepening nostalgia towards Stalin and Soviet times and to intervene in passing on these views to future generations without any critical approach. The identity of</p>

			<p>Gori being this intertwined with Stalin’s figure (both internal and external perceptions) does not allow the citizens to imagine a different positioning of their region or alternative means of developing its tourism potential. The project’s approach is to not only deliver the idea to the local population but more importantly, to incorporate them, as the main audience of the project, in creating and upholding this renewed narrative.</p> <p>As an outcome, an alternative visual platform will be created. Hence, the project will highlight hitherto unknown people, locations, places of memory of trauma and triumph, and important moments in the (pre-Soviet or independent to Soviet regime) history of the city. While creating and promoting the materials, the local youth and vulnerable groups (e.g.IDP people) will be engaged and informed on the development of the project making their city’s historical identity relevant for them. As a result, the local stories, merits, narratives of trauma, and victories become important driving forces and the central element of social identity in the center of Shida Kartli.</p> <p>In the second stage of the project, the short stories will be created based on the research materials collected by now. Moreover, the visual materials will be incorporated into the short infographic videos based on the stories and archival research. The second stage of the project will provide the materials that will then be printed and located around the city, marked with QR codes. The online and physical spaces are meant to popularise the alternative and at times forgotten history of the city/region among the local population and the guests of the city.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage locals in re-discovering city's new identity; - Highlight hitherto unknown people, locations, places of memory of trauma and triumph, and important moments in the (pre-Soviet or independent to Soviet regime) history of the city. Project activities: - Researching the history of Shida Kartli and its inhabitants, important historical events, and places; - Compose short stories based on historical and sociological research; - Record the local respondents to be incorporated in the short videos (2 videos); Production of the Videos and infographics (5 videos); - Hold meetings/discussions with the local community about the identified stories/places; - Create an online host platform (entry on the website); - Identifying the relevant locations in the city with the local representatives and researchers;
<p>49.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Providing Assistance to the Open Governance Permanent Parliamentary Council to Conduct Thematic Inquiry on the Subject of Legislation and Practice of</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Program (UNDP)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description On May 29th, 2019 Open Governance Permanent Parliamentary Council (the Council) created a thematic inquiry working group (the Working Group) for studying existing practice and legislation of citizen participation in the process of public policy development</p>

	<p>Citizen Participation in the Process of Public Policy Development at the Executive Branch of Government</p> <p>Period of Performance: May, 2019 – November 2019 Total Value: \$5,613</p>		<p>in Georgia. Through the parliamentary oversight mechanism, the Council aims to study and support the process of participatory decision-making at the executive branch of governance (ministries and the Government Administration (AoG)).</p> <p>The decision of the Council to conduct the thematic inquiry derived from the poor state of participatory decision-making in Georgia. Ensuring citizen participation in the process of elaborating public policy documents, is one of the declared priorities of the government (see: Open Government Partnership Action Plan of Georgia 2018-2019, Challenge 1, Commitment 2; Association Agenda between the European Union and Georgia 2017-2020, Priority 2.2; Public Administration Reform Roadmap 2020, Policy Area 1). However, no significant progress has been made in this regard in recent years. According to the Baseline Measurement Report of the OECD program - Support for Improvement in Governance and Management (SIGMA), Georgia received the lowest 0 score evaluation in regards to public consultations in the process of public policy development.</p> <p>IDFI as a member organization of the Consultative Group created within the Council and an NGO with in-depth knowledge and experience on the subject of participatory decision-making will provide the Working Group with expert assistance necessary for planning, conducting and finalizing the thematic inquiry.</p> <p>Project Objective</p>
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50.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Facilitating Implementation of Reforms in the Judiciary (FAIR) Period of Performance: May, 2018 - 2020 Total Value: EUR 267,780; IDFI - EUR 45,900</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Funded by: European Union Implemented by: Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) in cooperation with the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description The project is to support real reforms of the judicial system through monitoring, evidence-based advocacy, strengthening of individual judges and promotion of dialogue with them. Project Objectives The project also aims to increase the involvement of community groups in the reforms process of the judiciary through awareness raising and mobilization. Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of the implementation of the new electronic system of case allocation and the operation of Independent Inspector's office and preparation of periodic monitoring reports; - Monitoring of the implementation of judicial strategy and action plan, and other related policy documents and preparation of shadow reports;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualitative research on the role of a judge with the participation of professional groups, including judges; - Public opinion survey on the judicial reforms, achievements, and challenges; - Monitoring the media coverage of major events in the judiciary; - Working meetings with judges with the participation of international and local experts; - Workshop on the ways of overcoming gender barriers in the courts system; - Announcement of the scholarship programs for academia, activists and lawyers to prepare thematic blogs, articles and essays; - Publication of the online journals on the justice system and its presentation in Tbilisi and the regions; - Workshop for students, activists and interested groups on the following issues: drug policy, public protests, urban issues, equality issues and the role of the justice system.
51.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Analyzing Judges' Professional Education System in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: 15 February, 2018 – 15 November, 2018</p> <p>Total Value: 40,515 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: East West Management Institute (EWMI)/Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Objectives This project aims to critically analyze procedural and institutional guarantees of High School of Justice of Georgia (HSOJ) and initial stages of judicial education system to reveal main existing challenges for proper functioning of the HSOJ and draw relevant conclusions and recommendations based on thorough research and analysis.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive analysis of the current legislation and identifying gaps; - Comprehensive analysis of curricula of HSOJ;

			<p>- Assessment of HSOJ's training system, compulsory internships, and their relevance;</p> <p>- Presentation of the project findings, recommendations and relevant advocacy.</p>
52.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: 28 DECEMBER 2015 - 28 APRIL 2016</p> <p>Total Value: USD 45,335.70</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the European Union funded program: "Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia"</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In September 2011 Georgia joined Open Government Partnership (OGP) Initiative. OGP is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to make government more open, effective and accountable, leading to more efficient use of public resources, innovation and inclusive growth. It was launched by eight founding governments, including the United States and the United Kingdom. UNDP is an active supporter of the OGP globally, especially in the component of Legislative Openness.</p> <p>Among 65 OGP member countries, at the onset of its membership, Georgia was scored among the highest (15 out of 16 maximum) on budget transparency, access to information and asset disclosure. As an OGP member state, Georgia dedicated itself to transparent and collaborative processes in public service, state procurement, public finances, and administration of justice, public participation and developing innovative technologies. Within almost three years Georgia managed to adopt and implement the first Action Plan (2012-13), participate in the OGP Steering Committee elections and adopt the second Action Plan (2014-15). In September 2014,</p>

			<p>Georgia was elected as an OGP Steering Committee Member for two years.</p> <p>As the Government of Georgia had made progress in terms of engaging and fulfilling OGP commitments, UNDP, in the frames of its EU funded Project “Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia”, decided to support the Parliament in engaging in the similar process, through developing the legislative openness action plan. Since only a few parliaments worldwide were involved in the Initiative, such a decision was itself an innovative approach. To provide support to the Georgian Parliament, UNDP partnered with the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI), the leading Georgian CSO engaged together with the Government in the OGP initiative at national level.</p> <p>The process was launched in December 2014 and in less than a year, a remarkable progress was achieved. More particularly: on 12 February 2015, the Parliament officially announced its readiness to engage in the OGP and by the Order of the Speaker of the Parliament formed an Inter-Factional Group. Consisting of 11 Members of Parliament from majority and minority factions, the Group was tasked to develop the Open Parliament Georgia (OPG) Action Plan. To ensure close collaboration with the civil society, leading local and international organizations were invited to participate in the process through signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Parliament on 30 April 2015. On the same day, the Parliament ratified the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness. After several rounds of meetings and workshops, the Inter-Factional Working Group and the Open Parliament Georgia Working Group (composed of local and international</p>
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<p>53.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Concept for the New Web-Page of Tbilisi City Hall Period of Performance: October 2014 - February 2015 Total Value: \$ 24680</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: "Open Society-Georgia" Foundation (OSGF)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Specifying the Project (Analysis of the current state)</p> <p>For years citizens were putting questions about the accountability and transparency of the Tbilisi City Hall. This was mainly caused by not having the financial and other kind of data about the Tbilisi City Hall and the non-commercial and private legal persons that where under its subordination. At the same time journalists and other interested persons were not given the possibility to evaluate level of effectiveness and fulfillment of the obligations by the decision making personalities of the Tbilisi City Hall that was mainly caused by the restriction of the access to public information. Besides citizens were not equipped with the legal mechanisms and methods that would give them the opportunity for fully taking part in the city governance.</p> <p>We think that, on the one hand, for eradication of these problems, it is very important to inform citizens and to have a maximum transparency in the financial and other key data about the Tbilisi City Hall. On the other hand, the abovementioned agency should start implementing services that oriented on citizens activities and involvements. Formation of a new web-page will have utmost importance to accomplish these aims. We have advised our view to Tbilisi City Hall – about issues that we think is essential for eradicating the current problems and implementing new trends.</p>

			<p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of transparency and accountability of Tbilisi City Hall; • Promoting effective and transparent spending of public funds; • Supporting the development of freedom of information via establishing the standards of e-democracy; • Improving the public control on the public service agencies with the involvement of the citizens, ngo sector and media; • Informing the citizens and increasing their engagement in the discussion and decision-making process in the public sector. <p>Project activities:</p>
54.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Sharing the Georgian Experience with Tajik Specialists, Involved in the Process of Monitoring the Implementation of Anti-corruption Strategy. Period of Performance: January 7, 2014 – January 31, 2014 Total Value: 5 500,00 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute – Support Foundation in Tajikistan</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Objectives</p> <p>Project aims at sharing the Georgian experience and making the Tajik colleagues familiar with the anti-corruption reforms and new projects that Georgia is implementing.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <p>Within the frames of the project, specialists involved in the monitoring of anti-corruption strategy, will visit Tbilisi. During the visit, delegates will conduct meetings with the representatives of public institutions, NGOs and media. Tajik colleagues will be made familiar with the electronic procurement and public service system and concept of Service Halls; as well as the electronic projects implemented with the aim of improving the human resource management, legal amendments and future strategy.</p>

			<p>Round table discussion will be conducted with the representatives of civic sector and media to talk about the steps taken by Georgia for fighting against corruption and discussing the current challenges.</p>
<p>55.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Pilot International Survey on Governmental Online Openness Period of Performance: December, 2013 – August, 2014 Total Value: 0 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Volunteer project</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In an attempt to create a worldwide measure for the openness of governments NGO representatives of Russia, Georgia, USA and Belarus organized a pilot survey on the basis of an already-completed method of grading the openness of government websites. The survey is based on measures similar to parameters (categories of information which must be published on the websites, in accordance with regulatory requirements and expertise) measured according to a set of criteria (availability, degree of completeness, degree to which it is kept up to date, ease of navigation etc).</p> <p>The main coordinator organization of the initiative was Freedom of Information Foundation, based in Russia. It should be noted that since 2004 the Foundation has been conducting an audit of the websites of Russian governmental organisations. Additionally, in 2010 they launched an automated information system, Infometer, which optimizes the work of experts on evaluating websites by minimizing the possibility for error. The basis of the system is software written by experts at the Foundation with an open code, which you can adapt to any other survey method of web-content analysis, and so localize it for other countries. The survey method and the Infometer system make together an effective instrument for the assessment of the governmental openness, which has proved itself in Russia, and they wished to try it in the framework of a comparative international survey.</p>

<p>56.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: “Research on the Effectiveness of the FOIA Provisions in Georgia” Period of Performance: March 12- May 28, 2012 Total Value: \$ 14 960,00 (24 980 GEL)</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United State Agency for International Cooperation (USAID).</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>From March to May, 2012 “Institute for Development of Freedom of Information” (IDFI) under the G-3 program of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing the project: “Research on the Effectiveness of the FOIA Provisions in Georgia”. Project is aimed to advance the level of access to public information, improve the existing practice of accountability and transparency of state authorities in Georgia.</p> <p>Project Objectives and Activities:</p> <p>Goal of the project is 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.

<p>57.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: „Improving the Accountability and Transparency of the Georgian Courts“ Period of Performance: \$49 720.00 Total Value: 12 months</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), East-West Management Institute (EWMI).</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In October 2011 the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) launched a project within the framework of a program of Eurasia Partnership Foundation “Initiative for an Independent and Transparent Judiciary”, which is aimed to support the development of accountability and transparency of the judiciary system in Georgia and the level of freedom of information in the country.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The objective of the project is 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.</p> <p>Project activities:</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.

58.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting the preparation of a South Caucasus study in Evidence-Based strategies on Combating Corruption</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 9, 2019 – October 20, 2019</p> <p>Total Value: EURO 2,000</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Bertelsmann Stiftung</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In the framework of the project, the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) will provide support in preparing a South Caucasus study in Evidence-Based strategies on Combating Corruption based on three countries (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan) research report. IDFI will be engaged to assist the author of the study in preparation of country analysis of Georgia. IDFI will research and collect the content-relevant materials, and select interview partners in Georgia and conduct the interviews as needed.</p> <p>The scientific work is dedicated to the analyses of the development on rule of law against the background of the fight against corruption and the handling of organized crime in Georgia. The scientific work provides the answers, among other issues, to the questions of which factors determine the success of the fight against corruption. As a result, scientific work also provides recommendations to civil society actors and external donors to strategic fight against corruption in country-specific context.</p>

<p>59.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Research project on potential gender-determined differences in civil service career paths in Georgia Period of Performance: 15 July 2019 – 31 December 2019 Total Value: USD 15,000</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: <i>United Nations Development Program (UNDP) through Public Administration Reform (PAR) project</i></p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Research project on potential gender-determined differences in civil service career paths in Georgia is the UNDP funded initiative implemented by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI). The project aims to identify the key ways in which gender determines differences in career paths and the extent to which these differences are perceived as detrimental to the individual civil servants and the civil service as a whole.</p>
<p>60.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing Openness of State Archives in Former Soviet Republics and Eastern Bloc Countries Period of Performance: June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020 Total Value: \$78,980.64</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description; Project Objectives; Project activities:</p> <p>Encourage the rethinking of Soviet and totalitarian past by fostering research and promoting the openness of state archives in post-Soviet and post-socialist countries. This goal is to be attained by two main objectives. Firstly, by expanding the ranking of the openness of Soviet and totalitarian archives to the Eastern Bloc countries. During the conference planned within the framework of the project meeting with new partners and experts of the project will be held. 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><u>Objective 1. Promoting the openness of state archives by expanding the State Archive Openness Rating.</u> One of the main objectives of the project is expanding the network of NGOs to cover additional countries. The network will aim to launch active national and international advocacy campaigns to achieve changes in archives. Also, involved scholars will provide studies based on archival research and articles about Soviet past.</p>

			<p><u>Objective 2. Facilitating Soviet and Totalitarian Memory Studies.</u> In order to attract public interest towards archives and Soviet period, IDFI plans to expand the scope of the project and implement memory studies based on archival documents on Soviet totalitarian period. We aim to work in two following directions: Politics of Memory and Discourse on Memory.</p> <p>In order to lay a foundation where relevant stakeholders are more receptive to change, IDFI will encourage partner scholars to write easily understandable articles and blogs for the broader public on various topics of interest from the Soviet period which will be based on archival documents. Well-known experts will be invited to write articles in order to contribute to our online resource – www.open-archives.org. The project will also involve young scholars to write articles alongside invited experts. The project team will also identify important articles already written on relevant topics and translate them in order to increase their reach. Finally, the project team will organize important information revealed as a result of archival work and prepare easily digestible visualizations and short videos to be disseminated in target countries.</p>
<p>61.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Development of Educational Certification Program in Fighting Corruption Error! Filename not specified. Period of Performance: June 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI) with co-funding from Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The impact of the project will be to develop and sustain a community of professionals and activists, who will engage with corruption prevention, corruption risk management and with shedding light on facts of individual and systemic corruption.</p>

	<p>Total Value: USD 80,397.42 (OSI - USD 65,397.42; OSGF - USD 15,000)</p>		<p>The first goal of the project is to develop an inter-disciplinary curriculum on corruption, its history and root causes, risk mitigation at policy development level, compliance within public and private organizations, the most modern corruption trends and methods of uncovering corrupt arrangements through open source investigation, whistleblowing and other methods.</p> <p>The second goal of the project is to recruit a group of course participants with various backgrounds and a motivation to engage with the course, dedicate time and take an active part in the educational process through learning and sharing their thoughts, ideas and experiences; and to deliver a high-quality course.</p> <p>The third goal of the project is to develop a strong alumni network of corruption fighters, who will continue their active work in their respective fields, and at the same time engage with periodic alumni activities, whether it will be attending an alumni gathering; organizing a joint research project; or exploring joint learning, or knowledge sharing opportunities.</p>
62.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Studying how major international anti-corruption platforms promote transparent and accountable public procurement in Georgia and the Eurasia region</p> <p>Period of Performance: 1 June 2019 – 30 November 2020</p> <p>Total Value: 51,456.96 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI)</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Objectives</p> <p>The goal of the project is to secure Georgia’s democratic state-building achievements by tackling the growing problem of corruption, with a particular focus on corruption-proofing the public procurement system.</p>

			<p>To pursue this agenda on the national level IDFI will work to maximize the effect of such international anti-corruption platforms as the Open Government Partnership (OGP), Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), and Anti-Corruption Network of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-ACN). IDFI will also look at Georgia’s National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan as a framework for assessing the Georgia public procurement related policies, to make sure the country fulfills its international obligations and reduce the scale of corruption in interests of Georgian population. IDFI will also continue its work of building an international network of CSOs working on public procurement and consolidating their efforts to make the voice of civil society heard by major national and international stakeholders and decision makers.</p> <p><u>Objective 1 - Fortify the Georgian public procurement system against corruption by developing systemic improvements.</u>In order to ensure that the ongoing legislative reform does not lose sight of the practical aspects of how public procurement is run in Georgia, IDFI will analyze the most prominent corruption loopholes of the Georgian public procurement system and develop policy papers, in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, offering best practice and evidence-based, systemic improvements to the system of public procurement.</p> <p><u>Objective 2 - Amplify the effect of all major anti-corruption platforms in Georgia, with a focus on improving the public procurement system.</u> IDFI intends to harness and amplify the positive effect various international anti-corruption platforms have on Georgian reform environment in order to secure tangible anti-corruption commitments and actions from relevant state actors.</p>
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			<p>Particular attention will be paid to securing commitments that tackle corruption in the Georgian public procurement system.</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <p><u>Objective 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaborating policy proposals targeting specific corruption related loopholes in the Georgian public procurement system. - Holding public discussions on each policy proposal developed as part of the project. - Harnessing the Georgian public procurement reform to strengthen the TPPR international network of CSOs working on public procurement. <p><u>Objective 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Assessing the quality of implementation of Georgia’s anti-corruption commitments within the OGP National Action Plan (NAP) of 2018-2019.</i> - <i>Assessing Georgia’s compliance with the National Anti-Corruption Strategy commitments.</i>
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<p>63.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Analysis of Russian Capital in Georgian Business - Stage 1 Period of Performance: October 19, 2021 – February 18, 2022 Total Value: GEL 23, 200</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Georgian Information Integrity Program(GIIP)/ USAID Contact information: John Montell Commercial Director For and on behalf of Zinc Network Ltd. Add: 230 Blackfriars Road London SE1 8NW United Kingdom</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Due to the fact that the share of Russian companies on the Georgian market is ever-increasing, within the frame of the proposed research project, IDFI aims to update the previous report : “Russian Capital in Georgian Business” after 6 years and supplement it with the research on the new and old companies that are owned by the citizens of the Russian Federation and the individuals affiliated with them. In the report, the work, resources, and connections of the companies owned by the citizens of Russia in the sectors of electricity, water resources, tourism, oil, gas, mining, mineral waters, communications, electric locomotive construction, banking and investments operating in Georgia will be studied in detail. The business is often related to socio-political actors and influences on public perceptions. We deem it important to closely investigate such links between political, civil and media actors and business companies owned by the citizens of Russia. This would give us a clear image of funding sources behind some malign political, media and civil actors that actively spread disinformation in the country. For this, IDFI will monitor the donations, lobbying cases and other types of connections between the companies and societal actors in order to map the network of Russian capital and political organizations in Georgia. As a result of the three stage project, IDFI plans to create a map of the Russian capital in Georgia, which will be integrated into the Georgian Disinformation Ecosystem Map.</p>

			<p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigating and mapping the Russian capital in Georgian business and its impact on Georgian political, media, and civil actors; - Reaviling the connections between the companies owned by the citizens of Russia and political, civil, and media actors affiliated with the government of the Russian Federation; -Creting an effective tool and source of verified information for the civil society and research organizations as well as for media outlets that are focused on Russian-Georgian relations, Russian propaganda and disinformation issues; -Providing the Government of Georgia with detailed information about the potential and/or existing malign influence of Russian capital on the Georgian political environment; <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the first stage, collecting the information from public agencies, the Internet and other open sources about the following four sectoral directions: communications, banking, mining and mineral water. - Update the company information studied in 2015’s report. - Creting an analytical brief/interim report.
<p>64.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Inter-Religious Understanding Through Graphic Arts Period of Performance: September 6 – December 10, 2021 Total Value: \$ 2,850</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Coalition of Sites of Conscience Contact information: Silvia Fernández, Global Networks Program Director Add: 55 Exchange Place Suite 404 New York, NY 10005</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In 2019, it became known that the mass graves of the victims of the 1937-1938 Soviet repressions were discovered in Adjara, Georgia. The discovery of the mass graves is very important event for Georgia as the study of stories of the repressed people, their proper commemoration, and immortalization has a key role in the formation of collective memory of countries and understanding of the totalitarian past, which is confirmed by the experience of other post-Soviet countries. At the initial stage, some particular steps were taken by the government for studying the mass graves.</p> <p>The main participants in this project will be students of the St. Matthias Apostolic Gymnasium-Boarding School, who will create comics about the stories of those repressed people, focusing on showing the religious understanding between the Muslims and</p>

			<p>Christian communities. With the spreading of such comic books about the stories of the repression victims, we expect a new knowledge about the repressive regime and personalities to emerge in the community. It shall also enhance even greater empathy among the victims of a religious minority group. The comics will be distributed both in Georgia and through the channels of the International Coalition.</p> <p>The increasing interest of the younger generation in the issue of the repressed as well as their involvement in relevant discussions is important for raising general, public awareness. With this project, the society, the government, and the decision-makers will once again see the importance of the issue of the memory of the victims for the society, that this topic is not secondary and the new generation is involved in promoting the topic.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising public awareness about the discovered mass graves in Adjara; - Enhancing dialogue among the local Muslim and Christian population; - Attracting government’s attention to the issue of the discovered mass graves in Adjara. <p>Project activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lectures and discussion sessions on the topic of repression and repressed people; - creation of 3 thematic comic books; - distribution of the comics and other PR activities; - submitting and discussing the output of the project to the Coalition;
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65.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Global advocacy on AI – Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 01 – December 31, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: 3,850 EUR</p> <p>Contract Number: 2021/22_35_Proj50</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Global Partners Digital</p> <p>Contact information: Rebecca Zausmer Chief Operating Officer Add: 68 Hanbury Street, London, E1 5JL, United Kingdom, company number 10573080</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>The project aims to promote a human rights approach to artificial intelligence by shaping the outcomes of relevant international debates.</p> <p>As part of the project, the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information will be supported to engage in the two processes (the UN Human Rights Council and the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and UNESCO from a human rights perspective).</p> <p>The project major deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage in advocacy and coordination activities related to the UN Human Rights Council and the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and UNESCO from a human rights perspective. - Completing a mapping exercise of future opportunities for regional and global engagement on AI policy. - Developing a clear and strategic plan for future engagement in one or more of these processes.
66.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: DRIVE: Digital Research and Impact for Vulnerable E-citizens (in Ukraine and Georgia)</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: EUR 30,107.00</p> <p>Contract Number: 2-11/1E-2021</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: e-Governance Academy and Luminare</p> <p>Contact information: Hannes Astok Chairman of the Management Board of e-Governance Academy Add: Rotermanni 8, 10111 Tallinn, Estonia Tel: +372 663 1500</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>In most countries around the world, the last year has caused the employment of digital and technological solutions at unprecedented speed across all sectors. Such rapid developments have led to many challenges. One of them is a fear of the widening gap between the developments and citizens. This unprecedented speed might have even caused a new set of marginalised citizens to emerge. Any innovation should precisely address that: future developments should not only be guided by the technologically feasible but by what is socially desirable and acceptable. Therefore the citizens' engagement, particularly digital, in the decision-making in the sectors, services and ecosystems that affect their lives is crucial. This project, DRIVE, wishes to address this – its ultimate vision is that the vulnerable citizen groups in Ukraine and Georgia have a changed quality of life (better) by being digitally engaged in political decision-making (advanced policy development) and services, and having necessary conditions, awareness and skills for that.</p> <p>Though a large number of different elements can contribute to a changed quality of life and digital engagement, the DRIVE project</p>

			<p>aims at one: public authorities and CSOs are aware of the digitally vulnerable groups and their needs, and have improved skills to engage these groups and to prevent the digital divide (further). For that, the project targets two specific outcomes: first, public authorities and CSOs are aware of the digitally vulnerable citizens (DVC), and know the needs and gaps in their digital literacy and access (tools and skills), and second, they are able to work together to design smart responses to address the needs and overcome the gaps, and to implement transparent, accountable and participatory e-governance (e.g. a new tools, platform, etc.). These form the key outcomes of the project. In addition, the collaboration between eGovernance Academy (Estonia) and the local partners (Georgia and Ukraine) aims to advance the capacity and aftercare so that the local partners can continue working for the same objectives, able to find necessary funding (joint projects for EU and Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) for action proposals, and achieve the ultimate objective for the digitally vulnerable e-citizens.</p> <p>Project activities include:</p> <p>Stage 1: Preparatory activities Stage 2: Hands-on activities to implement selected recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings and actions proposals - Pilot project or civic engagement/tech initiatives and regional outreach.
<p>67.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Study on Integrity in Civil Service – Georgia’s Challenges and the Best Practice Period of Performance: 1 September, 2021 – 31 January, 2022 Total Value: 17,420.00 USD Contract Number: 00121579</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Program – Supporting Public Administration Reform in Georgia – Phase 2 Contact information: Anna Chernyshova, UNDP Resident Representative Add: UN House, 9 R. Eristavi Street Tel: (+995 32) 2251126</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to identify key challenges of Georgia in terms of civil service integrity and protection of whistleblowers; - to analyze OECD-ACN and GRECO standards and recommendations; - to cooperate with the Administration of Georgia and the Civil Service Bureau as well as the ministries to better adopt to the national context the findings and recommendations of the study;

			<p>- to propose recommendations based on the above-mentioned analysis.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <p>1. Desk review – the research team will analyze the existing situation on integrity and whistleblowing issues by requesting relevant information and data from the public agencies, analyzing national legislation and OECD-ACN and CoE-GRECO recommendations on the issue. Statistical data requests from the agencies will pay attention to gender and socially disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>2. Online survey of the civil servants – based on the questionnaire prepared according to the final methodology with the involvement of a sociologist, the team will study the awareness and attitudes of civil servants on integrity and whistleblowing issues. The survey will be sent to the central agencies and municipalities (at least those municipalities with ethnic minorities will be covered). Survey of public servants will be conducted using an e-mail database of HR units of the central agencies and municipality focal points, and within 90% of the reliability and error, a questionnaire completed by around 5% of total amount of civil servants will suffice. The data will be statistically counted and the awareness and attitudes of civil servants will be analyzed.</p> <p>3. Focus Group Discussions with stakeholders – the first draft of the document and its findings will be shared with the Civil Service Bureau, Government Administration and other interested central agencies and municipalities to receive their opinions and to better adapt the document findings and proposed recommendations to the local needs and characteristics. The inputs received from the stakeholders will serve as a validation mechanism for both the data collected and preliminary recommendations developed. The recommendations prepared based on the analysis of the collected data will be directed to the Government of Georgia, the Civil Service Bureau, ministries and municipalities, however, final beneficiaries of the study are civil servants across the county and a</p>
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<p>68.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Study Visit to Tbilisi Period of Performance: July 1-30, 2021 Total Value: 6,500.00 USD Contract Number: CSSP-KZ-2021-00017</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Eurasia Foundation Representative Office Contact information: Daiirbekova A.V., Director Add: 1350 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 1000, Washington, D.C, District of Columbia 20036, US Tel: (202) 234-7370</p>	<p>Project Goals and Objectives</p> <p>The main goal of the project is to organize a study visit, during which stakeholders have the opportunity to explore the in-depth experience of Georgia, in particular, in the area of openness and transparency, especially in terms of open budgeting and transparent management of public finances. The project aims to give the opportunity to the participants of a study visit to analyze Georgia's experience concerning engagement in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and occupying the fifth position in the Open Budget Survey.</p> <p>The first objective of the project is to organize a five-day study visit for the project participants and to compile an agenda, within the framework of which the participants of the study visit have the opportunity to get acquainted with the budget policy of Georgia, including the main budgeting processes. During the study visit, participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of civil society as well as government organizations, including the Government of Georgia, the State Audit Office, the Budget Office of the Parliament of Georgia, the Finance Department of the Parliament of Georgia, the Civil Society Institute, Transparency International Georgia and with representatives of the USAID Good Governance Initiative (GGI). At the same time, the participants of the study visit have the opportunity to visit the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, the State Procurement Agency, the Rustavi Municipality, and the Rustavi Public Service Hall and to study the mechanisms and functioning principles of the above-mentioned public institutions.</p> <p>The second objective of the project is to get information from stakeholders about transparency, citizen involvement, participatory budgeting. It has great importance that Georgia is a member of the</p>

			<p>Open Government Partnership (OGP) and therefore it is interesting to review the number of commitments that Georgia has taken under the OGP.</p> <p>Expected Results: To increase the knowledge and practical experience of the participants of the study visit on public finances and budgeting. Equip program participants with practical knowledge and skills on transparency and openness mechanisms so that they can build a change-oriented society and make a positive impact in their own countries.</p> <p>Long-term Outcomes: Project participants advocate for the introduction of transparency, accountability, and openness mechanisms in their own countries in the process of public finance and budgeting. Also, they will be able to raise the level of civic awareness about the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and support their countries in joining OGP.</p>
69.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: CSO Meter: A Compass to Conducive Environment and CSO Empowerment “(ENI/2021 /423-451)</p> <p>Period of Performance: June 30, 2021 - December 31, 2023</p> <p>Total Value: EUR 4300</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union (EU); Civil Society Institute</p> <p>Contact information: Vazha Salamadze Chairman, Civil Society Institute Add: 2 May 26 Square, V Floor, Tbilisi 0171, Georgia Tel: (995 32) 2 365 675; (995 32) 2 363 600</p>	<p>Project Goal:</p> <p>The aim of the project is to become a member of the project-based regional hub and to upgrade the CSO Meter report.</p> <p>Main Activities Envisaged by the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation of an expert/experts within the hub organization who will work on the issues covered by the project and will be responsible for the topic related to the project - Participate in local and international events of CSO Meter - Participate in the work process of the CSO Meter Advisory Board - Update the CSO meter report - Involve and discuss project-related issues within its competence - Identify Early warnings for CSO meters according to relevant directions and provide information about them to the customer and other members of the hub

			<p>- Participate in the process of monitoring of the living environment of civil societies</p> <p>- Participate in advocating for recommendations developed within the CSO meter.</p>
70.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Localizing the 2030 Agenda in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: June 15, 2021- February 15, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: 162.750,00 GEL</p> <p>Contract Number: 83383644</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</p> <p>Contact information: Bertram Winkler, Head of Finance and Administration of GIZ Office Georgia and Christoph Beier, Programme Director</p> <p>Add: Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1-5 65760 Eschborn;</p> <p>Tel: +49 6196 79-0</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>Georgia adopted a comprehensive Decentralization Strategy 2020-2025 in December 2019, making decentralization a key policy priority. This envisages the transfer of more powers and aligned finances to local authorities. If launched coherently, the localization of the Agenda 2030 will support and go hand in hand with the Decentralization Strategy – the latter of which likewise promotes greater citizen participation in decision-making processes to ensure transparency and accountability.</p> <p>To start the localization process in Georgia, GIZ programme - Good Governance for Local Development (GGLD) - plans a comprehensive analysis of the local SDG-architecture in Georgia. Recommendations, based on this analysis and the detected gaps, shall guide the design and implementation of pilot activities in four selected municipalities to launch the localization process in Georgia. A long-term action plan and further recommendations based on the practically gained experiences through the pilot activities shall lay the grounds for a successful upscaling strategy to comprehensively localize the Agenda 2030 in Georgia.</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive Analysis of local context, gaps and recommendations on SDG localization in Georgian municipalities - Implementation of first activities to launch the localization of SDGs in four pilot municipalities <p>Activities</p> <p>To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the following activities will be implemented:</p>

			<p>1. Analysis of Current Situation in Georgia and identification of relevant municipal competencies for SDG implementation at the local level. It will contain the following parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analysing existing regulations (laws and bylaws) on the role of municipalities in implementing Agenda 2030 at the central and local levels. b) The current level of awareness and state of implementation of Agenda 2030 on the local level in the four selected pilot municipalities c) Monitoring and review at the local level. d) Studying the best international practice e) Based on the analysis, gaps and needs in Georgia’s current SDG architecture will be identified at the central and local levels. f) Recommendations - Most importantly, based on the revealed gaps, challenges, international practice and prospects, practical and evidence-based recommendations will be elaborated. <p>2.Implementation of pilot activities in the four pilot municipalities (based on recommendations of the analysis)</p> <p>3. The final report of the project will be prepared</p> <p>4. The final presentation will be organized to present the prepared analysis and elaborated policy recommendations with the participation of wider audience.</p>
<p>71.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Global Data Barometer Period of Performance: June 9, 2021 - April 30, 2022 Total Value: 15,400 \$</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Latin American Open Data Initiative (ILDA) Contact information: Ana Sofia Ruiz, Director of Operations, ILDA- organizational partner for the Global Data Barometer project; Silvana Fumega, Project Director, Global Data Barometer project Add: Rincon 477/803, Uruguay</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>The Global Data Barometer is constituted as a project of the Latin American Open Data Initiative (ILDA) and funded by IDRC under the Open Data for Development (OD4D) partnership/program.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to deepen and strengthen the strategic partnership between the Parties for the purpose of providing effective support and contribution to the first edition of the GDB study design, implementation and more specifically, around Data Collection Phase across countries in Eastern Partnership and Central Asia.</p>

			<p>The Global Data Barometer will produce a unique global and regional view of data for public good across a wide range of sectors. As a high-profile study, it aims to influence policy debates at country, regional and global levels - and to support advances in a range of data for development initiatives.</p> <p>Activities and Phases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field work, data collection, peer review/thematic review - June 1 - August 31st, 2021
72.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Provision of Consultancy Service on updating Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: June-July, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: 3,500 EUR</p> <p>Project Number: 8761/2638/01</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe</p> <p>Type of Contract / Project: Direct Award / One-off contract</p> <p>Project ID/Sector: Strengthening Participatory Democracy and Human Rights at Local Level in Georgia</p>	<p>Project Description:</p> <p>The Council of Europe, in the framework of the Action Plan 2020-2023, is implementing the project "Strengthening Participatory Democracy and Human Rights at the Local Level in Georgia".</p> <p>Within the framework of the project, it is designed to update the handbook on transparency and citizen participation in Georgia. More specifically, the handbook should be updated with the relevant information, according to the structure that has been already established.</p> <p>The third edition will be called the Handbook on Open Local Government and Public Ethics, and as a result of the restructuring of the existing publication, new sub-chapters will be added to the handbook.</p> <p>In this context, the party updating the handbook was selected. The Handbook will be updated taking into account all the institutional and legislative changes that are related to the content of the handbook. The handbook should include specific information on public ethics, accountability, transparency, and mechanisms for citizen participation, and should analyze relevant local legislation, the most common forms of corruption, and good practices.</p>
73.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, TETRA TECH</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p>

	<p>Plan for the City Halls of Ambrolauri and Lanchkhuti Municipalities Period of Performance: 10 May, 2021 – 21 February, 2022 Total Value: 48,506 GEL Project Number: GGI-SUB-062</p>	<p>Contact information: Chief of Party Levan Samadashvili; Deputy Chief of Party Mariam Gorgadze Add: 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>The overall objective of the project is to strengthen resilience of Ambrolauri and Lanchkhuti City Halls against the threat of corruption.</p> <p>Specific objective of this assignment is to support Ambrolauri and Lanchkhuti City Halls in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan and implementation and monitoring framework; 2) Capacity building of the relevant staff on integrity and transparency to apply anticorruption measures in practice. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development of a detailed methodology – Development of a detailed work plan – Conduct a corruption risk assessment – Preparation of corruption risk assessment report and recommendations – Development of Strategy and Action Plan – Conduct Public Discussion – Finalizing Strategy and Action Plan – Development of a Training Module – Development of implementation guidelines – Conduct a capacity building activity
<p>74.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan for the City-Halls of Akhmeta and Tsageri Municipalities Period of Performance:</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, TETRA TECH Contact information: Chief of Party Levan Samadashvili; Deputy Chief of Party</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The overall objective of the project is to strengthen resilience of Akhmeta and Tsageri City-Halls against the threat of corruption.</p> <p>Specific objective of this assignment is to support Akhmeta and Tsageri City-Halls in:</p>

	<p>10 May, 2021 – 29 February, 2022 Total Value: 50,048 GEL Project Number: GGI-SUB-061</p>	<p>Mariam Gorgadze Add: 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>1) Development of Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan and implementation and monitoring framework; 2) Capacity building of the relevant staff on integrity and transparency to apply anticorruption measures in practice.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development of a detailed methodology – Development of a detailed work plan – Conduct a corruption risk assessment – Preparation of corruption risk assessment report and recommendations – Development of Strategy and Action Plan – Conduct Public Discussion – Finalizing Strategy and Action Plan – Development of a Training Module – Development of implementation guidelines – Conduct a capacity building activity
75.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing Digital Freedoms through Monitoring, Reporting and Advocacy Period of Performance: May 1, 2021-January 1, 2022 Total Value: \$29,700 (\$24,920 requested from BST) Project Number: BST-21.089.GE25.1</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (BST) Contact information: Alina Inayeh Director Add: B-dul Primaverii nr. 50 Corp 6 “Casa Mica” Sector 1 Bucharest, Romania Tel: +4 021 314 16 28</p>	<p>Project Summary</p> <p>The project aims to strengthen digital freedoms in Georgia through monitoring and reporting the activities and performance of Internet/communications sector state regulator in terms of accountability and proportionality of its decisions with regard to digital freedoms. To this end, analytical blog-posts and a comprehensive report will be prepared based on the monitoring results. To consider the opinions of all relevant stakeholders, workshops/focus group meetings will be conducted. Monitoring results and elaborated policy recommendations will be communicated during the final presentation.</p> <p>Goal/Objectives</p>

			<p>The general goal of the project is to ensure and strengthen safeguards and Internet freedoms in Georgia through monitoring, reporting and advocacy.</p> <p>To this end, the major objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase accountability of the public institutions regulating the communications/Internet sphere in the country; • Foster multi-stakeholder dialogue on the issue of performance of the mentioned regulator and identify common concerns; • Identify major challenges and controversial decisions of the regulator in the sphere of Internet regulation/digital freedoms; • Mitigate the elaborated challenges by reporting and devising potential solutions; • Propose policy recommendations and communicate them with all relevant stakeholders for positive changes. <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Preparatory stage: elaborating a comprehensive methodology and submitting FOI requests 2) Holding workshops/focus group interviews 3) Monitoring and reporting 4) Preparing a monitoring report 5) Elaborating policy recommendations 6) Final presentation 7) Cooperation with media
<p>76.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting PPD in Georgia through Monitoring and Awareness Raising Period of Performance: April 5, 2021 - October 4, 2024 Total Value: GEL 328,259</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Deloitte Consulting LLP, a contractor to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for The USAID Economic Governance Program Contact information: Markus Mueller</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Goals</p> <p>The project aims to <u>continue</u> the operation of the PPD Quality Tracking Mechanism, expand its use in regions outside the capital and raise awareness on PPD among state and non-state actors as well as the wider society. Selected draft laws and regulations will</p>

	<p>Grant Number: R-2010-00014</p>	<p>Principa/Managing Director</p>	<p>be evaluated based on the extent and quality of inclusive consultation.</p> <p>The evaluation of the extent and quality of PPD will be based on four pre-identified phases of policy development: policy design and development, legislation drafting, circulation and public comments, and ex-ante regulatory impact assessment (RIA), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Design and Development - criteria to evaluate the extent and quality of relevant non-government stakeholder (private sector, business, civil society, affected party) or expert (professors/academia, lawyers, economists, think tank, NGOs, international donor organizations) input that government policymakers received in the initial formulation of the underlying policy behind proposed legislation (initial formative stage), at the very first stages of consideration before the commencement of drafting any legislation. - Legislation/regulation drafting - criteria to evaluate the extent and quality of relevant non-government stakeholder (private sector, business, civil society, affected party) or expert (professors/academia, lawyers, economists, think tank, NGOs, international donor organizations) input in the actual creation of draft legislation. - Ex-ante Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) - criteria to evaluate the extent and quality of the RIA performed related to the legislation. - Circulation and public comments - criteria to evaluate the (i) extent and quality of efforts to publicize, circulate, and distribute the proposed draft legislation to the public and stakeholders (private sector, business, civil society, affected parties and the public at large); and (ii) the adequacy and extent of efforts to solicit and consider public feedback. <p>As a result of the grant activities, the project team will prepare a methodology for evaluating the quality of PPD in the regions of</p>
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			<p>Georgia, as well as a methodology for evaluating PPD quality in regard to regulations.</p> <p>The representatives from key governmental institutions as well as the selected municipalities will be better equipped with relevant knowledge and information on high-level PPD. In order to achieve this goal, IDFI will conduct information and training sessions in the regions of Georgia.</p> <p>Activities (start date of activities May 01, 2021):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Preparatory stage: elaborating a comprehensive methodology and submitting FOI requests 2) Conducting interviews and training sessions 3) Inception study of selected six municipalities 4) Preparing a monitoring report 5) Developing and finalizing PPD quality tracking report 6) Final presentation of the report and social activities
77.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Human Rights for All – Phase II</p> <p>Period of Performance: 24 March, 2021 – 24 May, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: USD 8,060</p> <p>Project Number: 00118263</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Contact information: Louisa Vinton UNDP Resident Representative in Georgia Add: 9 Eristavi str. 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995) 32 225 11 26</p>	<p>Project summary</p> <p>The National Human Rights Strategy envisages the protection of personal data in compliance with international standards. Considering the challenges brought by rapid technological developments as well as the objectives of the Human Rights Strategy, promoting and strengthening personal data protection in Georgia gains more and more importance. This project aims to assess the current situation in Georgia, evaluate to what extent the objectives envisaged by the Human Rights Strategy are achieved, and identify existing challenges and gaps related to personal data protection.</p> <p>Within the scope of this project, Human Rights Strategy directions will be objectively evaluated and a shadow report will be produced that will assess the current situation. In addition, the report will</p>

			<p>draw specific attention to the directions of the Association Agenda and human rights implications of the measures taken by the government in relation to COVID-19. The report will summarize the situation starting from 2020.</p> <p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to contribute to personal data protection in Georgia through documenting personal data protection challenges and gaps in light of the priorities envisaged by the Strategy and Action Plan for the Protection of Human Rights.</p> <p>Project activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of the shadow report - IDFI will prepare a shadow report evaluating to what extent the objectives of Human Rights Strategy 2014-2020 related to personal data protection have been achieved, identifying existing challenges and gaps related to personal data protection in Georgia. 2. Publicizing the shadow report - The shadow report will be presented to all relevant stakeholders, will be published on IDFI’s website, and will be shared on social media.
<p>78.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting CSOs in Digital Archiving - Expert Consultancy Period of Performance: March 1, 2021 – June 15, 2021 Total Value: USD 1,200 Project Number: 17-CA-1188</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Coalition of Sites of Conscience Contact information: Elizabeth Silkes Executive Director Add: 55 Exchange Place Suite 404 New York, NY 10005</p>	<p>Project Objective Developing a manual that will support civil society organizations (CSOs) in digital archiving to advance the transitional justice processes.</p> <p>Project Activities Based on the questionnaire provided by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, collect and compile responses from at least three organizations in the region (former Soviet states) with digital archiving expertise; Produce a report of approximately eight (8) pages summarizing these responses and outlining the key findings (including the Consultant’s own expertise on the subject). Prepare a brief presentation about the findings.</p>

<p>79.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Building Sustainable Human Capacity in Fighting Corruption Period of Performance: February 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022 Total Value: USD 70,064.21 Project Number: OR2020-70662</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Foundation to Promote Open Society Contact information: Gail Aidinoff Scovell Secretary Corporate Headquarters: 159 Bank Street, Suite 300, Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A Tel: +1 212-548-0600</p>	<p>Project Goals</p> <p>The goal of the project will be to build a community of corruption hunters who will be leaders in prevention of corruption; will be able to manage the risks of corruption; will be involved in defining the corruption cases; and will become active members of the anti-corruption community and society as general.</p> <p>The first goal of the project is to successfully implement the program, while increasing its sustainability. The modules of the program will be transformed in two academic courses of Bachelor’s Degree which will be offered for 4th year Bachelor’s students at the School of Arts and Sciences. Therefore, the new program will enable ISU students to acquire the academic credits (ECTS) while taking the courses of the program. At the same time, modifying the current modules in academic courses will increase the sustainability of the program, as the academic courses on anti-corruption practices will become a part of the curriculum of the university degree program. Becoming part of the Bachelor’s Degree courses, won’t reduce the ability of the new program to recruit course participants from the private and public sectors, or from other universities. The course participants who are not ISU Bachelor’s Degree students, will receive the certificates for successful completion of the program courses.</p> <p>The second goal of the project is to elaborate and implement a set of awareness raising, and team building activities which on one hand will increase the visibility of the project and raise the awareness of the society on corruption, and on the other hand strengthen the collaboration among the anti-corruption community and enable the formation of an active alumni network. The last segment of the team-building activities will consist of presenting the sub-projects (ideas) by the course participants which will be awarded based on the project outlines and the analytical papers.</p> <p>Expected Impact</p> <p>Short-term impact: Enabling the ISU students to gather necessary ECTS for studying the module transformed in academic courses;</p>
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<p>80.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Development of Tbilisi City Hall’s Open Data Portal Concept and Terms of Reference (ToR) Period of Performance: December 24, 2020 – April 30, 2021 Total Value: GEL 59,922 Project Number: GGI-SUB-054</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD Contact information: Chief of Party: Levan Samadashvili; Deputy Chief of Party; Technical Representative Mariam Gorgadze; Add: 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Corporate Headquarters: 159 Bank Street, Suite 300, Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>An Overall objective of the project is to enhance transparency and accountability of Tbilisi City Hall by developing Open Data Portal and introducing effective open data management practices.</p> <p>Specific objectives of the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify specific needs of Tbilisi City Hall in connection with collection, processing and publishing open data as well as existing demand for open data among different stakeholders; 2. Develop Open Data Portal Concept; 3. Prepare Terms of Reference (ToR) for development of Open Data Portal of Tbilisi City Hall. <p>Project Major Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a detailed workplan 2. Prepare of detailed methodology 3. Conduct comprehensive analysis 4. Presentation of Situation/Comprehensive Analysis

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Develop draft Open Data Portal Concept of Tbilisi City Hall 6. Present draft Open Data Portal Concept to Tbilisi City Hall 7. Present draft Open Data Portal Concept to interested stakeholders 8. Finalize Open Data Portal Concept 9. Develop detailed draft of the technical terms of reference 10. Present detailed draft of technical terms of reference 11. Finalize and submit detailed technical terms of reference 12. Develop and submit all deliverables
<p>81.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Local Self-Government Index - 2021 Period of Performance: December 16, 2020 – September 16, 2021 Total Value: Budget USD 54,970 (IDFI budget – USD 20,100) Project Number: LDD/42/20 - 21174</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) Contact information: Ketik Khutsishvili Executive Director Add: 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel: +995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>Project Goals</p> <p>The ultimate goal of the project is to develop transparent and accountable local self-governments, enhance public participation in local municipalities and improve principles of transparency and accountability at the local levels in Georgia. To this end, the project aims to assess openness and accountability of municipalities based on Local Self-Government Index for the third time for 2021.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide all preconditions for conducting assessment of municipalities ✓ Raise public awareness about the Local Self-Government Index ✓ Conduct monitoring of all self-governing bodies for the third time, prepare a national report and communicate the monitoring results with all relevant local stakeholders <p>Project Major Activities</p> <p>Objective 1: Provide all preconditions for conducting assessment of municipalities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Review the monitoring methodology 1.2. Update of the platform – lsgindex.org – enabling monitoring of municipalities in terms of transparency and accountability 1.3. Mobilization of local monitors and providing instructions

			<p>Objective 2: Raise public awareness about the Local Self-Government Index</p> <p>2.1. Preparing an online webinar</p> <p>2.2. Conducting public awareness raising activities about the Index</p> <p>Objective 3: Conduct the third monitoring and prepare a national report</p> <p>3.1. Conduct monitoring of all self-governing bodies</p> <p>3.2. Prepare and present a national report of municipalities in terms of transparency and accountability based on the monitoring results</p>
82.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Capacity Building Grant</p> <p>Period of Performance: December 9, 2020-September 9, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: \$ 30,000</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</p> <p>Contact information: Ian McFarlane Deputy Regional Director Georgia Office Tel: (+995 32) 225 11 26 Add: UN House, Eristavi st. 9 Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia</p>	<p>Summary of the Project</p> <p>The purpose of the Grant is to strengthen the capacity of Institute for Development of Freedom of Information in the field of data for public good & open data assessment methods and tools and act as a Regional Hub for the Global Data Barometer first global edition 2020-2021; thus, contributing to a drill-down global metrics that can show the policy frameworks, data availability, and uptake, in particular sectors, and can help direct global advocacy and action, and act as a benchmark for policy makers and funders to track progress towards shared goals.</p> <p>Main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building for IDFI team on the 4 stages of the Global Data Barometer with focused sessions on each stage; - Capacity building for national researchers from across the 11 countries co-implemented with IDFI on the field work/data collection, peer review and thematic review process; - Continuous mentoring and capacity support to IDFI in the successful implementation of all GDB phases in the target regions. <p>Activities</p> <p>1. Capacity building for IDFI team on the main GDB phases</p>

			<p>2. IDFI conducts global data barometer related capacity building sessions with all staff members of IDFI</p> <p>3. IDFI conducts capacity building sessions with national country researchers on the GDB methodology</p> <p>4. Review the GDB expert surveys filled in by national researchers and provide additional feedback.</p>
<p>83.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Increase Efficiency of Public Services in the Georgian Education System</p> <p>Period of Performance: December 2, 2020-August2, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: 25,000 \$</p> <p>Project Number: LDD/34/20-21154</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>Project Brief Description and Goals The project aims to analyze the negative effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the education sector and increase the quality and coverage of public services during and after the pandemic.</p> <p>To this end, the major objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify challenges facing different social groups in Georgia in terms of the learning process during the pandemic; - Evaluation of effectiveness of government implemented actions in response to the pandemic and developing the policy recommendations, considering the best practice; - Developing FOI requests and analyzing statistical data, during the COVID-19 pandemic and before the pandemic period; - Survey of education service providers and sector beneficiaries <p>Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Preparatory stage: elaborating a comprehensive methodology and submitting FOI requests 2) Holding workshops/focus group interviews 3) Monitoring and reporting 4) Preparing a monitoring report 5) Elaborating policy recommendations 6) Final presentation 7) Cooperation with media

84.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Personal Data Protection in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: 1 December, 2020 – 31 January, 2022</p> <p>Total Value: 243,929 GEL</p> <p>Project Number: 4000004558</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Netherlands in Georgia</p> <p>Contact information: Ambassador Maaïke van Koldam</p> <p>Add: 34 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Visitors entrance Didim Mirtskhulava Street</p> <p>0179 Tbilisi</p> <p>Tel.: +995322276200</p>	<p>Project summary</p> <p>The project is related to strengthening the personal data protection regime in Georgia through enhancing the knowledge and awareness of professional groups and students of the personal data protection standards, fostering professional and academic discussions on challenges related to personal data protection, and strengthening the capacity of the State Inspector Service. Within the scope of the project, relevant awareness-raising activities will be carried out, a number of publications/visualizations will be disseminated, working meetings will be organized with target groups, training will be held for the staff of the State Inspector Service, and relevant activities will be organized with the aim of engagement of students. As a result of the project activities, the capacity of the State Inspector Service will be strengthened which will contribute to ensuring stronger protection of the personal data in Georgia.</p> <p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>The main purpose of the project is to contribute to strengthening the personal data protection regime in Georgia in the most problematic fields.</p> <p>Objectives of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To enhance the knowledge and awareness of professional groups and students of the personal data protection standards. -To foster professional and academic discussions on challenges related to personal data protection. -Strengthen the capacity of the State Inspector Service.
85.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Commemoration of the First Mass Graves of the Victims of the</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Coalition of Sites of Conscience</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>The objectives of IDFI's project are as follows:</p>

	<p>Soviet Regime Discovered in Georgia Period of Performance: November 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021 Total Value: \$ 5,000</p>	<p>Contact information: International Coalition of Sites of Conscience Elizabeth Silkes; Executive Director Add: 55 Exchange Place; Suite 404 New York, NY 10005</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising public awareness about the discovered mass graves in Adjara; - Enhancing dialogue among the local Muslim and Christian population; - Attracting government’s attention to the issue of the discovered mass graves in Adjara in order to take appropriate steps for studying the graves and commemorating the victims of repressions. <p>Project activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of the descendants of the victims; - Conducting interviews with the descendants of the victims of repressions, collecting their oral histories and family archives; - Creation of the special section on IDFI’s website about the victims of Stalin’s Terror, on which the materials collected within the frame of the project will be uploaded; - Organizing roundtable discussion on mutual agreement involving local Muslims and Christians; - Launching advocacy campaign, including writing and promotion of articles, videos and visualizations about the discovered graves and Soviet repressions; - Elaboration of recommendations for the government in collaboration with international organizations; - Preparation of final report.
<p>86.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Empowered Civil Society and Enhanced Beneficial Ownership</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Supported by International Visegrad Fund</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Despite Georgia’s success in fighting against petty corruption, it still has shortcomings in fighting against elite corruption. As it is</p>

	<p>Transparency Standards for Good Governance Period of Performance: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 Total Value: EUR 34,902 Project Number: 220203362</p>	<p>Partner Organizations: KohoVolit.eu (Czech Republic and Slovakia), K-Monitor Public Benefit Association (Hungary), ePaństwo Foundation (Poland) Contact information: Zsofia Bajnay Hviezdoslavovo námestie 9, 811 02 Bratislava Slovakia Tel: +421 259 203 813 / 804</p>	<p>acknowledged globally, beneficial ownership transparency is a crucial component for combating high and international corruption. While the registry of the beneficial ownership of the companies registered abroad does not exist in Georgia, foreign and offshore companies often hold significant assets in Georgia (real estate, capital, etc.) and participate in public procurement. With regard to Visegrad countries, Slovakia was one of the first countries of the European Union, which implemented a public register of beneficial ownership. While other countries also adopted respective laws/regulations in order to implement the Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive (Directive 2015/849/EU). Studying and comparing legislation and practices of these countries in this regard will be a useful experience-sharing for Georgia. Apart from existing transparency standards, civil society and media can play a critical role in enhancing government accountability. However, there is a lack of systemic public scrutiny over government activities in Georgia, as only a handful of media or civil society organizations have relevant skills to perform effective watchdog functions. Activists as well as the broader society do not have enough skills for obtaining and processing public data, as well as using online and offline (international) tools for holding the government accountable.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <p>IDFI, together with its partners from V4 countries, aims to support Georgian public to effectively monitor the government as well as enhance availability of public data on offshore companies. To this end, the project plans to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Study and advocate beneficial ownership transparency standards in Georgia and V4 countries; 2) Increase capacity of journalists, CSOs and activists through enhancing their oversight skills and promote monitoring government spending. <p>Such holistic approach will significantly improve the environment for watchdog community through advocating publication of more public data, including data about beneficial owners, enriching their professional skills and fostering cooperation between CSOs, journalists and activists.</p>
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87.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Provision of Consultancy Service on updating Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: September, 2020– November, 2020</p> <p>Total Value: € 2,500</p> <p>Project Number: 2020-417</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe</p> <p>Type of Contract / Project: Direct Award / One-off contract</p> <p>Project ID/Sector: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</p> <p>Contact information: Dmitri Marchenkov Head of Division a.i. Cooperation and external relations Avenue de l'Europe F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France Tel.: +33 3 88 41 38 44</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is currently updating the <i>Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation in Georgia</i> (1st edition in 2017). The updated handbook will be published in the second edition and its content used as basis for the online tool bE-Open, currently under development.</p> <p>In that context, the Provider has been chosen to update the existing <i>Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation in Georgia</i>, considering the latest institutional and legislative changes in Georgia in all the fields relevant to the Handbook, including anti-corruption, transparency, citizen participation, and open government. It should include an additional section on “Transparent Public Procurement”.</p>
88.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Monitoring Covid-19 related public spendings and human</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The European Union, represented by the European Commission</p> <p>Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Due to the state of emergency and COVID-19 related regulations, the Government of Georgia (GoG) is entitled to perform its duties</p>

	<p>rights protection during the state of emergency and after</p> <p>Period of Performance: July 22, 2020 – July 21, 2021</p> <p>Total Value: EUR 59,960</p> <p>Project Number: ENI/2020/417-626</p>	<p>Vincent REY Head of Cooperation 64B Chavchavadze Avenue, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia Tel.: +995-32-236 43 64</p>	<p>bypassing important accountability mechanisms and restricting several human rights. Moreover, GoG has announced a 3.5 bln anti-crisis plan which will be directed towards the social support of citizens, business recovery and health care. Also, the StopCov Fund was established, through which individuals and companies can donate money to overcome the coronavirus crisis. As of now, 133 million is raised. In addition, donor organisations have announced readiness to provide Georgia with \$3 bln, aimed at assisting the economic recovery of the country. Therefore, conducting effective civic monitoring over public spendings and human rights restrictions is important to ensure government accountability in its efforts to fight against the pandemic.</p> <p>The measures taken by the government to fight against the coronavirus create the risk of disproportionate restriction of human rights. In general, the most serious breaches of human rights take place in situations of proclaimed state of emergency and states may be inclined to use their power of derogation for other purposes or to a larger extent than is justified by the exigency of the situation. During the crisis exercising effective external control over the government and monitoring the human rights situation gains more and more importance, because the risks of abuse of power by the authorities is especially high.</p> <p>The action will contribute to increasing government accountability regarding Covid-19 related public spending, implementation of the Government Anti-Crisis Plan, spending of StopCov Fund and allocation of donor support. In addition, the risks of disproportionate restriction of human rights during the COVID-19 crisis will be studied and mitigated.</p> <p>Action Objectives</p> <p><Overall objective> Contribute to increasing effectiveness and proportionality of actions to fight against the pandemic in Georgia</p> <p><Specific objectives> 1: Contribute to increasing government accountability, and transparency regarding Covid-19 related public spendings and Anti-Crisis Plan through monitoring, reporting, public awareness raising and advocacy efforts.</p>
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<p>89.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Greater Transparency and Ethical Standards of Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Georgia Period of Performance: July 01, 2020 – December 31, 2020 Total Value: \$19,999 Project Number: Netherlands.2020.IDFI.01</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: International Center for Non-for-profit Law, Inc. (ICNL) Contact information: Nicholas Miller 1126 16th Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 USA Tel: (202) 452-8600 Fax: (202) 452-8555</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The artificial intelligence can strongly support the reform of public administration in decision-making, service delivery, etc. However, its usage is also connected with some challenges related to insufficient transparency, accountability and data processing oversight mechanisms, as well as unfairness and inaccuracy. In addition, in countries like Georgia which lacks sufficient oversight mechanisms over law enforcement agencies and where independence of judiciary is still questionable, use of AI in</p>

			<p>decision-making may happen with the abuse of the right to personal life.</p> <p>The use of face recognition system, developed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs needs to be studied, assessed and evaluated. The system began operation in June 2017, and works in combination with 400 CCTV surveillance cameras installed in Georgia's major cities, including the capital, Tbilisi. In addition, Tbilisi City Hall considers the possibility to introduce biometric facial recognition in the Tbilisi subway system and use the technology in its public transport system. Therefore, it is important to further explore this topic and cover the use of face recognition by Georgian governmental agencies, with the particular focus on the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Additionally, there is a need to raise awareness of the representatives of government institutions, as well as other stakeholders and general public, about the use, work and impact of AI in their everyday life. Most importantly, due to the novelty of the issue, they should be informed about transparency and ethical standards of using AI. Also, IDFI considers it of high importance to strengthen the capacity and support the engagement of the State Inspector's Service in this regard.</p> <p>Project Aim and Objectives</p> <p>With this project, IDFI aims to promote development and implementation of greater transparency and ethical standards in using AI by governmental agencies in Georgia.</p> <p>To this end, IDFI will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study and identify major challenges in using AI/face recognition systems by governmental agencies (with special focus on the Ministry of Internal Affairs); - Promote development and implementation of transparency and ethical standards in using AI/face recognition systems by public sector in Georgia. - Foster public discussion on the issue; - Raise awareness of all relevant stakeholders on the issue. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p>
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<p>90.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting the Functioning of the State Inspector Service</p> <p>Period of Performance: 24 June 2020 –24May 2021</p> <p>Total Value: 49,890 USD</p> <p>Project Number: HR/12/20 – 21074</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation</p> <p>Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The project aimsto identify gaps and challenges related to the investigative work of the State Inspector Service as well as to deliver relevant recommendations in order to support improvement of its functioning. The project team will study current legal framework, other legislative acts related to the State Inspector Service as well as conduct interviews with the prosecutors and</p>

			<p>investigators to further identify existing gaps and flaws in the legislation and practice. Within the scope of this project, study will be prepared which will include major findings of the monitoring as well as recommendations aimed at improving its work.</p> <p>Purpose of the Project</p> <p>The project is aimed at supporting the functioning of the State Inspector Service, with a particular focus on its investigative function, through monitoring, research and advocacy. In addition, the goal of the project is to promote the improvement of the work of the State Inspector Service through identifying needs and challenges related to its functioning.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A study will be prepared on investigative work of the State Inspector Service, which will cover analysis of the national legal framework, international standards, public information and secondary sources, and the results of conducted interviews; 2. Two critical thematic foreign articles will be translated and published; 3. Two thematic media trainings will be held; 4. Working meetings with the State Inspector Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Prosecutor’s Office and Parliament; 5. Public presentation of the study.
<p>91.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Developing Open Data Practices in the City Halls of Gori, Lagodekhi, Ozurgeti, Senaki, Telavi and Zugdidi Municipalities Period of Performance: May 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020 Total Value: 70,171.50 GEL Project Number: GGI-SUB-041</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, TETRA TECH Contact information: Chief of Party: Levan Samadashvili; Chief of Party Technical Representative Mikheil Darchiashvili; Governance Manager. 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Specific objectives of the Project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify specific needs of Gori, Lagodekhi, Ozurgeti, Senaki, Telavi and Zugdidi Municipalities in connection with collection, processing and publishing open data. 2. Review an existing Open Data Manual in Georgia and tailor it down to the Municipalities’ needs. 3. Develop training agenda together with training material package based on the needs identified.

			<p>4. Conduct robust trainings of relevant staff of the Municipalities aimed at development of Open Data</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare a detailed methodology - Prepare of detailed work plan and communicate with municipality representatives - Conduct situational analysis in connection with open data collection, processing and publication practices (situational analysis process among other elements should also envisage focus group meetings with different stakeholders); - Based on findings of situational analysis and international best practices develop situational analysis reports together with recommendations tailored to the individual needs of Municipalities - Update Open Data Manual - Develop training module and materials - Conduct capacity building activities for the relevant staff of 6 City Halls to successfully collect, process and publish open government data in practice. - Develop and submit all deliverables in the final form including the final report summarizing work conducted and results achieved.
<p>92.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, TETRA TECH</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p>

	<p>Plan for the City-Halls of Telavi and Lagodekhi Municipalities Period of Performance: 23 April 2020 – 31 August 2020 Total Value: 40,970 GEL Project Number: GGI-SUB-042</p>	<p>Contact information: Chief of Party: Levan Samadashvili; Chief of Party Technical Representative Mikheil Darchiashvili; Governance Manager. 34 Chavchavadze Avenue. Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p>The overall objective of the project is to strengthen resilience of Telavi and Lagodekhi City-Halls against the threat of corruption.</p> <p>Specific objective of this assignment is to support Telavi and Lagodekhi City-Halls in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of Integrity and Transparency Strategy, Action Plan and monitoring framework; 2) Capacity building of the relevant staff on integrity and transparency to apply anticorruption measures in practice. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Development of a detailed methodology</i> - <i>Development of a detailed work plan</i> - <i>Conduct a comprehensive situational analysis</i> - <i>Preparation of Situation Analysis Report and Recommendations</i> - <i>Development of Strategy and Action Plan</i> - <i>Conduct Public Discussion</i> - <i>Finalizing Strategy and Action Plan</i> - <i>Development of a Training Module</i> - <i>Conduct a capacity building activity</i>
<p>93.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing Transparency of the Judiciary in Georgia Period of Performance: 24 April 2020 – 23 January 2021</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: East West Management Institute (EWMI)/Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG) Contact information:</p>	<p>Project summary</p> <p>The project is related to studying transparency of the judiciary through research and monitoring. Within the scope of the project, IDFI will study international standards, national legislation and</p>

	<p>Total Value: 33,137 USD Project Number: G-1720-20-211-3024-20</p>	<p>Giorgi Chkheidze Chief of Party 5 Marjanishvili street, 3rd floor Tbilisi, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 50 54 04</p>	<p>practice as well as monitor court websites. Particular focus will be made on court statistics, proactively published information and accessibility of court decisions. Within the scope of the project, IDFI will study what kind of information is statistically processed in the judiciary and what are the challenges in this regard. As a result of research and monitoring, existing gaps will be identified and relevant recommendations will be prepared, which will be reflected in a final report.</p> <p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>The main purpose of the project is to enhance transparency of the judiciary, and advocacy of changes in legislation and practice.</p> <p>Objectives of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering a comprehensive study on transparency of the judiciary (with a particular focus on court statistics, proactively published information and access to court decisions), identifying existing challenges and gaps; - Delivering recommendations regarding enhancing transparency of the judiciary taking into account international standards and best practices; - Advocacy of prepared recommendations.
<p>94.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Ensuring Legal Safeguards for Digital Rights in Georgia Period of Performance: April 15-August 28, 2020 Total Value: 110,695 GEL (34,964 USD) Project Number: AID-OAA-LA-11-00008</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Counterpart International Contact information: 2345 Crystal Drive Suite 301 Arlington, VA 22202 Phone: 571.447.5700 Fax: 703.412.5035</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Internet is regarded as free in Georgia. According to the Freedom House recent reports, the Internet has been free since 2012. However, blocking of international platforms such as Wordpress and Youtube in 2016, as well as recent suggested controversial amendments to the Law of Georgia “on Information Security” demonstrate the need for engagement of civil society in ensuring legal safeguards for Internet freedoms. Despite emerging security risks, it is important to find an accurate balance between</p>

			<p>security and digital freedoms, especially for Georgia which lacks sufficient civic oversight mechanisms over law enforcement bodies and where independence of judiciary is still questionable.</p> <p>It is incremental to ensure that civil society perspective is adequately reflected and considered while modifying Georgia’s information security system and legislation. Taking into account best international practices and local challenges in terms of digital freedoms and information security are also important in this process.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Major goal is to ensure and strengthen safeguards and digital freedoms on the legislative level in Georgia.</p> <p>To this end, the project has the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find an accurate balance between digital freedoms and security; - Identify major challenges and problems relevant for Georgia in this regard; - Consider international practice and international standards in this regard; - Propose and promote/advocate alternative version of information security system/legal framework proposed by the government. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of international practice/standards on cybersecurity environment, legal framework and institutional arrangement 2. Working on policy recommendations
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			<p>3. Meetings with decision-makers and representatives of all relevant public institutions</p> <p>4. Final conference</p> <p>5. International expert and IDFI meeting with decision-makers</p>
<p>95.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan for the City Hall of Senaki Municipality</p> <p>Period of Performance: 25 March, 2020 – 31 August, 2020</p> <p>Total Value: 30,065 GEL</p> <p>Project Number: GGI-SUB-040</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD</p> <p>Contact information: Chief of Party: Levan Samadashvili; Chief of Party Technical Representative Mikheil Darchiashvili; Governance Manager. 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Corporate Headquarters: 159 Bank Street, Suite 300, Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Overall objective of the project is to strengthen resilience of Senaki City Hall system against the threat of corruption. Specific objective of this assignment is to support Senaki City Hall in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy, subsequent Action Plan, together with indicators and monitoring framework; 2) Capacity building of the relevant staff to successfully apply anticorruption measures in practice. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a detailed methodology - Development of a detailed work plan - Conduct comprehensive situational analysis - Preparation of Situation Analysis Report and Recommendations - Presentation of findings and recommendations - Development of draft Strategy and Action Plan - Conduct Public Discussion

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalizing Strategy and Action Plan - Development of a Training Module - Conduct a capacity building activity - Submission of final deliverables
<p>96.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan for the City Hall of Zugdidi Municipality Period of Performance: 02 March, 2020 – 31 August, 2020 Total Value: 44,025 GEL Project Number: GGI-SUB-037</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD Contact information: Chief of Party: Levan Samadashvili; Chief of Party Technical Representative Mikheil Darchiashvili; Governance Manager. 34 Chavchavadze Avenue. Tbilisi, Georgia Corporate Headquarters: 159 Bank Street, Suite 300, Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Overall objective of the project is to strengthen resilience of Zugdidi City Hall system against the threat of corruption. Specific objective of this assignment is to support Zugdidi City Hall in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Development of Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy, subsequent Action Plan, together with indicators and monitoring framework; 2) Capacity building of the relevant staff to successfully apply anticorruption measures in practice. <p>Project Activities</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a detailed methodology - Development of a detailed work plan - Conduct comprehensive situational analysis - Preparation of Situation Analysis Report and Recommendations - Presentation of findings and recommendations - Development of draft Strategy and Action Plan - Conduct Public Discussion

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalizing Strategy and Action Plan - Development of a Training Module - Conduct a capacity building activity - Submission of final deliverables
<p>97.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Core Support Period of Performance: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022 Total Value: SEK 9,100,000 (Swedish kronor) Project Number: No.13382</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) represented by the Embassy of Sweden in Tbilisi Contact information: Mr. Erik Elles 15 Nikolioz Kipshidze St. Tbilisi 0160, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 255 03 20</p>	<p>Objectives of the Core Activities</p> <p>The overall objectives of the Core Activities are Supporting Democratic and Good Governance in Georgia through evidence-based research, monitoring and advocacy by a) Promoting Open Governance; b) Strengthening the Anti-Corruption System; c) Social and Economic Policy; d) Rule of Law; e) Facilitating the Decentralization Process; f) Supporting the Process of Democratic Transition in Georgia; g) Media and Freedom of Expression; h) Internet and Innovations.</p> <p>Project Summary</p> <p>Despite overall progress in terms of building a democratic state and improving the effectiveness, transparency and fairness of governance in Georgia over the past 20 years, these processes have slowed and are currently facing serious challenges, such as informal governance, concentration of power, lack of judicial independence, high-level corruption and lack of political will to continue with important reforms, as well as poverty, external political and economic pressure from the Russian Federation that negatively affects democratic processes in the country. Reputable international organizations as well as prominent Georgian civil society organizations have gone as far as to say that Georgia shows signs of state capture. While the Government of Georgia declares that country irreversibly keeps pro-Western, Euro-Atlantic, democratic course, these worrying trends show a clear necessity for civil society to focus on these direction and support Georgia’s democratic and pro-western development as much as possible within its competence.</p>

			<p>Having 10 years of experience working on improving democratic processes and promoting the principles of good governance, IDFI intends to counteract the existing challenges facing democratic and good governance through evidence-based research, monitoring and advocacy. More specifically, IDFI will work towards key objectives of combating corruption, improving transparency of public institutions, increasing citizen engagement in decision-making processes, achieving higher standards of rule of law, promoting more inclusive economic policies, facilitating the democratic decentralization and the democratic transition processes, upholding media and human rights, and promoting innovations to solve outstanding problems.</p> <p>To achieve these objectives, IDFI will work with all relevant public, private, and civil society stakeholders. The organization will also make active use of various national and international networks and platforms in order to achieve positive change in target areas. Finally, special attention will be paid to achieving results at scale, by engaging important cross-cutting issues, such as education, environment and gender.</p>
<p>98.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Open Governance Principles at the Parliament of Georgia and Supreme Council of Ajara (SCA). Period of Performance: November 11, 2019 – April 30, 2022 Total Value: EUR 290,000.00 Project Number: 00113526</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union with a co-share from the Parliament of Georgia and SCA Contact information: Delegation of the European Union to Georgia Mr. Carl Hartzell 38, Nino Chkheidze St. Tbilisi 0102, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 294 37 63</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>EU-UNDP project “Consolidating Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia” contributes to improved democratic governance in Georgia through strengthening the performance of the Parliament of Georgia and the Supreme Council of Autonomous Republic of Ajara (SCA) within the new context of constitutional and legislative framework.</p> <p>In the framework of the project, UNDP is collaborating with the IDFI to promote open governance principles in the work of the Parliament of Georgia and SCA in order to enhance openness, transparency and accountability of the institutions, including through greater citizen engagement.</p> <p>The cooperation aims at (1) enhanced public engagement in parliamentary processes through:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supporting the operation of the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open Governance - supporting the Council in monitoring the implementation progress of Open Parliament Action Plans - supporting the Parliament in raising public awareness on openness reforms and promoting citizen participation in legislative processes - building the capacity of the Communications Teams of the Parliament on social network content management and tools - supporting the building and reinforcing partnerships between the Parliament and other OGP member parliaments <p>and (2) SCA’s increased institutional openness, transparency and citizen engagement through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - facilitating the institutionalization of a legislative openness mechanism in the SCA - providing support to the SCA’s working group on legislative openness - supporting the SCA’s working group in developing and monitoring the implementation of openness action plans <p>The project targets: members and staff of the Parliament of Georgia and SCA, civil society organizations, youth, ethnic minorities, academia, media, and the public in general.</p>
<p>99.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Contributing to PAR through Civic Monitoring and Engagement Period of Performance: October 10, 2020 – October 10, 2022</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union Contact information: Delegation of the European Union to Georgia Mr. Carl Hartzell</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Georgia launched the Public Administration Reform (PAR) in 2015 after signing the Association Agreement with the EU. The general goal of the reform is to improve the transparency, predictability, accountability and efficiency of the public administration of</p>

	<p>Total Value: EUR 499,435.55; European Union: EUR 449,492; Partners Match: EUR 49,943.55 (IDFI - EUR 259,611.32 and GYLA - EUR 239,824.24) Project Number: ENI/2019/409- 956</p>	<p>38, Nino Chkheidze St. Tbilisi 0102, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 294 37 63</p>	<p>Georgia. For the past 4 years, successful implementation of PAR has been limited. According to Government of Georgia (GoG) PAR implementation monitoring results, 122 activities were assessed, out of which 55 were fully accomplished, 33 - mostly accomplished, 22 - partially accomplished, and 12 were not fulfilled. In addition to slow pace of implementation, several past obligations within the reform have been left unfulfilled for the most part of PAR’s existence. For example, an integral part of PAR, adoption of a separate Law on Freedom of Information has not been fulfilled, despite it being part of the reform since 2015.</p> <p>Generally, PAR lacks ambitious reforms, especially in the areas of transparency and accountability. If the previous PAR action plan included the national anti-corruption action plan, the current one omits this important element. Local governments are not part of PAR to the extent they should be and regional CSOs are not engaged in the oversight of the reform. Also, public participation and oversight in the implementation of PAR has been one of the weakest links of the reform, which hinders its successful implementation. The need to improve regional engagement and participation has been recognised by the Government in its Programme 2018-2020.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the third PAR action plan is implemented to the greatest extent possible and that the work is done to prepare for future improvement of the reform, implementing organizations (IDFI, GYLA, and regional CSOs) plan to promote civil society engagement in the monitoring and revision of the Public Administration Reform through innovations, capacity building and multi-stakeholder dialogue.</p> <p>Action Objectives</p> <p>The action aims to promote the implementation of the Public Administration Reform through innovations, capacity building, multi-stakeholder dialogue and civil society engagement in monitoring and revision of the PAR Action Plan.</p> <p>Specific Objectives of the action are the following:</p>
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			<p>1. Monitor the implementation of PAR through an innovative, inclusive approach</p> <p>2. Strengthen capacity of local CSOs to better contribute to oversight and implementation of PAR</p> <p>3. Facilitate PAR revision process through multi-stakeholder discussion and sharing of best practices.</p> <p>Action Major Activities</p> <p>IDFI and GYLA will monitor the implementation of Public Administration Reform, with particular focus on 4 components: policy development, accountability, public finance management and service delivery in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the implementation process, allowing for evidence-based revision. The assessment will serve as an alternative monitoring report, complementing and verifying the report of the GoG. Once unfulfilled commitments are identified, the project team will examine the principal reasons of failure and propose ways of addressing them. These observations will then be used by the implementing organizations for the revision of PAR and its action plan.</p> <p>A single interactive and dynamic monitoring platform will be an integral part of the monitoring process. Monitoring and research results will be stored on this platform. For this purpose IDFI will create an online monitoring platform - PAR Tracker, that will grant the public and all interested stakeholders ready access to comprehensive information about PAR implementation, as well as means to engage in the monitoring process.</p> <p>GYLA will train 11 local CSOs in at least 6 cities in Georgia (Akhmeta, Batumi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Poti and Marneuli), four of which have the self-governing status, while the fifth and sixth are populated by ethnic minorities (Muslim Kists in Akhmeta and Azerbaijanis in Marneuli). After the trainings, GYLA will select CSOs in each city via a competition, and issue small grants to them</p>
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			<p>to assess implementation of PAR reform at local level and identify shortcomings and opportunities through public discussions and workshops with the participation of all relevant local stakeholders.</p> <p>In an effort to facilitate PAR reform revision process, IDFI will study best practices on the most problematic issues identified by PAR Tracker and elaborate policy recommendations, which will be communicated to all relevant stakeholders and decision-makers through workshops and roundtable discussions. IDFI will also make active use of its media network to raise awareness about the reform, in an effort to stimulate public demand for more ambitious reform commitments. Finally, at the end of the project, IDFI and GYLA will hold a conference to gather all relevant stakeholders to advocate for improvements and ambitious commitments for the future of Public Administration Reform.</p> <p>The logic behind the action is that by creating an online platform for monitoring PAR, CSOs which are part of the PAR Council will be equipped with an effective common monitoring tool, and other CSOs, not part of the process, with area specific expertise will be given the opportunity to contribute to the reform. The PAR tracker will act as a bridging mechanism allowing target groups and beneficiaries to share their feedback and concerns with public institutions that are responsible for policy making, service delivery and PAR implementation.</p> <p>This systemic and innovative approach to monitoring will help identify all key challenges facing the reform. IDFI and GYLA will then develop evidence-based recommendations to counter these challenges by consolidating the feedback gathered through the PAR Tracker as well as studying best international practices. Finally, the recommendations for how to revise PAR will be advocated using all relevant channels.</p>
<p>100.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Experience Sharing in Public Procurement Period of Performance: November 21, 2019 – November 22, 2019</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Partners for Transparency Foundation Contact information: Rajat Nag</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>Fighting corruption in the field of public procurement is one of the important issues that need to be discussed. Sharing experiences and good practices between countries in this field helps to analyze problems and challenges and find ways to solve them.</p>

	Total Value: 16,000 USD	PTF-India is an independent affiliate of the Partnership for Transparency (PTF) in Washington, DC. 1110 Vermont Ave NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005 info@ptfund.org	Project Description: In the framework of the project, the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) in the cooperation with PTF India (Partners for Transparency Foundation) will organize the Study Program “Experience Sharing in Public Procurement”. Project Goal is to share good practices and drawbacks in the Georgian public procurement system and Georgia's anti-corruption system and policies to the heads of Anti-Corruption Study Program Departments of public entities of the Federal Republic of India and high officials of state-owned enterprises.
101.	Name of Grant Activity: Supporting the preparation of a South Caucasus study in Evidence-Based strategies on Combating Corruption Period of Performance: September 9, 2019 – October 20, 2019 Total Value: 2,000 EUR Project Number: VNR-11442	Awarding Organization: Bertelsmann Stiftung Contact information: Miriam Kosmehl Carl-Bertelsmann-Str. 256 33311 Gütersloh Germany Tel.: +49 5241 81-0 Fax: +49 5241 81-81999	Project Description In the framework of the project, the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) will provide support in preparing a South Caucasus study in Evidence-Based strategies on Combating Corruption based on three countries (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan) research report. IDFI will be engaged to assist the author of the study in preparation of country analysis of Georgia. IDFI will research and collect the content-relevant materials, and select interview partners in Georgia and conduct the interviews as needed. The scientific work is dedicated to the analyses of the development on rule of law against the background of the fight against corruption and the handling of organized crime in Georgia. The scientific work provides the answers, among other issues, to the questions of which factors determine the success of the fight against corruption. As a result, scientific work also provides recommendations to civil society actors and external donors to strategic fight against corruption in country-specific context.
102.	Name of Grant Activity: Fighting corruption through studying of the past; analyzing the	Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI), with co-funding from Open Society Georgia	Component I - Enhancing Openness of State Archives in Former Soviet Republics and Eastern Block Project Goal

	<p>present; and building human capacity for the future Period of Performance: June 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020 Total Value: 210,835.02 USD (Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation-195,835.02 USD; Open Society Georgia Foundation-15,000 USD) Project Number: OR2019-58650</p>	<p>Foundation 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>Objective 1. Promoting the openness of state archives by expanding the State Archive Openness Rating.</p> <p>Objective 2. Facilitating Soviet and Totalitarian Memory Studies.</p> <p>Planned Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the Network of Scholars. • International Conference on archival openness and soviet studies. • Assessment of new state archives conducted and published. • Conducting comprehensive study on archive openness. • Linking the Open Archives Network with relevant CSO networks. • Elaboration of a common approach to research during the conference. • Researching and publishing articles on soviet past. • Translating and sharing already existing studies and articles. <p>Component II - Studying how major international anti-corruption platforms promote transparent and accountable public procurement in Georgia and the Eurasia region</p> <p>Objective 1 - Fortify the Georgian public procurement system against corruption by developing systemic improvements.</p> <p>Objective 2 - Amplify the effect of all major anti-corruption platforms in Georgia, with a focus on improving the public procurement system.</p> <p>Planned Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborating policy proposals targeting specific corruption related loopholes in the Georgian public procurement system. • Holding public discussions on each policy proposal developed as part of the project. • Harnessing the Georgian public procurement reform to strengthen the TPPR international network of CSOs working on public procurement.
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<p>103.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Research project on potential gender-determined differences in</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Research project on potential gender-determined differences in civil service career paths in Georgia is the UNDP funded initiative</p>

	<p>civil service career paths in Georgia Period of Performance: 15 July 2019 – 31 December 2019 Value: USD 15,000 Project Number: #00095872</p>	<p>UN House, 9 R. Eristavi Street Tbilisi 0179 Georgia Tel.: +995 32 2251126 Fax: +995 32 2250271</p>	<p>implemented by the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI).The project aims to identify the key ways in which gender determines differences in career paths and the extent to which these differences are perceived as detrimental to the individual civil servants and the civil service as a whole.</p> <p>Secondary Objectives of the project are following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To study the satisfaction level of male and female employees towards the career system in civil service - To identify possible challenges and differences for male and female employees in development of their career paths - To measure the perception of the effect of these differences to the individual civil servants and the civil service - To provide recommendations for the improvement of the civil service career system <p>Under the project IDFI will carry out a research which will answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the journey of managerial level male and female civil servant from the beginning of the career and/or entering civil service to recent position? - What are the perceptions of male and female civil servants on the necessity and benefits of the career development in civil service? - What are the needs, challenges, and assumptions, positive and negative factors of/for male and female civil servants at each stage of career development? - What are the perceptions of male and female civil servants on the effectiveness of the career development in civil service? - What are the best practices in carer development and possible solutions of differences in career paths of civil servants?
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<p>104.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Develop Open Data Strategies and Action Plans for Kutaisi and Akhaltsikhe City Halls (2019-2020) Period of Performance: 03 May, 2019 – 20 October, 2019 Value: 50,160 GEL (\$18,578) Project Number: GGI-SUB-023</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD Contact information: Levan Samadashvili, Chief of Party Mikheil Darchiashvili, Governance Manager 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>Open data plays a major roles in the open government process. However, not all public information can be considered as open data, since it requires production in special format such as CSV and Open XML.</p> <p>In order to improve open data collection, processing and publishing process Akhaltsikhe and Kutaisi City Halls embarked on the commitment to develop Open Data Action Plans under the OGP National Action Plan of Georgia (2018-2019).</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The objective of GGI is to support Akhaltsikhe and Kutaisi City Halls in improving open data collection and publishing process and ensure release of open government data in a way that will make it more accessible, interoperable and reusable. The ultimate goal of GGI is to support its partner municipalities in the publication of valuable datasets to meet the existing demands from all stakeholders, including private sector, civil society, media, academia, etc.</p> <p>The specific objective of this project is to provide technical assistance to Akhaltsikhe and Kutaisi City Halls in developing Open Data Strategies and Action Plans (2019-2020) and monitoring frameworks that will ensure improved data management, including better practices of data disclosure, which is an important element of a wide variety of key policy documents and action plans.</p> <p>Project Activities</p>

			<p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, IDFI will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development of a detailed methodology ➤ Development of a detailed work plan ➤ Conduct comprehensive situational analysis ➤ Preparation of Situation Analysis Report and Recommendations ➤ Presentation of findings and recommendations ➤ Development of draft Strategies and Action Plans ➤ Conduct Public Discussion (focus group) ➤ Finalizing Strategies and Action Plans ➤ Development of Training Module ➤ Conduct capacity building activities ➤ Submission of final deliverables
<p>105.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Access to Information in Georgia - 2018 Period of Performance: March 15, 2019 – June 15, 2019 Value: 15,000 USD Project Number: G-1599-19-210-3023-20</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: East-West Management Institute’s (EWMI) Advancing CSO Capacities and Engaging Society for Sustainability (ACCESS) project, funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Contact information: Tamuna Karosanidze, CoP 5 marjanishvili St., 3rd Floor, Tbilisi, 0102 Georgia Tel: (+995 32) 2 20 24 44</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>IDFI will submit FOIA requests to all ministries and local government agencies (i.e. executive and legislative offices) and analyze received responses in terms of their compliance with the FOIA regulations in Georgia. It will also request and analyze the official statistical information on the FOIA databases (i.e. received and processed FOIA requests) maintained by the monitored government agencies.</p> <p>Additionally, IDFI will analyze the official websites of the monitored agencies to assess their compliance with the government regulation on the proactive disclosure of public information.</p> <p>Based on this monitoring and assessment, IDFI will develop and publish a comprehensive report on the FOIA adherence to Georgia to be accompanied with a national ranking of the most- and least-open government agencies.</p> <p>Scope of Work</p> <p>- Analyze responses to IDFI’s FOIA requests to central and local government agencies (2,000+ FOIA responses from over 250 government agencies);</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze official statistics on the FOIA requests received and processed by the government; - Analyze governmental websites to assess their compliance with the proactive disclosure regulations; - Prepare and publish a comprehensive report analyzing government’s adherence to the FOIA and proactive disclosure rules and regulations; - Prepare and publish the national ranking of the most- to least-open government agencies; - Organize the public presentation of the FOIA report and ranking and award most transparent and least transparent government agencies with respective certificates - Upload government’s responses to IDFI’s FOIA requests on the special FOIA database developed and maintained by IDFI https://idfi.ge/foi-statistics/; - Widely disseminate the project findings using info graphics, short videos, and other user-friendly communication tools.
<p>106.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Empowering Watchdog Community for Government Accountability Period of Performance: March 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020 Value: 33,670 EUR Project Number: 21830043</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Supported by: International Visegrad Fund Partner Organizations: KohoVolit.eu (Czech Republic and Slovakia), K-Monitor Public Benefit Association (Hungary), ePaństwo Foundation (Poland) Contact information: Zsofia Bajnay Hviezdoslavovo námestie 9, 811 02 Bratislava Slovakia Tel: +421 259 203 813 / 804</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>The project aims to empower Georgian public to effectively monitor and control the government, and enhance availability of public data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increase capacity of journalists, CSOs and activists through enhancing their oversight skills and promote conducting watchdog activities; 2) Enhance access to open data in Georgia through local advocacy efforts. <p>Such holistic approach will significantly improve the environment for the watchdog community through enriching their professional skills, fostering cooperation between CSOs, investigative journalists and activists and opening more public data.</p> <p>This approach will also expand the number of highly qualified watchdogs and investigative journalists throughout the country, who will have enough skills to follow spending of public money.</p>

			<p>By promoting watchdog activities the project will also increase public support for good governance in the country. Sharing experience of our partners from Visegrad countries will be crucial in this regard.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing a toolkit/practical manual for trainings 2. Consultations with project partners from Visegrad countries 3. Workshops/practical trainings 4. Providing consultations to journalists/activists/CSOs/watchdogs 5. Preparing analytical/investigative articles 6. Preparing visualizations and informative videos 7. Preparing datasets and further development of DataLab.ge 8. Contest of analytical/investigative reports/articles 9. Workshops on open data 10. Final presentation
<p>107.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Good Governance for Georgia (3G) Period of Performance: January 1, 2019 – April 30, 2022 Value: 390,000 USD</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Luminate, Global Philanthropic Organization Contact information: Stacy Donohue 1200 17th Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>Project aims at increasing public oversight of state institutions, and increasing transparency and accountability of the government of Georgia.</p> <p>IDFI plans to accomplish this goal by conducting oversight activities related to monitoring of effective, responsible, transparent, ethical and accountable governance and public procurement activities, preparing investigative analyses, and increasing capacity of journalists, CSOs and activists to enhance their oversight skills and methods in the respective areas.</p> <p>Initially, the project will pilot in Tbilisi (capital of Georgia) and gradually move to the rest of the country during the second and third years. The project will include the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote anti-corruption agenda, access to public information, government transparency and accountability by preparing monitoring reports and in-depth analytical papers about

			<p>implementation of fiscal policy at central and local government levels in Georgia;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on IDFI’s practice, develop a practical toolkit about the use of open data and existing online and offline resources and mechanisms for government oversight; - Hold practical trainings and workshops for the project’s target groups: journalists, local CSO representatives, activists and business sector representatives.
108.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: PPD Quality Tracking in Georgia – Continuation</p> <p>Period of Performance: December 20, 2018 – July 12, 2019</p> <p>Value: 25,000.00 USD</p> <p>Project Number: RFA #2018 - 016</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Governing for Growth (G4G) in Georgia Program, Deloitte Consulting LLP /USAID</p> <p>Contact information: Deloitte Consulting Overseas Projects LLC, on behalf of Grant Administrator Markus Mueller, Director</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) will continue implementing PPD Quality Tracking in Georgia. A regular, institutionalized platform for Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) will extend to future policy-making and development of legislation. In addition to assessing extent and quality of PPD at central public institutions (ministries), IDFI will raise awareness about high-quality PPD in the regions of Georgia (three selected municipalities - Rustavi, Telavi, Ozurgeti).</p> <p>The objective of this grant is to continue implementing “PPD Quality Tracking Mechanism” for which each major law or regulation proposed by selected key ministries with considerable economic impact 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>As a result, public discussions in Tbilisi and selected target regions will be arranged; Periodic and Annual Reports on Evaluations of Laws, will be produced; and Draft law with the highest evaluation in terms of extent and quality of PPD will be awarded.</p>
109.	Name of Grant Activity:	Awarding Organization:	Project Description

	<p>Supporting the Reform of the Supreme Court of Georgia Period of Performance: 15 December, 2018 – 15 July, 2019 Value: 25,852USD Project Number: G-1584-18-211-3024-20</p>	<p>East West Management Institute (EWMI)/Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia (PROLoG) Contact information: Neil Weinstein 5 Marjanishvili street, 3rd floor Tbilisi, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 50 54 04 Partner Organization: Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA) Contact information: 15 J. Kakhidze str. Tbilisi, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 93 61 01</p>	<p>The project is about the institutional organization, authority and functions of the Supreme Court of Georgia, appointment, accountability, removal of Supreme Court Judges, as well as specialization and case distribution.</p> <p>According to the new redaction of the Constitution of Georgia, Supreme Court Judges are elected permanently (without specific term) by the Parliament of Georgia. Candidates are presented to the Parliament by the High Council of Justice instead of the President of Georgia. The same rule applies to the election of the Chairperson of Supreme Court that is elected for 10 years. The project intends to present recommendations for the legislative changes on appointment of Supreme Court Judges. Moreover, final report will be prepared based on existing legislative framework and international standards.</p> <p>Project aim</p> <p>The main aim of the project is to support institutional reform of the Supreme Court of Georgia and to advocate legislative changes/amendments.</p> <p>Main goals of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing comprehensive analysis of the current legislation and policy documents connected to the Supreme Court of Georgia and identifying existing challenges and gaps; - Presenting recommendations on legislative changes taking into account international standards and best practices; - Advocating recommendations to the suitable bodies.
<p>110.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Developing the Transparency and Integrity Building Strategy and Action Plan for the Akhaltsikhe Municipality Period of Performance: 11 October , 2018 – 15 March, 2019</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID Good Governance Initiative in Georgia, Tetra Tech ARD Contact information: Levan Samadashvili 34 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 24 31 11</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>USAID Good Governance Initiative Project supports the Municipality of Akhaltsikhe in developing its governance capacities, including the area of fighting corruption on the local level. The City Hall of the Akhaltsikhe Municipality made a commitment in the 2018-2019 OGP National Action Plan to strengthen its</p>

	<p>Value: 35,300 GEL (\$13,074) Project Number: GGI-SUB-015</p>		<p>anticorruption system. The above-mentioned commitment includes development of a transparency and integrity strategy and action plan and their subsequent implementation. These activities will enable the Municipality of Akhaltsikhe to increase efficiency of its governance system, as well as boost transparency and accountability of institutions.</p> <p>Aim of the Project:</p> <p>The project aims to support the City Hall of Akhaltsikhe in developing the transparency, accountability and integrity strategy and action plan, as well as increase capacity of municipal civil servants in the area of fighting against corruption.</p> <p>Goals of the Project:</p> <p>In order to achieve the above-mentioned aim, IDFI will achieve the following goals throughout the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate development of the transparency and integrity strategy and action plan, support creation of a working group in Akhaltsikhe City Hall; - Analyze international experience in the fight against corruption on the local level, including recommendations/best practices of OECD, GRECO and their member states; - Conduct a detailed situation analysis with regard to transparency, accountability and integrity in municipal public institutions of Akhaltsikhe; - Based on the situation analysis, develop a draft strategy and action plan for increasing transparency and integrity; - To increase capacity of local civil servants, develop a manual f about anticorruption best practices; - Advocate for the formal adoption of the strategy and action plan and avocate for their integration in the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan.
<p>111.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Local Self-Government Index – 2019</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili</p>	<p>Project Goals</p> <p>The ultimate goal of the project is to enhance public participation and ease risks of corruption in municipalities by improving</p>

	<p>Period of Performance: September 20, 2018 – June 20, 2019</p> <p>Value: Total budget USD 60,203 (IDFI budget – USD 23,910, budget for 2018 – USD 10,660)</p> <p>Project Number: LDD/16/18 - 20828</p>	<p>10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</p>	<p>practices of transparency and accountability in local government bodies.</p> <p>To this end, the project aims to conduct follow-up assessment of municipalities in terms of openness and accountability based on Local Self-Government Index.</p> <p>Project Objectives</p> <p>Update the e-platform lsgindex.org enabling the assessment of transparency and accountability of municipalities and compilation of a comparative ranking of Georgian self-governing bodies.</p> <p>Raise public awareness about the Local Self-Government Index. Further raise qualification of local monitors.</p> <p>Conduct monitoring of all self-governing bodies and elaborate recommendations based on monitoring results.</p> <p>Prepare and present a national report on transparency and accountability of municipalities.</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Update of the platform – lsgindex.org – enabling monitoring of municipalities in terms of transparency and accountability. 2.Raising public awareness about the Local Self-Government Index. 3.Further raising qualification of local monitors. 4.Assessment of all target local government bodies. 5.Preparation and presentation of a national report of transparency and accountability of municipalities based on assessment results. <p>5. Project Management</p> <p>The project will be implemented by three organizations: Centre for Training and Consultancy (CTC), Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and Management Systems</p>
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			Development Center (MSDC). Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) will be actively involved in the implementation of the project and will monitor the process.
112.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Assessing Public Procurement Legislations and Practice in 8 Countries: Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, Indonesia, Philippines, Guatemala, Bolivia & Costa Rica</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 2018 – May 2019</p> <p>Value: 28,450 EUR</p> <p>Project Number: 1017089</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Hivos</p> <p>Contact information: Daniel Dietrich Raamweg 16, 2596 HL, The Hague, The Netherlands Tel: + 31 6 3939 0993 Fax: +31 (0)70 362 46 00</p>	<p>Project Goals</p> <p>The project aims to assess Public Procurement Legislations (PPL) and their implementation in Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, Indonesia, Philippines, Guatemala, Bolivia and Costa Rica with the use of the Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR) Methodology to map the readiness of the target countries to adopt contemporary, modern and efficient public procurement systems, based on open data and the principle – “everybody sees everything”. The main goal of the project is to provide CSOs in target countries with the necessary tools for advocating changes in their respective public procurement systems.</p> <p>Project Outline</p> <p>Public procurement accounts for around one-fifth of global GDP. In the most high-income economies the purchase of works, goods and services accounts for a third of total public spending, making it especially important to manage the risk of corruption, collusion and other illegal practices in this area.</p> <p>Without transparent public procurement systems, which are based on electronic means, are efficient and embrace open data, corruption may stay undetected from government authorities, watchdog organizations and the public. We believe that engaging in international collaboration between civil society organizations can create a stronger voice and better solutions to establish well-functioning public procurement systems.</p> <p>Transparent and efficient public procurement systems also ensure citizens have equal access to public goods and services. For example, procurement systems of Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova or South Korea allow regular citizens to meaningfully engage in public resource allocation and monitor public expenditures.</p> <p>Most countries in the Hivos “Open up Contracting” Portfolio have public procurement portals, however they lack contemporary elements, such as fully electronic procurement procedures built in the e-platforms; open data-based systems, which allow easy and</p>

			<p>fast access to procurement data; dispute settlement mechanism and its appropriate portal module, etc. These deficiencies are not only related to lack of technical expertise or financial resources in the country, but stem from incomplete legislative frameworks.</p> <p>The main goal of the project is to map these deficiencies of public procurement legislative frameworks with the help of local partner CSOs in target countries, propose relevant legislative changes and assess whether the countries have the necessary legislative foundation to implement open, electronic and transparent public procurement system reforms. The project will create a mapping of public procurement systems in target countries and will provide an efficient advocacy tool for CSOs to change public procurement systems. Additionally, all target countries will become part of the TPPR Rating, an international rating of countries' public procurement legislations. With the use of the rating, CSOs in target countries will have a comparative tool, with which it will be easy to compare their respective public procurement systems with those of other TPPR network countries (over 20 countries).</p> <p>Project Activities</p> <p>Activity 1 – Identifying partner CSOs in target countries Partner CSOs will be chosen in collaboration and upon recommendation from Hivos, based on the previous experiences that Hivos had with local CSOs. Partner CSOs will be trained and assisted in the particularities of the TPPR methodology upon final approval of their participation by Hivos.</p> <p>Activity 2 – Assessment of public procurement legal framework in target countries</p> <p>Partner CSOs will use the Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR) Methodology to evaluate the public procurement legislations of their country. The methodology was created by IDFI in partnership with different international stakeholders such as the Open Contracting Partnership, the World Bank, EBRD experts. The TPPR Methodology is a comprehensive methodology for assessing public procurement legislations with the ultimate goal of identifying the strengths and weaknesses of legal frameworks and</p>
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			<p>their enforcement around the globe. More about the Methodology can be found here.</p> <p>Activity 3 – Gathering public procurement data to identify what type of information is missing in target countries Procurement related data will be gathered by IDFI and its partner organization in each country. The questionnaire for data gathering is already created and is a part of the TPPR methodology. The questionnaire provides a possibility to assess whether information necessary for public procurement performance analysis is available in the country. The data gathered will be comparable across all target countries and is a part of the research assessing the readiness of target countries to adopt contemporary, open data-based public procurement systems.</p> <p>Activity 4 – Elaborating recommendations for the public procurement legal framework Based on the legislative assessment, IDFI and each partner organization will create recommendations and a legislative package necessary for creating a solid foundation for open, transparent and efficient public procurement systems. The recommendations and the legislative package will be used as an advocacy tool to push for relevant changes in public procurement law of each target country. The legislative package will include TPPR best practices, as well as experience of more than 20 countries, which are part of the TPPR network.</p>
<p>113.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting Establishment of a Professional Development System in Civil Service of Georgia Period of Performance: 23May, 2018 – 30 November, 2018 Value: \$35,600 Project Number: 0095872</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Governance Reform Fund (GRF) with funds of UK aid from the UK Government</p>	<p>Project Aim and Description: Professional development of civil servants is one of the key priority areas of the Civil Service Reform Concept, which creates an obligation for the state to create an effective system for professional development. However, development and launch of this system requires certain prerequisites that need to be in place. In addition to the Civil Service Reform Concept, Article 54 of the Law on Civil Service states that professional development standards and rules for determining professional development needs of a civil servant should be adopted through the Decree of the Government. The Civil Service Bureau drafted the Decree;</p>

			<p>however, it has not yet been publicly discussed nor formally adopted.</p> <p>Additionally, UNDP engaged an expert, which has developed a report containing analysis and recommendations on the professional development system.</p> <p>In order to successfully reform the professional development system, it is crucial to examine capacity of public training centers and what role they can play in the new framework. There are 12 public training centers operating independently or under the auspices of various ministries. These training centers offer a wide range of training modules/programs that are either general or tailored to specific ad hoc needs of its supervising ministry. Since no in-depth assessment of these training centers has been conducted, it is impossible to establish whether these programs/modules follow uniform standards and whether they take into account varying needs of civil servants. It has also not been established if these training modules are accessible only for civil servants or other public employees such as the contractual staff.</p> <p>The main objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to support the establishment of a professional development system of civil servants, conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing practices, capacities and expertise of and gaps of public training centers; - Examine the role, resources and capacity of private training providers as potential stakeholders in of the professional development system of civil servants; - Facilitate involvement of civil society, academia and other potential stakeholders in the establishment of policies on professional development of civil servants.
<p>114.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting Development of E-Transparency and E-Participation in the Municipalities of the Imereti Region</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) Contact information: Keti Khutsishvili Executive Director</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>Period of Performance: 18 April, 2018 – 18 September, 2018 Value: \$13,890 Project Number: LDD/08/18-20784</p>	<p>10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia Tel: +995 32 2 25 04 63 Fax: +995 32 2 29 10 52</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.</p> <p>New websites will be equipped with electronic petitions, questionnaires, budget planning tool, online forms for requesting public information, official document database etc.</p>
<p>115.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Prosecutorial Independence through Monitoring and Engagement (PrIME) Period of Performance: 14 March, 2018 – 14 May, 2020 Value: EUR 333,321.64; European Union: EUR 299,989.48; Partners Match: EUR 33, 332.16 Project Number: ENI/2018/396-009</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: European Union Implemented by: Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) in cooperation with the Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) and Studio Monitor Contact information: Janos Herman Head of Delegation CRRC-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>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the accountability of Prosecution Service of Georgia (internal independence) to ensure they meet the Strategy of the Prosecution Service of Georgia, international and EU standards; 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>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> <p>The content of outreach and awareness activities will majorly consist of data and challenge analysis of the monitoring and media investigation activities. Awareness will be raised in two main directions: the project and its component, and ongoing reforms and the role of PSG in a democratic society.</p> <p>Capacity building for prosecutors and investigators is directly linked to the overall objective of the project. Major focus will be placed on hate crime and VAW, since crimes committed with the discriminatory motive are highly sensitive in Georgia and represent a huge problem.</p> <p>A study visit in one of the successful countries in tackling those crimes will be valuable for prosecutors and uninvestigated.</p>
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<p>116.</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; - Strengthened Monitoring and Evaluation capacity of civil servants involved in the SDGs implementation process, through the effective application of the EMS; - SDG targets linked with national strategy documents; - Elaborated and disseminated first progress report on the implementation of SDGs; - Increased engagement of CSOs, academia and private sector in SDGs implementation and monitoring.
<p>117.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Combating Clientelism in Local Investments and Financial Transfers</p> <p>Period of Performance: November 2017 – February 2019</p> <p>Value: USD 8,360</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The Open Society Initiative for Europe through Expert Forum Association (EFOR)</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The local stakeholders, assisted by the project partners, will participate in public finance policy formulation and implementation by facilitating the policy dialogue between the 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> <p>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</p>
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<p>118.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Enhancing Access to Archival Documents in Former Soviet Republics Period of Performance: November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2019 Value: 84, 155.5 USD Project Number: OR2017-34436</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI): 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</p> <p>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
<p>119.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Transparent Public Procurement Rating – Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process in the Eurasian Region and Beyond Period of Performance: November 1, 2017 – May 31, 2019 Value: 155, 292 USD Project Number: OR2017-34436</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Institute Budapest Foundation (OSI): 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 Description</p> <p>The project aims to build on the experience of the project – “Transparent Public Procurement Rating (TPPR) – Assessing Public Procurement Legislation and the Enforcement Process 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)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.
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121.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Digital Literacy and Internet Freedoms in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017</p> <p>Value: USD 7,999</p> <p>Project Number: S-LMAQM-16-GR-1095</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The American Bar Association Through its Fund for Justice and Education</p> <p>Contact Information: Jeffrey Borns ABA ROLI, Deputy Director</p>	<p>Project Goals and Objectives The general goal of the project is to strengthen Internet 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Participate in IGF panel about Internet freedoms <p>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Prepare guidebooks

			<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>
<p>122.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: PTF-IDFI Partnership for improving effectiveness of ADB-CSO engagement in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: July 17, 2017 - August 30, 2017</p> <p>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</p> <p>Contact Information: Richard Stern President (www.ptfund.org) 571-205-6394</p>	<p>Project Description and Goals</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;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current national environment for CSO engagement and its implications for ADB-CSO engagement. 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>123.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Project to Support Independence and Transparency of the Constitutional Court</p> <p>Period of Performance: April 3, 2017 – February 3, 2018</p> <p>Value: USD 32,450</p> <p>Project Number: HR/01/17-20482</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: The project is implemented with the financial assistance of Open Society – Georgia Foundation</p> <p>Contact Information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director 8-10 Tamar Chovelidze St, Tbilisi</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>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>124.</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

			<p>- Representatives of private sector, including Internet service providers</p> <p>Project activities:</p> <p>1) Workshops 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, 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,</p>
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<p>125.</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.</p> <p>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</p>

			<p>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. 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>126.</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> <p>- Encourage use of open data and data visualization for monitoring government activities/spending among activists, journalists through</p>

			<p>establishment of an interactive platform containing hundreds of datasets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve cooperation between different groups of Georgian 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>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>127.</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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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-governance solutions:</p>
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<p>128.</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</p> <p>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.
<p>129.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strengthening the System of Parliamentary Democracy in Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: 1 September 2016 - 28 December 2018</p> <p>Value: USD 266,195.00</p> <p>Project Number: 00101142</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Problem Statement (Situation Analysis)</p> <p>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 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 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 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 Action Plan (2015-2016). 2.2. Introduction of the system of public consultations on draft legislation (Action Plan Commitment 1.1.)
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.3. Introduction of the system of submitting legislative initiatives electronically (Action Plan Commitment 1.2.) 2.4. Development of Open Data standards (Action Plan Commitment 3.1.) 2.5. Develop mobile applications for web services of the Parliament of Georgia (Action Plan Commitment 3.2.) 2.6. Ensuring access to parliamentary information for people with disabilities (Action Plan Commitment 2.1.) 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>3. Public Awareness Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Raising the Public Awareness about the Parliamentary Openness and the Implemented Commitments of the Action Plan 3.2. Support the Parliament of Georgia to plan, organize and implement the Legislative Openness Week in Georgia 3.3. OGP Global Summit in Georgia <p>4. Promoting UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs).</p>
<p>130.</p>	<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>Value: Total budget \$ 99,645 (IDFI budget – \$ 38,330)</p> <p>Project Number: LLD/10/16 (2) - 20360</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)</p> <p>Responsible Organizations: Centre for Training and Consultancy (CTC), Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and Management Systems Development Center (MSDC)</p> <p>Contact information: Ketevan Khutsishvili Executive Director Open Society Georgia Foundation 10, Chovelidze street, Tbilisi, 0108, Georgia</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>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% 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>Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</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. 4. To prepare and present a national report on transparency, participation mechanisms and practice of municipalities based on the assessment results. <p>4. Activities</p>
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<p>131.</p>	<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 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>Project Description</p> <p>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 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 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.
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<p>132.</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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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
<p>133.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Developing a Transparency and Integrity Framework for the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia</p> <p>Period of Performance: March 9, 2016 – December 8, 2016</p> <p>Value: 52 351,52 USD</p> <p>Project Number: GGI-G-006</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Tetra Tech ARD, USAID Good Governance Initiative</p> <p>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>Project Description</p> <p>Transparency, financial accountability, public engagement and 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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 its incorporation into the general anti-corruption framework. • Improve access to public information for further cultivation of public engagement.
<p>134.</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</p> <p>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>

			<p>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>
<p>135.</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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 g. Conducting media monitoring to evaluate policy impact of IDFI <p>3. Internal Development and Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Creating new governing structure comprised of a board of advisors, the board and executive director b. Creating thematic institutional directions reflecting hybrid character of the Institute c. Creating a position of Assistant to Executive Director d. Inviting Internal development expert for regular consultation and assistance e. Inviting fundraiser expert for regular consultation and assistance f. Creating a full-time position for PR and communications manager <p>Organizing annual team-building meetings for the staff</p>
<p>136.</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 Period of Performance: October 16, 2015 – April 16, 2016 Value: USD 44, 950</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>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>

	<p>Project Number: LDD/14/15-20078</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 • 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 <p>Conduct activities to raise public awareness</p>
<p>137.</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: Deloitte Consulting Overseas Projects LLC, on behalf of Grant Administrator</p>	<p>Goal</p> <p>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)

		<p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation and public comment <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 <p>Outreach/Dissemination activities</p>
<p>138.</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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 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</p>

			<p>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: <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 and recommendations by the experts and researchers.
139.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Supporting and Monitoring of the</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF) Contact information:</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p>

	<p>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>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>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</p> <p>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 (national and local coverage operators) related to transition to digital broadcasting process. - 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
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			<p>their implementation. 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 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. - 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
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			<p>point selection.</p> <p>- Studying whether the interests of ethnical minorities are considered during the process of transition to digital broadcasting. 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>
140.	<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 E-mail: shala@freepressunlimited.org</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</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 <p>Website update</p>
141.	<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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

			<p>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</p> <p>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 <p>Preparing recommendations and a project of legislative initiatives for state support policy.</p>
<p>142.</p>	<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 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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify existing GoG datasets that should be published on open data portals, - 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>Activities</p> <p>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,

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>143.</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 Award 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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>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> <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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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</p> <p>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 ○ Facilitate public consultations to finalize Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan ○ Support peer exchanges and participation of the WG members at international OGP-related events ○ Finalize the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan for its adoption by the Parliament of Georgia • Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan implementation process will be launched <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support the WG in the implementation of the Action Plan <p>Launch public awareness campaign.</p>
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<p>144.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Strategic Plan Georgia 2020 – Strengthening Public Involvement (ZigB) Dates: October, 2014 – February 2015 Location: Georgia Value: EUR 86 580 Award Number: 2514AA0529</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Federal Foreign Office of Germany Partner Organization: University of Bremen Contact information: Prof. Dr. Jochen Zimmermann, +49 (0)421 218-66680 E-Mail: jzimmerm@uni-bremen.de</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</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. 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 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). • 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
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145.	<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 Brief Description</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 <p>Training of trainers - Train librarians to transfer technology skills to library users</p>
146.	<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>Project Brief Description</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>
<p>147.</p>	<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 activities and participating in the decision making process <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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration of the concept and the prototype of the web-page.
148.	<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>Project Brief Description</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);
149.	<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>Project Brief Description</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 with experience in implanting provisions to more readily disclose public information: 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:</p> <p>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; <p>Recommendation paper on improving FOIA compliance by GoG institutions will be worked out.</p>
<p>150.</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>Project Brief Description</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 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</p>

			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.
151.	<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>Project Brief Description</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.
152.	<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 Tel:+995 32 2 25 04 63 E-mail: contact@osgf.ge , osgf@osgf.ge</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</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. 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 1.3. Educational activities regarding request of public information 2. Advocacy campaign (FOI changes) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Legal Practice & Reform concerning access to public information

			<p>2.2. Advocacy Strategy: participating in policy changes, using existing expertise for better informed policy decisions</p> <p>3. Watchdog activities</p> <p>3.1. Coalition Activities: technological improvement of Web-Page www.opendata.ge</p> <p>3.2. Awards: nominations for the most accountable and closed public authorities</p> <p>3.3. Development of bilingual FOI database.</p>
<p>153.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Process and Increasing Public Awareness of FOIA</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Dates: June 2013- January 2014</p> <p>Value: 103993.57 USD (182 038,01GEL)</p> <p>Award Number: 493700.01-13-139.POI</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: USAID, Good Governance in Georgia (G-3)</p> <p>Partner Organizations: Transparency International Georgia, Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC)</p> <p>Contact Information: Koba Khutsishvili MSI POC 5 Mtskheta Street, Tbilisi, 0108 E-mail: kkhutsishvili@msi-georgia.com</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</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.</p> <p>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 Prime

			<p>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>154.</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</p> <p>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".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 growth of transparency of SOEs and elaborate recommendations. ▪ 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.
155.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Promoting Internet freedom in South Caucasus</p> <p>Dates: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Value: EUR 149.854 (IDFI budget - 18.400 EURO)</p> <p>Award Number: O-GE-02-14-01</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia and Armenia</p> <p>Coordinator Organization: Stichting Free Press Unlimited</p> <p>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>Project Brief Description</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. 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.
156.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: EU-Georgia e-governance facility</p> <p>Location:</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: DIADIKASIA Business Consultants S.A., assigned by the European Commission</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p>

	<p>Georgia Dates: 20 June, 2013 Value: 13.200 Euros Award Number: EUROPEAID/131671/C/SER/GE</p>	<p>Contact Information Konstantinos Tsiakataras Partner and Project Director ktsiakataras@diadikasia.gr +302106729040</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 • 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>
<p>157.</p>	<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>Project Brief Description</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.</p> <p>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.</p>

			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.
158.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: “Past Legacy of a New 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>Awarding Organization: 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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>In the frameworks of the project, IDFI researchers looked for 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>
159.	<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>Project Brief Description</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</p>

			<p>account the activities to be implemented by the involved parties were planned.</p> <p>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; 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;
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<p>160.</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. 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. 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</p>

			<p>international standards and for those who work in this area of the protection of the right to information in national or international level.</p> <p>Also the Intern will assist the IDFI team in preparing administrative complaints against the state authorities who refuse, do not respond or ignore letters of requests of information, also intern will participate in litigations and defend the interest of the Institute during court cases.</p>
<p>161.</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>Project Brief Description</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;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>162.</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>Project Brief Description</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.</p> <p>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;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 society and Georgian government through the governmental web-space and e-engagement; • 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.
<p>163.</p>	<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>Project Brief Description</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.
164.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe</p> <p>Location: Tbilisi</p> <p>Award Number: CEAD 32992</p> <p>Dates: 6 July 2012</p> <p>Value: 1.700 Euros</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe</p> <p>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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Roundtable on the topic – Freedom of Information and Accessibility of Public Documents for media professionals.</p>
165.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe</p> <p>Location: Kutaisi</p> <p>Dates: 26 October 2012</p> <p>Value: 1.996 Euros</p> <p>Award Number: CEAD 32992</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Council of Europe</p> <p>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>Project Brief Description</p> <p>Roundtable on the topic – Freedom of Information and Accessibility of Public Documents for media professionals.</p>
166.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Improving the Accountability and Transparency of the Georgian Courts</p> <p>Location: Georgia</p> <p>Dates: October 2011 – September 2012</p> <p>Value: 49 720.00 USD</p> <p>Award Number: 000720</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), East-West Management Institute (EWMI)</p> <p>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 E-mail: info@egfound.ge</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</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.</p> <p>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;

			<p>• to increase the level of trust of population towards judiciary system via development of transparent judiciary system.</p>
<p>167.</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>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;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise the public awareness towards the issue of freedom of information, as well as to perform a successful advocacy of the organization’s activities and the effective delivery of Institute’s objectives to a wider public by the media, social networks and the Institute’s web-page; • The IDFI used social media as a powerful tool for maintaining an interactive communication with public of Georgia; <p>Upon the completion of the monitoring, the IDFI carried out a comprehensive analytical work that included several assessments of the project and its results.</p>
<p>168.</p>	<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>Project Brief Description</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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications Prepared and Issued within the Framework of Project
169.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Georgian Nationalism and Soviet Power: the March 1956 Events in Context Location:Georgia Dates: 1 September 2011 – 31 July 2012 Value: 54588 Euros Award Number:250736</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: University of Eastern Finland Academy of Finland</p>	<p>Project Brief Description</p> <p>The project has analyzed the relationship between Georgian nationalism and Soviet power by focusing on the background, 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>
170.	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Stalin’s Lists on Georgia</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>Project Brief Description</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. 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>

<p>171.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Public information on-line database – Public information registry Location: Georgia Dates: September 2010 – February 2011 Value: 26,972.19 USD Award Number: 17261</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 Aim of the Project:</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; <p>To enhance public control over government agencies through active engagement of the population, non-governmental sector and media.</p>
<p>172.</p>	<p>Name of Grant Activity: Monitoring of Governmental Agencies' Informational Recourses, 2010 Location: Georgia Dates: July 2010 – December 2010 Value: 45 000.00 USD Award Number: 40017688</p>	<p>Awarding Organization: Foundation Open Society Institute (\$30 000.00) and the National Security Archive (\$15 000.00) 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.

173.	<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>Project Brief Description</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>
174.	<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</p>	<p>Project Description</p> <p>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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