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**Vision**

The building of the Georgian state rests on key democratic principles and values: freedom, equality, rule of law, and respect for human rights, and serves the welfare of each citizen, restoration of territorial integrity, and Georgia’s full European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The crisis triggered by COVID-19 has created new challenges for Georgia, similar to the rest of the world. The pandemic has affected every level of social life.

Consequently, the key goal of the Government Program 2021-2024—Toward Building a European State is to overcome the pandemic-related crisis, ensure rapid economic recovery and development, and put in place stable and safe environment for every citizen.

In parallel, the country will continue progressing toward democratic consolidation and aspiring for European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the international arena. The following years’ key tasks include the country’s institutional, economic, and social readiness to apply for full EU membership in 2024.

In light of the objectives above, and to secure the country’s rapid economic recovery and development, along with building a strong, unified democratic state, the efforts of the Georgian Government in 2021-2024 will be channeled toward the following 4 key directions:

* **Foreign policy, security, conflict-resolution, and human rights** - Security is the cornerstone of the country’s development. Given the country’s occupation and growing external threats, it is important to deepen cooperation with the country’s strategic partners and to ensure European and Euro-Atlantic integration, on one hand, and to secure the effective functioning of a defense system compatible with international standards, also of structured maintaining domestic security and law and order, on the other. Equally important is to maintain full compliance with high human rights standards. Also, on the path of full EU integration, deepening economic, trade, transport, communications, and energy ties with the European Union represent crucial aspects.
* **Economic Development** − The Government’s economic policy will focus on encouraging economic growth, with promoting rapid post-crisis business recovery and development as the starting point which, for its part, should create new jobs and overcome extreme poverty. At the same time, the state will use every available tool of economic policy to promote the creation of additional stimuli for economic development.
* **Social policy and human capital development:** − The state must support the empowerment of human capital as an important factor in economic development, also fostering the development of a decent system of social security, the further advancement and effective management of the healthcare system; and, despite the barriers created by the pandemic, putting in place a quality, accessible system of education grounded in technological achievements.
* **State governance** − Strong state institutions, and qualified and honest public servants, make up an important asset in building a strong state. In the fight against the crisis, special importance is attached to effective state governance and result-oriented governmental work that must be visible and tangible for every citizen.

# **Foreign Policy, Security, Conflict-Resolution, and Human Rights**

## **Foreign Policy**

Given the current security environment, special importance in strengthening Georgia’s national security is attached to Georgia’s European and Euro-Atlantic integration, deeper cooperation with strategic partners, and the strengthening of the country’s sovereignty and restoration of territorial integrity through engagement from the international community. In this context, the Government of Georgia continues its peaceful policy for regulating the RussoGeorgian conflict.

At the same time, the recent events in the region have brought about new challenges. In light of the present situation, support for initiatives seeking to establish relevant negotiation formats with sizeable Western representation is important for Georgia to counter new threats and challenges.

Georgia’s number one task in the international arena, as well as on partners’ agenda for relations with Russia, is **to keep and bolster the issue of regulating the Russo-Georgian conflict at a high level.**

At the same time, the country continues proactive and constructive participation **in the Geneva International Discussions**, to use this format effectively for countering security and humanitarian challenges stemming from Russian occupation. Intensive work will continue toward reinforcing this format high on the agenda of our partners, including in terms of securing high-level representation of Georgia’s strategic partners in said format.

Equally active will be continuous work toward achieving concrete, tangible results in deoccupation efforts, which involves ensuring practical steps toward the **full implementation of the August 12, 2008 Ceasefire Agreement** facilitated by the EU. The confirmation and fulfilment of the non-use of force obligation by the Russian Federation, along with the withdrawal of troops from the occupied territories, are of paramount importance. In parallel, ensuring the establishment of international security mechanisms on the ground, and enhanced international engagement in this process, represents an important line of action.

An equally important priority seeks to grant the **EU Monitoring Mission** access to Georgia’s occupied territories, in order to ensure the full implementation of the mission’s mandate.

**Special attention will be paid to bettering the humanitarian situation and ensuring respect for human rights in the occupied territories.** Consolidation of international efforts and effective use of negotiation formats in this direction will continue. Proactive work will continue in relation to the persons on the **Otkhozoria-Tatunashvili List** in order to attract support from various countries and international organizations and introduce restrictive measures.

Boosting efforts toward ensuring the **safe and honorable return of IDPs and refugees** from Georgia’s occupied territories will be one of the key priority lines of action.

In the same vein, equally important directions involve consolidating the non-recognition policy and mobilizing international effort to prevent risks and respond to individual cases.

The country aims at **peaceful conflict-resolution**, as part of which special importance is attached to the **policy of reconciliation and engagement**. The cornerstone of state policy is Georgia’s stable development to make the country appealing to those living on either side of the occupation lines. The foregoing stands for sharing with those living in the occupied territories the goods and services achieved through the state’s democratic and economic development and European integration.

Priority will be given to the successful implementation of the Georgian Government’s peace initiative, A Step to a Better Future. Until the ultimate resolution of the conflict, special attention will be paid to enhancing and developing building trust between the torn communities and cooperation based on shared interests as one of the Government’s key tasks. Active work will continue further to mobilize international support.

State interests will be further defended in the Strasbourg and Hague Courts, the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers, and the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH). In 2021, the European Court of Human Rights will publish its decision on the case of the 2008 war, and its enforcement procedures will be launched. The Hague International Criminal Court’s Office of the Prosecutor will further step up its investigation and continue cooperation to defend the rights of the Georgian state and population.  
 **The component of full EU integration holds a special place in Georgia’s European and EuroAtlantic integration.** To this end, the country will further bolster individual directions on the integration agenda, those outlined in the roadmap for EU integration. Above all else, active work will continue toward the effective implementation of the Association Agreement, and tapping into the opportunities offered by it, including the DCFTA component.  
  
At the same time, especially important for offering tangible results to citizens will be continuous work toward integration into the single European market

**Security and defense cooperation with the EU, alongside sectoral integration, will deepen substantially**. Special attention will be paid to participation in EU programs and cooperation with specialized agencies.

Special emphasis in relations with the EU will be placed on finding and effectively tapping into new opportunities under the Eastern Partnership. In this context, it is necessary further to strengthen the so-called Associated Trio of associated partners: Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine through ensuring maximal coordination on European integration issues and developing shared positions.

An important area for **action in relation to the EU involves further cementing Georgia’s transit function** and deriving mutual benefits from the component linked to membership of the European Energy Community and engagement in the Trans-European Transport Network. All these activities, alongside the search for new integration opportunities, serve the ambitious ultimate goal of preparing for official application for full EU membership and further ensuring accession to the EU.

One of the country’s key foreign policy tasks is accession to the **North Atlantic Alliance**. To this end, the decision of the 2008 Bucharest Summit and the obligations defined in the Constitution of Georgia will continue to be carried out resolutely. Also, Georgia, as an aspirant country, will continue effectively using the basic tools for NATO integration (the updated Substantial NATO-Georgia Package [SNGP], the Annual National Program, and the NATOGeorgia Commission). Further steps will be taken to ensure more NATO in Georgia (drills, trainings, and others).

**The Black Sea security dimension** is a special aspect of NATO-Georgia cooperation. Georgia positions as the Alliance’s reliable partner in its Eastern flank, one that is ready to contribute to this direction, an approach evidenced by the plan designed to develop the country’s strategic vision in the context of Black Sea security. Consequently, the process of **developing the national policy on Black Sea security will be initiated.**

Active work will continue to ensure deeper **strategic cooperation with the US as the country’s main strategic partner**. Work will intensify on such priority directions as security cooperation, enhanced defense capabilities and Euro-Atlantic integration, the country’s de-occupation, and cementing the non-recognition policy toward the occupied territories, also further US support for the country’s economic development and consolidation of democratic institutions.

Active work will continue in every direction (the so-called sectoral cooperation component) under the Strategic Partnership Charter between the two countries. The Government seeks to deepen and enhance defense and security cooperation with the US and to coordinate a new legal framework to that end. Work will intensify on the issue of the Free Trade Agreement with the US (in order to finalize the document), alongside efforts to encourage US investments in Georgia and the wider Black Sea Region. A special line of action involves maintaining and strengthening Georgia’s unwavering support by the US Congress.

In light of the current state of affairs, **cementing bilateral relations** with partners, advancing present cooperation formats to a qualitatively new level, and search for new areas become especially relevant for Georgia. The state will advance **bilateral partnership with European countries to a strategic level,** also continuing and further deepening partnership with traditional allies from among the European states. The country takes a keen interest in further deepening cooperation with the UK in the post-Brexit period.

Active efforts will be channeled toward implementing a policy based **on balanced and mutually beneficial cooperation** in the region. With Georgia positioning as an actor in the wider Black Sea Region, special attention will be paid to boosting regional bilateral and multilateral cooperation among the relevant countries of the Black Sea Basin. In this context, strategic and political ties with said countries will deepen alongside sectoral cooperation.

Of vital importance will be the continuation of the process of border delimitation and demarcation in line with national interests and based on strategic partnership and good neighborly relations.

**In light of the growing role of and opportunities found in Asia, the Near East, Africa, and South America**, further enhancing the country’s visibility in said regions, and the promotion of Georgia’s economic prosperity, make up the next line of action.

Given the rapidly changing geopolitical challenges, it becomes especially relevant for Georgia to be actively engaged in **global and regional international organizations, within the frameworks of multilateral formats.** Consequently, one of the key directions in the country’s foreign policy seeks active engagement in international organizations and the implementation/positioning of policies serving the country’s national interests.

In light of today’s challenges and opportunities, special attention and support is in order for the **Georgian diaspora** abroad. It will important to that end to continue various grant programs and projects seeking to introduce a systemic approach to relations with the diaspora and to encourage diaspora initiatives. Special attention will be paid to the implementation of existing projects, and work will continue toward establishing and developing new cultural and educational centers for compatriots abroad.

**Care for Georgian citizens abroad**, and the effective protection of their rights and lawful interests, will remain a key priority.

## **Strengthening the Country’s Defense Capabilities**

In light of the present security context and today’s challenges, it is important to strengthen the country’s defense capabilities and sustainability through the institutional development of combat-ready, mobile, NATO-compatible defense forces equipped with modern capabilities, also through deeper interagency cooperation.

The further introduction of total defense elements, and the development of its military component, will continue. Alongside strengthening the defense forces—which, among other goals and tasks, rests on 5 key priorities: development of air defense, anti-tank, artillery, intelligence (ISTAR), and engineering capabilities—participation in international peace missions alongside the Alliance’s member and partner states will continue to cement global security. At the same time, the defense forces will be ready to provide the civil authorities’ support during natural and technological emergencies at home.

The country’s participation in the Alliance’s peace missions and operations, alongside keeping the expenditures allocated to the Defense Ministry at least at 2% of GDP, will be ensured in the future. Active cooperation with the US will continue toward strengthening Georgia’s sustainable combat readiness and defense capabilities. One of the key components of USGeorgia defense cooperation is the Georgia Defense Readiness Program (GDPR) incorporating training and institutional development components. The GDPR helps identify infantry battalion training and equipment needs and contributes to constantly maintaining high combat readiness.

With assistance from partners, the Defense Ministry will continue building combat modeling and simulation capabilities. By 2024, these capabilities will be strengthened within the framework of the Joint Training and Evaluation Center (JTEC). Also, the Civil Office and the General Staff will cooperate with the JTEC on the development of modeling scenarios and concepts for high-level drills and operations for land, air, sea, and cyberoperations to be carried out at strategic, operative, and tactical levels. The JTEC will evolve into a NATO-affiliate training and evaluation center bringing together both Georgian and NATO/NATO partner staffs, with its goal being to train personnel and troops based on top-notch NATO-compatible programs.

The Defense Ministry will reform the Common Military Center to better the mechanism for sharing military-branch experience. Within the center’s framework, Georgia’s defense forces will be divided into land, armed and mechanized, logistics, medical, aviation, air defense, intelligence, engineering, also nuclear, biological and chemical, communications, and artillery-focused schools. In addition, in light of modern requirements, the institutionalization of such important segments of military education as training of officers and sergeants will continue along with their alignment with the Alliance’s standards.

Based on the process of strategic defense review, special attention in the next 4 years will be paid to the establishment of balanced and sustainable forces through further developing the management and control systems of Georgia’s defense forces which will be tailored to suit task management requirements. In the same vein, the special task forces will be reformed structurally and functionally, with special focus on strengthening air defense, anti-tank, and engineering capabilities and elements for tackling hybrid challenges, including intelligence and cyber-defense tools. At the same time, priority will be given to bettering defense infrastructure and decentralization of the logistics management system

The development of military medicine capacities will continue, and so will the efforts seeking to upgrade the effectiveness of medical services/rehabilitation for service members of the defense forces, the Defense Ministry’s staff, their family members, and the family members of deceased service members, also social reintegration and resocialization measures for injured/wounded service members. Financing of apartment building and other social projects for service members will continue.

The Defense Ministry will develop an upgraded reserve and mobilization system through improving its effectiveness and reliability. This vision stems from international experience and analysis of challenges in the mobilization system, based on which active and mobilization reserves are defined as the key types of military reserve.

Manufacturing batch production of military and dual-purpose products will be one of the working areas of the Defense Ministry. Under the long-term vision, the enhancement of the capacities and role of the State Military Scientific and Technical Center Delta LEPL will continue.

Successful cooperation with NATO/EU members states and other partners will continue toward improving and upgrading legal bases for bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Initiatives defined under the SNGP will be implemented. With effective assistance from the Alliance, a higher quality of compatibility with NATO will be achieved in bilateral and multilateral formats.

Security and defense cooperation with the EU will be boosted and deepened. In following years, a formal application will be submitted for launching cooperation with the European Defense Agency (EDA). The Defense Ministry will also be ready to participate in concrete projects under the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO).

## **Security and Law and Order**

***Public Safety and Order***

The National Security Council (and its office), a key strategic advisory body of national security, will continue active efforts toward planning and coordinating national security policy.

The ongoing upgrading of two fundamental conceptual national security documents: The National Security Concept and the Risk Assessment Document will be continued/finalized.

Cybersecurity is one of the country’s priority directions. As a result of developing a relevant conceptual legal framework, the key goal is the creation of robust institutional architecture and the upgrading of security standards.

The state will pay special attention to combatting hybrid threats. To this end, the elimination of flaws in this area and the development of a national strategy for combatting hybrid threats will be launched.

The implementation of a **unified analysis-based criminal policy** and **ensuring retributive justice** are key to establishing a safe environment and protecting order in the country.

To that end, it is necessary to **continue the reforms** in the areas of security and law and order and to implement measures seeking to **improve the quality** of performance.

In line with concept of **Systemic Upgrade**, the further development of the Interior Ministry will continue to involve structural and essential amendments and legislative initiatives alike.

**The criminal police reform** will continue, as part of which the investigative, operative, and district directions will be clearly separated throughout Georgia. The replacement of the district direction with the model of public-oriented police activities will continue. The institute of law and order officer will be developed with its key goal being to work on crime prevention. To draw closer to international standards and enhance the effectiveness of police work, regulatory legislation on operative and investigative work will be upgraded.

**The empowerment of the investigative component** and **qualitative improvement of investigation** will continue. Based on the Venice Commission’s recommendations, draft amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code—seeking to ensure clear separation of investigative and prosecutorial functions, enhance the independence and responsibilities of investigators, and ultimately upgrade the quality of investigation—will be developed and submitted to the Parliament of Georgia. To ensure the system’s readiness for the enactment of said amendments, the Interior Ministry will develop a multiyear action plan incorporating attracting new human resources, amendments to hiring procedures, systemic retraining for currently employed investigators, and other measures seeking to enhance quality.

**The upgrading of the system for investigation quality monitoring will continue**, and so will support for the centralized mechanism for quality control—the Department of Human Rights Protection and Investigation Quality Monitoring—as a way to that end.

Active steps will be taken toward **ensuring effective investigation into offenses committed by and against juveniles**, introduction of special approaches to minors, and establishment of an environment suitable for juveniles. The introduction of infrastructure suitable for juveniles will continue across the country, and so will specialization of investigators and their quality enhancement, and measures designed to prevent juvenile crime.

**The border police reform will continue**, and so will the development of human resources, border infrastructure, modern technologies of border surveillance and active cooperation with NATO. The development of a single system for border management risk analysis, and its integration into a relevant analytical system, will continue. The cooperation of the coastal guard with the North Atlantic Alliance will deepen further. The development of the Joint Maritime Operations Center will continue.

**The patrol police reform will continue** further to simplify administrative processes, enhance access to patrol services, foster the adoption of modern technologies. The concept of the **joint patrol police service center** will be adopted throughout the country.

Approaches designed to prevent crime and an analysis-bases police activity model will be adopted, to which end the establishment of a nationwide network of analysts at police units will continue.

Active **fight against organized and drug-related crime** will remain the Ministry’s priority.

Cooperation with international police structures will deepen. Active cooperation with Europol will continue, the network of police attachés will expand, especially in EU member states.

In response to issues arising from vise-free travel, effective management of migration flows and borders, and the implementation of the readmission agreement, will be bolstered.

To attract qualified young workforce into the system, and to enhance the motivation of presently employed human resources, an **effective human resources management system** will be established to incorporate effective mechanisms for hiring, promotion, and social security. Rules for hiring will be further upgraded. The Interior Ministry’s Academy will focus on professional training/retraining for police officers. Consequently, educational programs will be developed to counter challenges identified in police work. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) will be adopted. Social security mechanisms for police officers will be upgraded, and their remuneration will gradually increase. At the same time, an internship system will be developed to attract motivated and qualified workforce into the Ministry.

The implementation of the **road safety program** will continue. The use of new technologies in road traffic administration will increase dramatically. To that end, the system of points will be further upgraded, a practical component of driving in city streets will be integrated into the driver’s license test, and legislative framework will be developed to put in place preventive measures.

To enhance the effectiveness of **emergency management**, operational capacities/resources will be developed, the level of readiness will be advanced, and the quality of response will improve. It is planned to overhaul equipment/machinery and fully modernize infrastructure, also significantly to boost international cooperation. Advanced emergency management technologies will be adopted, such as an electronic fire safety supervision system.

To improve public and road safety, **the Public Safety Management Center 112 LEPL** will continue expanding/developing nationwide video surveillance and speed control systems. Through adopting the Priority Dispatch Software (ProQA), response to priority cases will grow faster, an early SMS warning system will be introduced to warn subscribers in dangerous territories about existing or potential threats; for the purpose of combating and preventing domestic violence, an electronic monitoring system will be developed to boost the effectiveness of real-time control over offenders.

The creation of **new digital police products** will continue, including an anonymous reporting platform, an electronic border-crossing system, a transport information platform, a citizen feedback system, and others.

The process of **renovating/rehabilitation police buildings, and the construction of new ones**, with relevant material and technical bases in place, will continue. **The infrastructural renovation of pre-trial detention facilities, the construction of new ones, and replacement of outdated surveillance systems, also the establishment of medical facilities, and the installation of new devices in pre-trial detention facilities**, will continue. To align provisional detention facilities for migrants with international standards, and to improve the conditions of detainees, the current infrastructure will be rehabilitated, new ones will be built, and equipped with material and technical means.

Far-reaching projects will be implemented further to make the services offered to the public by the **Service Agency** more flexible, comfortable, and diverse. **Remote services will be introduced, such as** remote registration/alienation of transport. Citizens will be able to register their transport online, using a special software. The Service Agency will offer citizens a simplified remote service for changing their license numbers.

To put in place a high standard for evidence, forensics capacities will be developed, and laboratories will be equipped with modern technologies, the area of accreditation will expand in individual forensics directions, K9 capacities will be boosted.

Given the rising cybercrime trends, special attention will be paid to cybersecurity issues. To that end, similar to Tbilisi, police units for combating cybercrime will be gradually established in every big city, the number of police officers with necessary qualifications will increase, effective steps will be taken for timely identification of materials harmful for minors. Said units will be equipped with special software and technical devices, legislative framework will be upgraded, and operative cooperation with leading European and US cybercrime agencies will deepen.

**The empowerment of the Unit for Witness/Victim Coordination** will continue with a view to assisting victims and witnesses and protecting them from repeated victimization.

***Penitentiary System***

The development of the penitentiary system and securing its compliance with international standards will remain a priority direction. To that end, the maximal alignment of the penitentiary system’s infrastructure with international standards will continue, and so will the **construction of new, smaller penitentiaries** and renovation of existing ones in line with applicable international human rights and rehabilitation standards.

**Family-type penitentiary facilities** will be established to house several juveniles sharing interests and aspirations, to enable them to live in a family-like environment until release.

**Resocialization and rehabilitation programs** will be boosted in penitentiary and probation systems.Employment, professional learning, education, and recreation opportunities will be boosted for convicts and former inmates. To that end, relevant systems and infrastructure will be installed to meet the needs of vulnerable groups.

On January 1, 2020, the Center for Professional Training and Retraining of Convicts LEPL was launched to develop targeted activities/projects designed to promote professional learning and employment for convicts.

Effective methodologies for the individual assessment of former inmates will be adopted, including for classification, sentence planning, and case management.

To support transition from penitentiaries into the probation system and return from penitentiaries/probation into society, a **policy for preparing for freedom** will be introduced.

It is planned to build brand-new infrastructure for the psychiatric unit at the Medical Facility #18 and to equip it with an adequate walking area.

To ensure civil sector service quality, **healthcare services** provided to defendants/convicts in penitentiaries **will be further improved.**

To enhance the effectiveness of medical services provided to defendants/convicts with mental disorders in penitentiaries, and with the specifics of the penitentiary system in mind, relevant legislative amendments will be drafted.

Further to improve the early release mechanism, relevant legislative amendments will be carried out.

To prevent crime, work will continue with difficult juveniles under the age of criminal responsibility in conflict with the law.

Work toward crime prevention among children under the age of 14 will be stepped up.

Measures toward enhanced security, outer perimeter protection, and prisoner escorting will be improved in penitentiaries, in order to mitigate opportunities for prison breaks, evasion, and illegal smuggling.   
  
Professional development and awareness among specialists working in the crime prevention and probation systems, including probation officers, social workers, and psychologists, will be further promoted to better the practice of working with target groups and to provide needs-based services.

Safety and working environment will be further improved at penitentiaries and probation bureaus for their beneficiaries, staff, and visitors. Decent and non-discriminatory working conditions will be created for employees;Training and professional development programs for staff will be created and implemented.

Active work will continue toward the development of restorative justice practices and programs, including the introduction of pilot programs for mediation in the system of criminal justice.

### ***Protection of Human Rights***

The integration of human rights-oriented approaches into the formation of state policy remains the Government’s top priority.

**The new national human rights policy**, defining the Government’s long-term human rights priorities, will be approved and implemented.

Effective measures will continue toward the implementation of the **right to equality** and to avert and eliminate all forms of discrimination.

Measures will be taken to strengthen **gender equality** in every area of social life. Rapid and effective response will be provided to every case of gender-based violence.

Coordinated work will continue toward **protecting children’s rights**, including through the prevention and identification of and swift response to violence against children, also toward effectively implementing applicable legislative framework in practice.

The Government will continue the active implementation of the Convention on the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities**; also, based on the individual needs of persons with disabilities, assisting their full integration into every area of social life. Effective coordinated steps will be taken toward the successful practical implementation of the Law of Georgia on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Coordinated work will continue to **protect children's rights**, including prevention, detection and effective response to violence against children, effective implementation of the existing legal framework in practice.

The Government will continue providing **senior citizens** with active economic assistance and access to healthcare services. Special attention will be paid to their inclusion into every area of social life, also to the prevention and effective response to violence against senior citizens.

Relevant activities will be carried out toward the full implementation of the **Law of Georgia on Social Work**, including through allocating additional resources to increase the number of social workers, their continuous capacity-building, specialization and adequate remuneration.

Special focus will remain on the **state policy on civic** **equality and integration**, and a new policy for 2021-2026 will be adopted and implemented. A priority goal of the Government’s **policy** will be to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their ethnicity, are fully engaged in every area of social life, the country’s economic development, and political and civic processes.

To foster social integration, special attention will be paid to **enhancing the knowledge of the official language.** Based on the needs of various segments of the population, official language teaching programs will diversify further.

Special attention will be paid to the integration of representatives of **ethnic minorities** into the unified information space. Keeping and protecting unique cultural identity will be supported. Access to state services will be improved. Programs will continue to empower and engage young representatives of ethnic minorities.

The unwavering protection of **property rights** will continue. Reliable and safe property registration procedures will be put in place, including through the adoption of the latest technologies.

Work will continue toward upgrading legislative framework and its full practical implementation in the area of **labor rights and workplace safety**. Priority will be given to the practical implementation of workplace safety regulations and the effective exercise of the Labor Inspection’s mandate.

To ensure effective and independent investigation into offenses by law enforcement representatives, the Government will support the **capacity-building of the State Inspector’s Service** and reforms designed for its further development.

A new **enforcement code** will be adopted to put in place legislative enforcement guarantees in line with modern international standards. The code will include a number of innovations largely designed to establish a new effective system of enforcement, simplify the process of enforcement, cement the principle of parity in the process of enforcement, and offer users new services, also to create a healthy business and investment environment in the country, secure the inviolability of property rights, an maximal alignment of enforcement legislation with EU law.

After the adoption of the new enforcement law, program and infrastructural projects will be implemented in stages. In addition, public enforcers will be retrained in vital issues pertaining to private practice.

To counter today’s human rights challenges, the **Code of Administrative Offenses** will be upgraded in line with international standards.

In light of the obligations assumed under the EU Association Agenda, efforts will continue toward recognizing the November 23, 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance and the November 23, 2007 Hague Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations, on one hand, and of the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, on the other, as mandatory for Georgia. By joining said international agreements, Georgia seeks to ensure the obligation to recover child support in transborder cases based on their best interests, and to promote international trade and investments through adopting unified rules for the recognition and enforcement of court decisions on civil and commercial cases.

Active work will continue toward to represent the interests of Georgian citizens in international courts. The Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers will continue measures designed to ensure enforcement in the case of the so-called deportees.

To develop state services focusing on the needs of citizens, and to improve the protection of state document memory, in 2021, a new building of the Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Archive will open in Akhaltsikhe.

To upgrade cooperation between courts on civil and commercial matters, simplify rules and procedures for mutual legal assistance between nations, and to ensure the timely and effective resolution of civil and commercial cases, the Parliament of Georgia will be provided with the 1965 Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, and the 1970 Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, along with legislative amendments stemming from said conventions, for their recognition as mandatory for Georgia.

# **2. Economic Development**

The new coronavirus pandemic has caused new challenges and problems for Georgia’s economy and has revealed areas of concern therein. Alongside challenges, however, the pandemic offers new development opportunities and prospects. And the country’s economic policy in the next 4 years will focus on maximally tapping into these opportunities. At the same time, active work will be dedicated to the systemic and structural problems of the country’s economy. Georgia’s economy in the post-pandemic period will have all preconditions for rapid recovery and transformation into “an economy of opportunities.”

The country’s economic policy will continue focusing on free market principles, with the private sector as the main driving force behind the economy. At the same time, the economic policy will be channeled toward maintaining macroeconomic stability, especially in the postpandemic period, also toward further developing the business and investment environment, to support the recovery and subsequent expansion of pandemic-affected businesses. Attention will be paid to rapid infrastructural development as a factor stimulating economic growth.

The Government’s economic policy will focus on Georgia’s repositioning in the post-pandemic world, and on tapping into new opportunities for the country’s subsequent development, especially in terms of encouraging domestic investment growth and attracting foreign investments.

To ensure a high level of long-term economic growth, the Government will work on the structural transformation of the economy, and on the maximal incorporation of economic factors, and state-owned resources, into economic activities.

In addition, active efforts will continue toward the qualitative improvement of the work of relevant state institutions, which will support the effective implementation of the country’s economic policy.

The Government’s key task will involve ensuring the readiness of the country’s economy for officially applying for EU membership by 2024. To that end, the Georgian Government’s economic policy will focus on the country’s rapid economic growth, poverty reduction, and the country’s stronger positioning as the region’s logistics and investment hub.

## **2.1 Economic Policy Framework: Rapid Economic Recovery and Development**

The crisis triggered by the COVID pandemic has jeopardized the country’s economy and practically every area of social life.

According to preliminary projections, GDP growth in 2020 will be negative 5%. Given the deepening of the ongoing crisis, and with a view to encourage keeping jobs, the tax breaks offered under the anti-crisis plan are expected to cut the 2020 budget’s tax revenues alone by 1.3 billion GEL. The budget’s unexpected expenditure has reached 1.6 billion GEL. Overall, the deficit of the 2020 budget will reach 9.1 of GDP.

The Government, in response to the crisis, has secured the rapid mobilization of international assistance and attracted 1.7 billion USD in additional assets. These resources have been channeled to cover for the decreased budget revenues, on one hand, and to finance the expenses for anti-crisis activities. Consequently, the national debt in 2020 will reach 59.9% of GDP. The Government, in the course of the next four years, will ensure that the debt returns to a lower indicator.

Given the global nature of the crisis, the situation in export markets has deteriorated, consequently decreasing Georgia’s export. The crisis has also impacted other sources of income, especially the tourism sector, resulting in an expected 9.7% of GDP growth of the current account deficit in 2020.

The crisis has significantly affected economic activities in the country. The shock was twofold, impacting both demand and supply. As a result, many businesses have encountered serious financial difficulties, also risking losing jobs.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts Georgia’s economy to return to positive dynamics and reach a 4.3% growth in 2021.

The next four years must be a period of Georgia’s rapid economic recovery and growth.

The short-term priorities of the Georgian Government’s economic policy include:

* Mitigation of the negative effect of the COVID-19 pandemic/minimization of economic losses;
* Recovery of positive pre-pandemic trends and rapid economic recovery.

The above will be achieved through fiscal discipline, state assistance for affected economic sectors, support for the purchasing power of the country’s population, and incremental measures for enhancing the effectiveness of the social security system, while the following will make up the key medium-term priorities:

* Upgrading the country’s regional and international competitiveness;
* Promoting competitive local production and export
* Encouraging domestic and foreign investments

To achieve the goals above, a stable macroeconomic framework will be put in place, under which the Government will ensure improved fiscal discipline, gradual reduction of the national debt, price stabilization, independence of monetary policy, and gradual reduction of the budget deficit.

To create a macroeconomic environment conducive to economic development, it will be necessary to implement coordinated fiscal and monetary policies, especially in the postpandemic period. In this regard, along with fiscal stimuli, it is necessary to put to work monetary policy stimulating tools in order to promote domestic investments and enhance the scope of stimulus. In this process, alongside the Government’s stimulating fiscal policy, it will be equally important to encourage the engagement of foreign investments in the local market, which will somewhat reduce interest rates and create additional monetary stimuli.

Consequently, our ultimate goal is to ensure low unemployment rates to be followed by the elimination of extreme poverty and maintenance of low poverty rates, also decreased rates of the current account deficit and higher economic and income growth indicators.

To that end, the Government of Georgia has a concrete plan using every tool available to assist Georgia’s economy and business.

The following fiscal policy measures will be implemented:

* **Fiscal consolidation and improvements to fiscal discipline will continue:** The process of cost optimization will continue, including financing for only highly effective economic projects through the broad application of the public investment management (PIM) tool (by 2024, this tool will cover 100% of the investment projects to be funded from the budget). The budget deficit will incrementally drop to 3%.
* The current system of tax breaks will be reviewed to establish a competitive environment, and the tax administration system will be upgraded
* The outcomes of state programs will be analyzed and assessed for effectiveness
* **Large-scale reform of state-owned enterprises** will be implemented
* **Capital investments with volumes most optimal** for the economy will continue—in the medium-term, Georgia will keep capital costs at 8% of GDP.
* In addition, capital projects will be strictly prioritized, based on the country’s economic needs.
* **Low current account deficit** − The Government seeks to keep the deficit below 5% by 2024
* **Returning government debt to GDP to a stable level** − By 2024, the debt rate should be reduced below 55%.
* **Ensuring effective management of public finances**: Active work will continue toward budget transparency, with special attention paid to greater engagement of the population and interested organization in budgeting.

As for promoting entrepreneurial and investment activities, the state will make full use of all available tools in the period in discussion, namely:

* Property rights will be strictly observed.
* Active communication with businesses will continue
* New regulations will be adopted based on consultations with businesses
* Broader introduction of assessment tools for regulatory impact will be ensured
* A favorable tax environment will be maintained, tax burden will not increase, იmplementation of electronic services will continue
* Financial resources available through various tools will be offered maximally to overcome liquidity-related problems, in order to deal with the crisis.
* The country’s investment policy will be planned anew, based on an aggressive campaign designed both to attract regional offices of international companies and to encourage investments in the real sector (production). This process is already underway, and presently proactive communication with relevant companies is in full swing to pitch relevant offers.
* **Further improvements in sovereign rankings**: The Government seeks to keep the country’s constantly improving sovereign rankings, to make it possible to reach the BBB-/Baa3 investment grade.
* **Implementation of structural economic reforms to bolster economic stability –** Boosting Georgia’s image as the region’s leading reformer

## **2.2 Employment**

Promoting business as the main generator of jobs is the key issue in the employment direction. The state, for its part, will encourage the market’s effective operation, including the effective enforcement of the rights of employees and securing decent employment. The state will also ensure the implementation of an effective education policy to eliminate the demand/supply disbalance in the market. In addition, in the coming years:

* To protect the rights of employees, the legislative and institutional framework of the Labor Inspection will be enhanced.
* Through access to relevant educational programs, emphasis will be placed on human resource retraining and the development of their competencies.
* The labor market services under ongoing state programs will be developed and upgraded to encompass development of professional skills, training/retraining, internship, consulting and career planning, and continuous nationwide access to services
* The labor market’s detailed study will continue, and so will information assistance for jobseekers and close coordination between jobseekers and employers.
* Regulation of international labor migration will continue, and the relevant legal framework will be brushed up.
* Work will continue toward developing cross-national cooperation on labor migration, enhancing opportunities for temporary legal employment (circular labor migration) abroad, and signing bilateral and multilateral agreements to protect the rights of labor migrants.

## **2.3 Entrepreneurial Environment**

The further improvement of entrepreneurial and investment environments, and relevant measures, will continue.

* The principle of inviolability of property rights will be protected
* Active dialogue with businesses will continue to identify and address problems in the private sector. The institute of Business Ombudsman will be further empowered.
* Georgia will maintain its favorable tax system: low tax burden will be kept, and innovative approaches will be ushered in:
  + Automated VAT recovery will be put in place;
  + Automated tax declaration system will be introduced;
  + Reform of the tax dispute system at the Finance Ministry - Under the reform, a collegial body will be put together to consist of members selected based on their professional merits. The collegial body will review tax and customs disputes, and it’s the rules for appointing and releasing its members will ensure its independence and integrity. The reform will result in both the institutional empowerment of the body in charge of disputes and the betterment of the position of taxpayers.
  + The practice of tax treaties will be reconsidered: It is important to launch a broad dialogue on this issue to assess the advisability of the practice of tax treaties for its impact on the competitive environment and the economy.
  + The introduction of digital and modern technologies will continue to enable entrepreneurs to enjoy effective up-to-date services, also to mitigate risks of tax evasion and ensure fair tax administration.
* Georgia’s tax and customs legislation will be harmonized with EU legislation.
* State-owned resources will be further engaged in economic activities, including through the privatization of state-owned property
* The reform of the mining industry will continue to establish a competitive and investment-friendly environment. Phase two of the reform seeks to update the legislative framework regulating the mining sector, as part of which it is planned to adopt an integrated licensing system and a modern system for geological data management, also to upgrade the fiscal regime, empower the supervisory function, and to establish a risk assessment-based monitoring system.
* Based on international success stories, a reform of state-owned enterprises will be carried out relying on 5 pillars meeting international state-owned enterprise standards:
  + Enhanced prioritization of commercial goals for enterprises;
  + Corporate management principles will be adopted by enterprises, based on the principles of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD);
  + The policy of state enterprise ownership will be defined and rationalized;
  + Enterprise management employing medium-term strategic goal indicators;
  + Institutionalization of the competitive neutrality principle
* The Partnership Fund will be reformed.
* A new system for rehabilitating businesses in crisis will be introduced in practice (as an alternative to bankruptcy). The rights of creditors will be protected, which will increase the predictability of the insolvency environment and the attractiveness of the investment environment. Based on the newly adopted Law of Georgia on Rehabilitation and the Collective Satisfaction of Creditors, which will come into force in April of 2021, greater stimuli will be put in place for the rehabilitation of enterprises, also greater guarantees for securing the rights and lawful interests of creditors. In addition, the issue of establishing the institute of personal bankruptcy is under consideration, a tool adopted in developed countries.
* The structural reform of the capital market will continue, as part of which a new policy for the capital market will be presented in 2021. Under said reform, the legislative framework for the development of the stock market will be upgraded. Entrepreneurs and investors will enjoy access to available liquid assets to attract investments through them. To support long-term investments, long-term insurance products will be developed, including within the framework of the pension fund; the reform of private pension schemes will also be finalized, which will contribute to the accumulation of the GEL in the long run. An action plan will be developed to focus on aspirations to be categorized as a frontier market.
* Support will continue for investments projects by innovative hi-tech startups.
* With engagement from regional technology parks and universities, programs to support new innovative ideas will continue.
* The further development of free market institutions will continue - The institutional framework of competition policy will be boosted, alternative mechanisms for resolving commercial disputes (mediation) will be developed, fast and effective justice practices will be adopted, amendments will be finalized to the framework of state procurement dispute reviews.
* The process of ratification of the UN Convention on Mediation will be finalized, this way fostering the development of mediation as an alternative mechanism for disputeresolution.
* Support will be further provided to entrepreneurs seeking access to international markets. The potential offered by present FTAs will be further tapped into, as part of which entrepreneurs will enjoy support in developing international-standard production and systems. To explore new markets, the FTA scope will be further expanded (Israel, India, the US, South Korea, Gulf states), and priority will be given to signing an FTA with the US.
* The country’s investment policy will be formulated anew - In the post-pandemic period, Georgia will switch to an aggressive policy toward attracting foreign investments, and the country’s new positioning will be ensured. At the same time, both central government institutions and local self-governments will bolster coordination mechanisms for investment activities. Consequently, the effectiveness of communication with international and local investors will grow.
* The regulatory impact analysis (RIA) tool will expand to enable us to analyze in advance the impact of each decision on the economy, to avoid possible negative effects.
* The new Law on Entrepreneurs will be adopted to reflect the requirements of EU regulations under the Association Agreement and its appendices, this way aligning Georgia’s commercial law to EU legislation.
* To promote a competitive business environment, the state will gradually pull out of economic branches with potential for independent operation and development.

## **2.4 Promotion of Entrepreneurial and Investment Activities**

To mitigate the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure rapid postpandemic economic revival, vital importance will be attached to support for businesses, including SMEs.

Further to support the development of SMEs and introduce the best international practices, the 2021-2025 Strategy for Developing Small and Medium-Sized Entrepreneurship will be developed based on the key principles of the Small Business Act for Europe.

In terms of supporting businesses, priority will be again given to the development of tools for accessing financing, also to support for overcoming problems related to covering existing obligations and liquidity, and for further business development. It will be equally important to provide entrepreneurship with technical support and boost its internationalization.

In light of the foregoing, the Government of Georgia will further develop the Credit Guarantee Scheme, which will significantly ease access to financing for SMEs and contribute to additional crediting for the economy and to enhancing liquidity among SMEs.

The Enterprise Georgia agency will continue supporting the development of local entrepreneurship and the hospitality industry, and work toward promoting export and attracting investments

To improve access to financing for SMEs, state-run financial support programs will continue and expand. Active support for companies with export potential will also continue using various development tools

The platform for attracting and encouraging foreign investments will be strengthened. The state program for investment grants, approved under this platform, is designed to cover qualified expenses for investor companies after the fulfillment of their investment obligations. This mechanism will cover the areas of hi-tech production, service export, logistics, and aircraft maintenance. In addition, the process of working and communicating with investors has been amended and will continue anew. The agency has started working with so-called location scouts. Leading location consultants have been identified and, despite the pandemic, brought to Georgia. Profiling of prospective investors is up and running, and will continue in the future, with ongoing direct communication with them involving high-level political participation.

Also, in order to simplify the provision of relevant state services, information, and educational means to entrepreneurs, under The State—Your Partner initiative, front desks operate at local/regional levels, with consultative centers, so-called business hubs, also to be established in the future. The initiatives above seek to assist the local population, startup and operating enterprises alike, to make use of previously unavailable services, educational and informative.

The tradewithgeorgia.com online platform will be launched to offer a variety of singlewindow services to export companies. In particular, companies will be able to create a company profile, pass an export readiness test, register for international events, sign e-agreements, and so on—and all in one space!

## **2.5 Tapping into Georgia’s Potential as a Regional Hub**

To tap into Georgia’s potential as a regional hub, it is important to develop the country’s infrastructural, transport, logistics, communications, energy, technological, educational, and financial hub-systems. Along with other advantages, this is a practical way to draw closer to the countries of the EU market and to make use of the potential offered by the EU Association Agreement.

Accordingly, it is important to work toward both the rapid development of the country’s key infrastructure and the further advancement of transport corridors. Especially important in this context is if the development of the country’s port infrastructure, including the expansion of Pori Port infrastructure and the implementation of the Anaklia Deep-Sea Port infrastructural projects.

Work will continue toward integrating the country’s transport systems into the TransEuropean Transport Network (TEN-T) through implementing the Eastern Partnership’s TENT-T investment plan. Work will also continue on the development of modern logistics centers in Tbilisi and Kutaisi and the international airport cargo terminal in Kutaisi.

The finalization of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railroad project will significantly reduce the time of freight transport between Asia and Europe, a precondition for attracting additional freight flows through the country. To improve the competitiveness of the transit corridor, integration into international transport systems will continue, and regional cooperation will deepen. In cooperation with partner countries, it is planned to digitalize the transit corridor passing through Georgia, by way of putting in place the transit corridor’s digital logistics platform, all of which will enhance the effectiveness of the country’s freight transport and secure their sustainability.

In the area of civil aviation, the implementation of the Open Skies policy will continue, which will allow, in the post-pandemic period, for an expedited return air traffic to pre-pandemic volumes, also for the entry of new airlines into the Georgian market, and the development of new direct flights. In addition, the policy of supporting low-budget airlines in entering the Georgian market will continue.

Based on the technical and economic study conducted with a view to advancing ferry and container transport between Georgia and Black Sea countries, steps will be taken to promote and develop freight/feeder transport with European countries in the Black Sea.

It is equally important to develop energy and communications corridors passing through Georgia, which will also contribute to the country’s practical economic alignment with the EU.

## **2.6 Infrastructural Development**

To tap into Georgia’s potential as a regional hub, it is vitally important to develop international and national roads and key infrastructure. In particular, by 2024:

* Almost 200 kilometers of highways, up to 200 bridges, and almost 70 tunnels will be built. Consequently, a Tbilisi-Batumi trip will take about 3.5 hours, and the travel time from Red Bridge to the border in Sarpi will be cut from 8 to 4-4.5 hours.
* The construction of the Rikoti, Samtredia-Grigoleti, and Grigoleti-Choloki sections, and Batumi Bypass, of the East-West Highway will be finalized.
* The construction projects of all border checkpoint-bound international highways will continue, including the 23-kilometer Kvesheti-Kobi section with a 9-kilometer tunnel that will be finalized by 2024, and the upcoming construction of the 27-kilometer Natakhtari-Zhinvali highway. The construction of Batumi-Sarpi, Tbilisi-Sadakhlo, and Tbilisi-Red Bridge highways will be launched.
* The construction of Kakheti-bound highways will continue, including the finalization of 15-kilometer Gurjaani Bypass and the 35-kilometer Tbilisi-Sagarejo highway.
* The construction of the Baghdati-Abastumani, Sachkhere-Oni, Tbilisi-Shatili, BatumiAkhaltsikhe, and other sections of national roads will be finalized.
* Up to 1,500 kilometers of international and national roads will be rehabilitated, and almost 200 overcrossing bridges will be constructed/rehabilitated

Providing the population with continuous 24/7 quality water supply is one of the Georgian Government’s top priorities. To that end, in the coming years, based on the completion of projects planned from 2020 to 2024, continuous water supply will be provided additionally to tens of cities, settlements, and villages, including Khashuri, Telavi, Stepantsminda, Vani, Baghdati, Samtredia, Pasanauri, Matani, Dedoplistskaro, and their villages, the villages of Sighnaghi, Tetritskaro, Zugdidi, Lanchkhuti, and Chokhatauri, also Gardabani and its villages: Martkopi, Norio, Akhalsopeli, Vaziani, Akhali Samgori, and others.

**Consequently, about 2,850,000 subscribers, or 77% of Georgia’s population, will enjoy streamlined water supply by 2024.**

Waste management in the country will be carried out in line with European standards, and municipal waste collection services will improve throughout the country. Integrated waste management projects are underway and will be completed by 2024 in Imereti, RachaLechkhumi, Kakheti, Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, Kvemo Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Shida Kartli, and Samtskhe-Javakheti.

Work will continue on the development of concepts, schemes, and plans for nationwide and municipal spatial planning, and plans for land use and development regulations for cities, settlements, and villages.

**In the course of the next 4 years, almost 20 billion GEL will be invested in the development of the country’s infrastructure.**

## **2.7 Energy**

The Government’s energy policy seeks to enhance energy independence and energy security, also maximal use of domestic resources based on the principles of the area’s sustainable development.

To make full use of Georgia’s energy potential, and cement the country’s energy security, farreaching energy reform will continue, including:

* To cement free market relations in this field, energy transmission and distribution functions will be separated from energy generation, trade, and provision activities.
* Georgia’s energy stock market will start operating at full throttle to ensure the introduction of competitive and open market principles in the energy market.
* From 2021 to 2026, large energy consumers, based on the volume on consumption, will be engaged in the market. In parallel, relevant regulated stations will be regulated based on their capacities.

As for tapping into the country’s renewable energy, presently 130 memoranda have been signed, 106 and 4 of which cover the development of medium- and large-capacity HPPs, respectively, and 16 and 4 involve the construction of wind and solar farms, respectively. According to these memoranda, the combined installed capacity of said HPPs reaches 3,486 megawatts, with expected electricity generation at 13,764 billion kilowatt-hours.

In addition, maximally to tap into Georgia’s energy potential, and to boost the country’s energy security, the following steps will be taken in the following years:

* It is planned to build an underground natural gas storage reservoir. The project will be implemented in 2 phases: 1) research, and 2) the design and construction of the underground natural gas storage reservoir proper. The project’s finalization is expected in 2024.
* Energy security will be further boosted. Based on the legislative framework adopted in 2020, energy efficiency standards will be introduced in line with the best international experience.
* With a growing demand on electric power in mind, the construction of systemically important HPPs will continue.
* The development of renewable energy sources and introduction of new technologies will be further supported.
* In order to develop the transit direction, an addition 1,140 kilometers of power transmission lines will be built in Georgia by 2024, including strengthening and enforcing lines connecting to neighboring countries.

## **2.8 Transport and Logistics**

To make full use of the country’s transport potential, the relevant transport policy will continue alongside the creation of key infrastructure.   
  
Georgia will continue implementing the Open Skies policy, an approach enabling airlines to define the frequency and rates of flights on their own, this way boosting competition. The post-pandemic recovery and development of the aviation industry will be fostered. Work wil also continue toward the fast recovery of the pre-pandemic volume in Georgia’s airline industry, attraction of new airlines, and development of new destinations.

To bolster the country’s transit function, the implementation of a number of projects is planned, including the completion of railroad modernization and the development of port infrastructure. In addition, the Batumi airport terminal and Kutaisi International Airport will be expanded to increase the size of the terminal 5 times and passenger traffic 4 times (about 2 million passengers a year). To improve air traffic safety, and in line with the requirements of European standards, the development and replenishing of navigation infrastructure with modern technologies will continue.

Ensuring road safety is one of the Georgian Government’s top priorities. To that end, it is planned to develop and approve the 2021-2025 National Strategy for Road Safety and the 2021-2022 Action Plan, as part of which important activities and measures will be implemented to decrease the number of fatalities and injuries on Georgian roads. In addition, international assistance tools for road safety will be employed even more actively, including with the EU and under the Eastern Partnership cooperation format.

In addition, the following measures will be taken to upgrade the country’s transport and logistics function:

* + In terms of land transport, a unified electronic/digital platform will be created for services to be used by the sector involved in international transport (freight, passenger).
  + We will also continue to adopt the standards of and practices recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as well as the European regulations prescribed under the European Common Aviation Area Agreement.
  + The maritime single-window principle will be introduced by Georgia’s ports. Also, fully to digitalize maritime sector services, effective steps will be taken, including probing into the feasibility of adopting the port community system concept.
  + The employment of Georgian seafarers will be promoted, and the 2006 Maritime Labor Convention will be ratified, the maritime transport policy will be approved, and the relevant action plan will be implemented. Also, the development of higher maritime education will be supported, including professional education and the research branch of maritime and bordering sectors.
  + Investments in maritime transport and maritime infrastructure will be encouraged
  + In order to increase the safety and efficiency of rail transport, the rail transport sector will continue to be reformed and brought closer to EU legislation and practice, including the use of EU technical assistance tools.
  + In order to increase the share of shipments by rail transport, as well as to reduce wear and tear of road infrastructure and overloading, work will continue on the development of containerized shipments. In the long term, the mentioned service can be extended to the territory of Georgia and Azerbaijan, which will have a positive effect on the total volume of railway shipments in Georgia.

## **2.9 Communications and Information Technology**

In the age of digital technologies, one of the top priorities of the Georgian Government is to use communications and information technology to develop Georgia’s digital economy and information society.

In addition, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, broadband internet networks and their proper functioning have gained special importance for continuing critically important services in the country, including access to healthcare, education, information, and others.

To maintain the pace of development of Georgia’s digital economy and information society, the Government of Georgia will implement an active policy, namely through the following activities:

* In line with the 2020-2025 National Strategy for the Development of Broadband Networks of Georgia, the state program for supporting the development of broadband infrastructure will continue within the framework of Log in Georgia project. Consequently, households and administrative bodies will have access to at least 100 megabyte per second and at least 1 gigabyte per second, respectively, which will allow half a million residents in almost 1,000 settlements to enjoy high-quality internet.
* Under the Log in Georgia project, policy legislation will be upgraded to support broadband networks and services, measures to attract investments into the sector, nationwide training and capacity-building programs, assistance to persons with disabilities in using internet and digital services, and others.
* To provide the country’s mountainous regions with internet connection, measures to support community internet supply provision will continue.
* Using broadband telecommunications infrastructure, transit potential will be maximally used, and measures will be taken to create a digital transit hub connecting Eurasia via Georgia.
* Measures will continue toward integrating Georgia’s digital market into the single EU digital market, including the harmonization of the legislative and normative frameworks for electronic communications and postal services with EU directives, in accordance with the obligations assumed by the association agreement.
* The Long-Term National Strategy for the Development of Digital Economy and Information Society and Its Implementation Plan will be developed and approved, based on which—with coordination between and engagement of all relevant organizations—activities will be carried out to promote the development of digital services in the public and private sectors, enhance digital literacy, step up the process of establishment of an information society, growth of hi-tech export, better the development of research and innovation, and upgrade Georgia’s competitiveness in the global digital economy.

**2.10 Regional Development**

To eliminate inequality in the development of the regions, and to create decent living conditions, the development of various types of municipal, cultural, tourism, sports, educational, and healthcare infrastructure will continue. In particular, 6 billion GEL will be spent in 2021-2024 for the development of municipal infrastructure in the regions, such as the rehabilitation of village roads and smaller rehabilitation works targeting water supply and sewage systems, schools, kindergartens, cultural sites, and athletic infrastructure.

To create new opportunities for economic activity in the regions, new tourist attractions will be created, such as in Abastumani, Mestia, Velistsikhe, Tskaltubo, and others.

Further to empower the system of self-government, and enhance its independence, reforms will seek, above all else, to expand the authority of self-government based on the principles of subsidiarity, also to introduce effective and innovative systems for providing quality services, boost the role of self-government in the development of local economy, and provide selfgovernment with relevant material and financial resources.

Special attention will be paid to the development of mountain areas. Concessions will be further provided as prescribed by the Mountain Law.

## **2.11 Development of Rural Areas and Agriculture**

The key goal of the Government’s agricultural policy is to increase agricultural product export and reduce import dependence. In addition, the COVID-10 pandemic has caused new problems and exposed new needs in the direction of the sector’s further development and ensuring food safety.

In addition, enhancing competitiveness in the sector of agricultural products, stable production growth, food safety, and the development of rural areas is among the priorities under the state policy on this industry.

Under the unified agricultural policy, the following will be implemented in 2021-2024 to improve living and to increase economic activities conditions in rural areas:

* To increase access to financial tools, and to promote primary agricultural production, processing, storage, and sales, individuals and legal entities will continue to be provided with affordable and accessible monetary assets.
* The following will continue and expand in scope: Support for the primary production of perennial and annual agricultural crops, the co-financing program for processing and storage enterprises, co-financing for greenhouses, a program for financing crop-harvesting machinery, programs for developing animal farming, support for the sustainable development of aquaculture in sea and internal waters, and access to infrastructure and services.
* The quality and accessibility of means of agricultural production will be ensured.
* To enhance the competitiveness of those employed in agriculture, programs for developing and promoting agricultural cooperatives will continue.
* To reduce risks for those engaged in agricultural activities, the agricultural insurance program will continue and improve further. To protect from unfavorable hydrometeorological events, namely from hail, Shida Kartli, similar to Kakheti, will be provided with hail protection systems.
* To improve the quality and fertility of Georgian agricultural food products, further improvements will be made to effective systems involving measures against harmful organisms and natural disasters.
* Based on the situation in local and international markets, programs to support the sale of agricultural crops will be planned.
* Active work will continue toward exploring new markets and improving positions in existing ones.
* In line with modern requirements, the knowledge/awareness among farmers and entrepreneurs will be further promoted.
* In the next three years, systemic registration of 1.2 million hectares of land will be carried out. In this direction, notary mediation will be actively functioning for finding alternative solutions to possible disputes arising in recordkeeping, to contribute to the effectiveness of the process.
* The privatization of state-owned agricultural lands will be carried out. Leased lands up to 10 hectares will be alienated through direct sales.
* The balance of Georgian lands will be developed, agricultural land resources will be inventoried, and a unified database of land resources will be created
* The process of aligning with relevant EU legislation, as prescribed by the Association Agreement, will continue in the areas of food safety, veterinary medicine, and phytosanitary.
* To uproot falsified and poor-quality wine products from local and export markets, laboratory studies will be bolstered.
* To ensure water supplies for lands, in excess of 220 million GEL will be invested in the next few years, to ameliorate an additional 40,000 hectares and dewater almost 1,000 hectares of land.

**In 2021-2024, to develop the agricultural industry, the state will spend more than 1 billion in financial resources.**

## **2.12 Environmental Protection**

Alongside the country’s rapid economic development, environmental protection, maintaining its sustainability, and rational use of natural resources, pose a major challenge.

To improve the country’s environmental situation, the Georgian Government will implement the following reforms:

* Environmental standards will qualitatively harmonize with European requirements.
* Almost 150 automated surveillance stations and modern early warning systems will be installed in gorges susceptible to natural disasters.
* The enhancement of air and water monitoring and assessment systems will continue.
* Given the country’s social and economic situation, the population’s demand on timber resources will be met. Multidirectional use of forests will be developed to result in additional environmental, economic, and social benefits.
* It is planned to establish new protected territories and to expand some of the existing ones (a total of about 185,000 hectares). A new ecotourism infrastructure will be created.
* Measures will continue toward supporting environmental education and raising environmental awareness. The integration of environmental education issues in the school and higher education system will be implemented.
* Throughout the country, a system for separate waste collection will be gradually introduced, and waste reprocessing will be supported.

## **2.13 Tourism**

Tourism is one of the industries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why the efforts of the Government of Georgia, in the next few years, will focus on tackling the consequences of the pandemic and the further development of the tourism sector.

A new vision will be formulated in the area of tourism development. Tourism and its adjacent industries have been hit by the pandemic worse than others. The new strategy for tourism development will be based on the requirements of diversification and qualitative improvement. Support for business in terms of offering quality services will be taken into account, which will contribute to attracting higher-end tourists into the country.

In particular, in order to develop Georgia’s tourism potential, the following measures will be planned:

* In terms of tourism recovery and crisis management, a strategic plan will be developed with engagement from the private and public sectors. The document’s main objective is to assist Georgia in adopting the Tourism Strategy 2025, based on challenges covering the pandemic and post-pandemic periods, in order to ensure tourism’s effective and timely recovery.
* In the course of next 4 years, target countries will diversify, implying growing market shares of the EU and new markets (China, the US, and others). Target countries will be identified and international marketing activities will be implemented based on the global trends of COVID-19 spread.
* In 2023, Georgia will be showcased as Host Country at ITB Berlin 2023, the world’s largest and most influential tourism fair
* To support tourism in the post-pandemic environment, and to increase domestic tourism flows to strengthen the sector, targeted marketing activities will be carried out.
* Expanding qualification enhancement programs for employees and jobseekers in the nationwide tourism sector will result in improved quality services.
* To ensure the sustainable development of the tourism industry and improve services, the legislative framework for tourism, aligned with the European Parliament’s directive, will be formulated based on the best European practices. Said legislative framework will introduce high standards of traveler safety and consumer rights. In addition, the establishment of this legislative framework will boost coordination between national and regional policies.
* To meet the demands in the international market, new tourist products will be developed, and existing projects will expand.
* The Wine Way program will expand with a new quality standard. The project will cover family-run wineries and enterprises throughout the country which provide hospitality services as part of wine tourism.

Special attention will be paid to the development of mountain resorts. To that end, the following activities will be implemented in the following years:

* To develop ski resorts (Gudauri, Bakuriani, Goderdzi, Tetnuldi, and Hatsvali), ski infrastructure will be developed, and four-season tourist products will be created.
* In 2023, Georgia will host the 2023 Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships, but 12 other international tournaments will also be held here before the championships. Thousands of guests will visit Georgia for the championships.

# **3. Social Policy and Human Capital Development**

The Government’s policy cherishes a human being as the supreme value, which is why it focuses on the realization of the potential of each citizen, putting in place a decent healthcare and social security system, on ensuring honorable living conditions for senior citizens, and on creating a system of education dedicated to the development of individual skills and opportunities, and to the forming of competitive workforce, for future generations to be able to realize their potential and for securing a better future

## **3.1. Healthcare**

Maintaining a quality, universally accessible healthcare system based on the principle of social justice, and its further development, is one of the country’s top priorities.

The universal healthcare program will continue to guarantee **universal medical service coverage** for all Georgian citizens. Medications will be further provided to treat chronical diseases among target groups (socially vulnerable, pensioners, veterans, and others), and lists of medications and beneficiaries will be expanded.

**Oncology disease management** and effective treatment will remain one of the key priorities of the state, and the foundation will be laid for effective modern methods of treatment of oncology diseases.

The **population will be further provided with medical services in priority areas**, and the budget financing for relevant programs will increase. The decentralization of mental health services will continue, and so will the expansion of family-type housing and shelter services, and the retraining of service providing personnel.

The **construction, rehabilitation, and equipping of state-owned priority inpatient facilities** will continue. Measures will be taken toward **adopting digital technologies and telemedicine** in the primary healthcare system. Prevention of diseases with the highest mortality and morbidity rates will continue, and priority will be given to early diagnostics designed to ensure early avoidance of complications.

To enhance effectiveness and quality, a **unified fee policy** will be carried out under the universal healthcare program. The introduction of the diagnosis-related group (DRG) system for medical service fees will continue. Selective provider contracting based on quality standards, accessibility, utilization indicators, and new financing methods will also continue.

For the purpose of improving quality, the development of international mechanisms for voluntary accreditation will be launched. The **regulatory legislative framework for the pharmaceutical industry** will be harmonized with EU legislation, and modern approaches to medication manufacturing, standardization, quality, safety, and effectiveness will be adopted.

**To improve postgraduate and continuous professional education, the systemic reform of medical education will be carried out,** and so will measures to enact effective mechanisms for the gradual introduction of a mandatory system of continuous medical education and for the recognition of discipline-specific associations/professional organizations.

## **3.2. Social Security**

Maintaining a sustainable system of social security, and its further improvement, is one of the country’s top priorities. Accordingly, the Government will continue assisting vulnerable groups and implementing targeted social programs to better the conditions of vulnerable groups.

Provision of pensions to persons of retirement age will continue in line with legally prescribed rules, which involve **state pension** indexation based on economic parameters and, with low taxes in place, secure social guarantees for the population of retirement age. As early as 2021, pensions for pensioners under 70 will increase by 20 GEL, and those for pensioners aged over 70 will grow by 25 GEL.

The methodology for assessing the socioeconomic conditions of **socially vulnerable households**, and the rules for allocating social assistance will be upgraded. Effective mechanisms for encouraging and assisting employment among able-bodied household members will be developed and implemented.

Social security mechanisms will be improved and enhanced to meet the needs of the most vulnerable children (including children with disabilities and street children). The deinstitutionalization of larger boarding schools continues to secure a family-like environment for persons with disabilities and children.

Efforts will be stepped up to protect children from all types of violence, and to implement the norms enshrined in the Law of Georgia on Social Work and the Code of Children’s Rights

The effective policy of providing refugees with living spaces will continue. Over the next four years, it is planned to improve living conditions for 13,000 refugee and 1,200 ecomigrant families.

## **3.3 Education**

Developed human capital is an important constituent of rapid economic development. A quality education system is key to the development of human capital in that it ensures the competitiveness of Georgian citizens at the local and international levels alike.

Boosting universal access to education and enhancing its quality is one of the key priorities of the Georgian Government. Educational reform requires a systemic and consistent approach meaning a unified approach from early and preschool education to higher education and science, so that the reform may yield effective, tangible results.

Consequently, Georgia’s educational reform is comprehensive to incorporate every level of the system of education.

At the same time, the separation of culture and sports as individual institutional entities is under consideration.

**Early and Preschool Education**

In the area of preschool education, the previous achievements will be built on, and free early and preschool education will be further provided in public institutions, to ensure universal access. Measures will be taken toward securing educational services suitable for children with special needs.

Relevant efforts will continue toward improving remuneration of the employees of preschool institutions and upgrading their qualifications. In the same vein, attention will be paid to attracting young quality human resources into preschool institutions.

In every district compactly populated by non-Georgian-language citizens, the official language will be taught based on a bilingual model, to contribute to improving the readiness of schools and, at the general education level of the educational process and in the long run, to the successful social integration of the non-Georgian-language population of the country.

An integrated electronic system will be created to reflect statistical data on children aged between 1 and 6.

Efforts will continue toward infrastructural improvement. In various municipalities throughout the country, the construction of more than 50 kindergartens will be finalized in line with international standards, and new kindergartens will be established.

**General Education**

The Government will give priority to significantly improving the quality of general education, the system’s development in line with international standards, and attracting young quality human resources into the system. To this end, in the coming years:

* The budget **financing** of general education will increase significantly, and so will the salaries of teachers and school administration personnel
* Updated standards and procedures will be approved and implemented for general education **quality enhancement**, and supplementary activities will be carried out to meet the standards.
* Differentiated models for **school management** and financing will be developed and implemented
* Work will continue toward the creation and development of new **national curricula** and relevant learning resources meeting high modern requirements and standards of excellence. A large-scale system for school assessment will be adopted, and the development of electronic resources will be launched
* To raise the level of education and awareness about **cybersecurity**, teachers will be trained in relevant areas.
* The process of developing new **textbooks** will continue, with upgraded procedures of approval for use in school.
* Components of **inclusive education** will be actively introduced and developed throughout Georgia to enhance access to education for persons with special educational needs and persons with disabilities, and to conduct a learning process suited to their needs.
* A special model for bilingual teaching will be widely introduced in the curricula of **non-Georgian-language schools.**
* A policy will be defined for the integration into the learning process of **those left without education**, and an alternative curriculum will be put in place for them.
* A remote course in the Georgian language will be made available for **representatives of the diaspora**. Measures toward raising awareness will be implemented to promote inclusive education.
* To ensure school **safety and public order**, flexible and result-oriented mechanisms will be developed for planning and implementing preventive activities and for receiving psychosocial services, the number of public schools employing the services of the Mandaturi Service will increase, and programs will be implemented to retrain Mandaturi officers, psychologists, social workers, and persons authorized to protect safety.
* A new rule for regulating the profession of a teacher will be developed, measured toward **teachers’ continuous development** will be implemented, based on their professional needs.
* **Remote and hybrid teaching methodologies** will be gradually upgraded.
* The development of school infrastructure will continue. In 2021, the construction of 57 fully adapted schools and the reinforcement/full rehabilitation of 91 public schools in need of renovation will continue, based on the requirements for creating a suitable environment for schoolchildren with special educational needs. With financing from the Government of Georgia and donor organizations, it is planned to rehabilitate and build public schools in 2021-2024, namely the finalization of construction of 47 schools and reinforcement/full rehabilitation of 80 schools.

**Higher Education**

In the course of the next four years, the following activities will be carried out to develop the

system of higher education:

* Budget **financing** for higher education will increase.
* **A new model for financing** the system of higher education will be developed, to ensure the sustainable development of educational institutions and focus the educational process on the results of learning.
* Measures designed to support **quality enhancement** will be carried out.
* A single concept will be developed for scientific research activities and doctoral **program assessment.**
* The state will assist the acquisition of **international accreditation for higher education curricula.**
* The program Study in Georgia will continue.
* **To ensure access**: Financing will continue for participants of one-year educational programs for teacher training. Special educational programs for teacher training will be launched, and the training program for postgraduate education will continue for persons living in the occupied territories. Activities to assist convicts in studying toward bachelor’s and master’s degrees will continue.
* Georgia will prepare for becoming an **Erasmus+ program country**. As a result, Georgia, besides higher education and youth components, will enjoy access to every other component of the program.
* Schools of higher education will be further financed to improve their **infrastructure and learning environments**.

**Vocational Education**

The development of vocational education, as an important tool for evening out the disbalance between demand and supply in the labor market, will remain one of the priorities of the Government of Georgia. To that end, the following activities will be implemented in the course of the next four years:

* Budget **financing** for vocational education will increase, and a model focusing on the results of financing for vocational education will be launched.
* **Long-term strategies** and relevant action plans will be developed for the advancement of the system of vocational education for 2021 and subsequent years.
* Through public-private partnership, a new model for the management of the system of vocational education will be introduced. The role of **sectoral unions and the private sector** will be decisive in the process of preparing and implementing vocational education curricula.
* **Access to** vocational education and training/retraining programs will be enhanced, and mechanisms will be developed for identifying vulnerable groups outside vocational education and engaging them in vocational education.
* Professional standards for **vocational education teachers**, and a new model for training, entering the profession, and continuous professional development will be approved.
* A new model will be enacted for result-oriented **remuneration** of vocational education teachers
* To **enhance the quality** of vocational education, the process of adopting new standards for a new framework of qualification and the authorization of vocational schools will continue. A new European system of crediting and a model for the development of professional qualifications will be adopted with the participation of/by the private sector.
* The number of dual professional training **programs** and programs demanded in the market will increase, based on which employment among vocational education graduates will increase. A regulatory framework will be defined for short-cycle programs, which will be launched to admit students. The scope of integrated programs will expand.
* The **recognition of informal education** will commence, and the scope of recognition will expand.
* To **internationalize** the system of vocational education, opportunities will be offered for international certification to implement international exchange programs and boost English language learning.
* **An electronic system** will be put in place **for the management** of vocational education, and a new vocational education portal will be developed.
* To develop **infrastructure**, 6 vocational education schools will be built, 2 campuses will be developed, and 3 vocational education schools will be fully rehabilitated in various municipalities of the country. New vocational education schools will be established, as need be. Activities will be carried out to expand the existing geographic scope in the public-private format. The delivery of vocational education will be boosted in schools and universities.

## **3.4 Science**

**A strategic plan** for the development of science and technologies in Georgia will be developed and approved. The main goal of the strategy will be to promote the development of institutions focusing on the country’s strategic development and public needs

It is also planned to **expand financing** for scientific **grant competitions** in engineering, science, and technology (STEM), humanitarian, and Georgian studies, and fundamental studies will also be expanded.

Cooperation between foreign-based Georgian and foreign academic and scientific personnel and the Georgian scientific community will be a subject of special care.

The commercialization of applied sciences researches will be bolstered.

In the coming years, state **financing** for science will increase, and so will the salaries of scientists, and a model for result-based financing will be adopted.

**To retrain Georgian scholars of all generations,** and to provide them with new knowledge and new competences, and better to organize them in the modern global scientific space, the project **School on Science Management** will be implemented.

The **science management** system will be upgraded, and the state will define minimal mandatory standards for scientific research institutions and will support the improvement of the performance quality of scientific research institutions operating in Georgia.

The active engagement of scientific institutions and research groups in **international framework programs and scientific projects**, and the implementation of bilateral and multilateral scientific research and technology projects, will be encouraged. Relevant legislative guarantees will be provided, and the support will be secured for the engagement of Georgian researchers in grant competitions under **Horizon Europe**, an EU research and innovation program.

**Scientific infrastructure** will be upgraded to align with international standards.

## **3.5 Youth Policy**

The state, recognizing the significant role of youth in the process of the country’s development, is creating, for youth and in cooperation with youth, an ecosystem conducive to development which ensures the full realization of their potential, economic empowerment, and active involvement in social life and democratic processes.

The goal stated above is served by Georgia’s 2020-2030 Youth Policy Concept approved by the Parliament of Georgia. To implement the strategic priorities defined in this concept document, the Government of Georgia will, in the nearest future, approve the State Youth Strategy 2025.

Along with the implementation of the state youth policy, special attention will be paid to the active involvement of youth in decision-making on issues important to them, including on the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of youth policies and programs.

To promote employment among youth, access to career consultation will expand, and the development of youthplatform.gov.ge, the online information’s center’s youth capacity platform, will continue.

**International cooperation** will expand in the direction of youth policy and youth activities.

## **3.6 Culture**

To achieve the goals and objectives of the Culture Strategy 2025, state programs and activities will continue and expand to support the development of the field of culture.

Regulatory **legislation** will be upgraded, including cultural heritage legislation (tangible, intangible, natural heritage).

A flexible, European-standard culture **management** model and an effective financing mechanism will be put in place.

To modernize and upgrade the area of culture management, **fresh human resources will be attracted and resources will be mobilized** to work on priority directions, new initiatives will be introduced, and the material and technical framework will be gradually regulated. Modern technologies will be adopted in cultural heritage research and rehabilitation work.

**Cultural resources** will be actively used to develop tourism and creative entrepreneurship. To translate the best international practices into local practices, targeted programs will be carried out to counter new challenges.

Activities will be boosted toward ensuring modern cultural infrastructure, using modern technologies, and initiatives supporting **integration into the digital world of culture**, all of which will offer additional employment and creative self-realization opportunities to artists.

Special attention in **arts education** will be paid to the development of programs focusing on the empowerment of academic and scientific human resources in schools of arts, to supporting innovative methods and technologies in the area of modern arts, and to promoting initiatives of young artists.

The process of **European integration** will continue. Activities will also continue to raise the awareness of the international community about Georgia and its culture, and participation in international programs and events will increase. Support will be provided for deepening international cultural relations in bilateral and multilateral formats, and engaging regional artistic institutions and groups in the country’s unified cultural space, also for their participation in the international arena.

**Access to culture** will be widened for the public at large, especially for the populations of the regions, ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities. Support will be provided for preserving the cultural identity of ethnic minorities and the development of creative skills among persons with disabilities.

## **3.7 Sports**

State **financing** for mass and high-performance sports will increase.

To develop **professional sports**, the preparation of the country’s national teams, and their participation in international athletic events, will continue, and so will learning/training retreats, Georgia’s championships and tournaments, promotion of various sports, and support for the development of national sports.

Active support will continue for **hosting international championships/tournaments** **in various sports in Georgia**. The country will host such important **international athletic events** as the 2023 Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships and the European Under-21 Football Championship.

Activities will continue to support **social assistance** programs targeting meritorious sports figures, veteran athletes, and sports coaches operating in the country’s mountain areas, also Olympic champions, promising athletes, and winners of international tournaments;

An effective system will be put in place to **review sports disputes**. A model will be adopted to **protect the rights of athletes** and engage them in decision-making.

In line with the Strategy and Action Plan for the Development of Sports **Infrastructure**, an effective model for sports infrastructure management will be created based on effective cooperation between the public and private sectors. International-standard sports infrastructure will be built.

# **State Governance**

The effective implementation of the Government’s policy will build on a professional, honest, and streamlined system of state governance, and far-reaching steps will be taken in the coming years toward its development and the empowerment of state institutions.

The strengthening of the public governance reform, and cooperation with international partners in this process, will remain the Government’s priority. The reform focuses primarily on enhancing the effectiveness of public governance and make the outcomes tangible for every citizen.

The public governance reform plays a pivotal role on Georgia’s path to EU integration, a crucial priority in the formation of the Government’s vision. Cooperation will continue with EU and Eastern partnership member states on further empowering Georgia’s institutions with resources capable of coping with the challenges of modern public governance in line with high international standards, and of transforming into regional leaders.

The Government, with maximal engagement from experts, and local and international organizations, will develop a new strategy for public governance reform to define priority directions and areas for 2021-2024.

Open governance and Georgia’s successful membership of the Open Government Partnership (GOP) remain key preconditions for securing high standards of governance. In an updated format of cooperation with civil society, the Government will develop a new action plan of Georgia’s open governance which, in order to improve accountability, transparency, and openness, will define concrete goals and objectives.

To ensure the fundamental reform of public governance and good governance, the Government’s efforts will be channeled in several direction, including:

* A robust legislative framework will be created at both central and local levels to ensure the proper and even policy planning at every level. To that end, the policy’s document quality control will be tightened, and opportunities for public servants will grow.
* To ensure the success of the public service reform, all public institutions will continue human capital development, the Civil Service Bureau will be institutionally empowered, and effective, innovative modern systems of professional development will be fostered in public institutions.
* Through consistently deconcentrating and decentralizing the system of state governance, the Government will prioritize the successful implementation of the approved decentralized policy. The Government seeks to establish successful European-standard local self-government by 2024 and successfully finalize the process of transforming sectoral-centralized governance into effective local-territorial governance.
* To upgrade state and municipal services, a single standard will be developed for service creation, delivery, quality assurance, and evaluation—one that will allow for ensuring user engagement and even simpler access to services. The foregoing, along with physical services, will also upgrade online services and allow for digitalizing new, additional state services. Through this umbrella policy, the country will have the first fair and transparent standard for pricing state services.
* Cementing the safety of critical infrastructure and the development electronic services will remain the Government’s priority, also to encompass enhanced access to electronic services. To that end, the country’s Second Digital Governance Strategy and Action Plan will be developed. The Government seeks to digitalize public institutions’ internal processes for greater effectiveness and further to upgrade and enhance remote services for ensuring greater availability and effectiveness, on one hand, and to offer citizens and businesses simplified, user-oriented, and quality electronic state services in line with international standards for personal data protection, on the other. The importance of this direction became especially evident under the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, work will continue to introduce additional quality services allowing for electronic signing and sealing, which will significantly step up the process of service delivery and will enable citizens and organizations to enjoy state services remotely and safely.
* To develop remote services, an electronic program and new catalogs will be developed for the services provided by researchers at the National Archives
* Work will also continue toward electronic archiving to ensure reliable storage of electronic documents.
* To upgrade eth quality of access to public information, relevant the legislative framework will be revised and upgraded.
* Issues related to the creation of legal entities of public law will be regulated on a legislative level and, to categorize presently operating legal entities of public law, their functional analysis will be conducted in line with legally prescribed requirements. Also, legally prescribed concrete requirements will be defined for the establishment of legal entities of public law by state government bodies (local self-governments).
* To enhance accountability and responsibility, the system of public finance distribution and management will be upgraded. In the same vein, standards will be defined for submitting, publishing, and publicly presenting annual reports on the implementation programs and projects, at both central and local levels.
* To ensure effective state governance, the fight against corruption will intensify. The active implementation of anticorruption policy (strategy and action plan), also the introduction of international mechanisms for preventing corruption, will continue. Public awareness about corruption-related crimes and methods to fight them will be enhanced.
* Monitoring of property declarations of government officials will continue, and the current electronic system will be upgraded to allow for identifying not only incomplete or erroneous information, but also for preventing possible cases of conflict of interests, an especially important factor for ensuring the comprehensive implementation of monitoring efforts.

# **Chapter II**

Major Budgetary and Macroeconomic Parameters

Objectives of macroeconomic policy

In the medium term, the country's macroeconomic policy will be aimed at ensuring macroeconomic stability, the main priorities for achieving which are:

* stabilization of the economy and sustainable and fast growth of the economy at the next stage;
* maintaining the target index of the inflation level in the medium term;
* reduction of the unemployment rate;
* improvement of the investment environment;

**Medium-term macroeconomic forecasts**

***Table1. Main macroeconomic indicators***

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|  | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** | **2026** |
| **Actual** | **Actual** | **Actual** | **Expected** | **Forecast** | **Forecast** | **Forecast** | **Forecast** |
| Real GDP (growth rate) | 5.0 | -6.8 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| Nominal GDP (million GEL) | 49,252.7 | 49,266.7 | 60,003.3 | 72,276.3 | 79,684.6 | 86,343.2 | 93,557.8 | 101,182.2 |
| GDP Per Capita (USD) | 4,696.2 | 4,255.7 | 5,015.3 | 6,663.8 | 7,916.1 | 8,577.6 | 9,294.3 | 10,051.8 |
| Consumer price index, (Midterm) | 4.9 | 5.2 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Current account (as % of GDP) | -5.8 | -12.5 | -10.4 | -5.7 | -6.4 | -5.6 | -4.9 | -4.1 |

***GDP***

In 2021, GDP growth was 10.5 percent, and in 2022, the economy is expected to grow by 10.0 percent. In the coming years, the economy will begin to recover and will grow by an average of 5.1 percent in 2023-2026. By 2026, the nominal gross domestic product will increase to 101.2 billion GEL, and GDP per capita will increase by 11.1 thousand GEL (5.0 thousand US dollars) compared to 2021 and equal 27,240.4 GEL (10,051.8 US dollars).

***Prices***

National Bank of Georgia implements the policy of inflation targeting, which provides for the determination of the optimal inflation for the current level of economic development and its achievement. The inflation target for the medium-term period is 3.0 percent. Nevertheless, the inflation rate will increase to 11.9 percent by 2022. In the medium term, inflation will begin to decrease and will be maintained at the target rate in 2023-2026.

***Current Account Balance***In 2021, the current account deficit was recorded at the level of 10.4 percent, which was caused by the improvement of the tourism sector and commodity exports compared to the previous year. By 2022, the current account deficit is projected at the level of 5.7 percent, after which it is expected to decrease steadily and go down to 4.1 percent by 2026.

***Deficit***

Due to the pandemic, the budget deficit increased significantly in 2020 and reached 9.3% of GDP. In 2021, as a result of the economic recovery, it was possible to reduce the budget deficit, and the state's unified budget deficit amounted to 6.2%, which, along with the improvement of the main fiscal indicators, is partly due to the reduction of expenses compared to the previous year. According to the amendment of the 2022 budget, the current year's budget has been planned on more improved parameters, and it is expected that the general government budget deficit will decrease to 3.1%.

It should be noted that already in 2022, the negative total balance of the state's unified budget will fall below the limit established by the Organic Law of Georgia "On Economic Freedom" and will amount to 2.7% of the projected GDP (1,963 million GEL) (the limit established by the Organic Law of Georgia "On Economic Freedom" - GDP 3%). By 2023, the state's unified budget deficit is set at 2.8%, and by the end of the lifetime period, it will amount to 2.1%.

***Government Debt***

In line with the post-pandemic economic recovery and improved parameters, the government debt decreased significantly in 2021 to 49.7% of GDP, representing a reduction of more than 10 percentage points compared to the previous year. Of this, foreign debt is 39.9 percent, and domestic debt is 9.7 percent. A further debt reduction to 39.6% is expected by 2022, mainly at the expense of external debt reduction, and in 2023-2026, a consistent decrease in government debt is planned and a reduction to 36.4 percent by 2026.

**Major Current Economic Trends**

***GDP Dynamics***

In 2021, real GDP growth compared to the previous year amounted to 10.5 percent. A decrease of 3.8% in the first quarter, an increase of 28.8% in the second quarter, an increase of 9.5% in the third quarter, and an increase of 8.6% in the fourth quarter. In 2021, the GDP in nominal terms was determined at 60,003.3 million GEL, which is 21.8 percent higher than the previous year's figure. And GDP per capita is 16,179.5 GEL (5,023.2 USD).

According to Geostat's preliminary data, real growth in the first quarter of 2022 was 15.0 percent, and in the second quarter it was 7.2 percent. Accordingly, according to the data of the first half of 2022, the real GDP growth was recorded at the level of 10.6 percent.

***Sectoral Structure of Economic Growth***

According to the data of 2021, economic growth was recorded in the following sectors: water supply; sewerage, waste management and decontamination activities (75.4%), arts, entertainment and recreation (47.2%), provision of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning (44.4%), accommodation and food service activities (34.0%), information and communication (30.1%), healthcare and social service activities (29.3%), transport and warehousing (28.9%), finance and insurance activities (21.2%) and the decrease was observed in construction (23.9%).

Growth in economic activity in the first half of 2022 was observed in the following sectors: supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning - 64.7 percent, administrative and support services - 31.5 percent, information and communication - 29.0 percent, transportation and warehousing - 28.4 percent, accommodation and food supply activities - 26.5 percent, arts, entertainment and recreation - 21.1 percent, mining - 17.8 percent, water supply, sewerage, waste management and decontamination activities 16.0 percent.

***The role of the private sector in economic growth***

In 2021, the turnover volume of the business sector increased by 35.2 percent, and the value of products produced by enterprises increased by 25.8 percent. The number of employees in the business sector increased by an average of 12.6 thousand people, and only in the last quarter by 51.8 thousand people (the mentioned data are given according to the 2020-2021 quarterly studies of the business sector by Geostat).

In the first half of 2022, the turnover volume of the business sector increased by 25.5 percent, and the value of products produced by enterprises increased by 30.4 percent. The number of employees in the business sector increased by 35.5 thousand people.

***Unemployment rate***

In 2021, the unemployment rate increased by 2.1 p.p. compared to 2020 and amounted to 20.6%. In the first quarter of 2022, the level of unemployment is 19.4%, in the second quarter - 18.1%, and in the third quarter - 15.6%.

***Prices***

In 2021, the annual (December-December) inflation level was set at 13.9 percent. For the same period, the average inflation is at the level of 9.6 percent.

In October 2022, the inflation level in Georgia compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (annual inflation) amounted to 10.6 percent. For the same period, the average inflation is at the level of 12.4 percent.

The formation of annual inflation was mainly influenced by price changes on the following groups:

Food and non-alcoholic beverages: prices increased by 15.8%, which reflected the overall inflation rate by 5.22 percentage points;

Transport: prices increased by 11.6%, which was reflected by 1.38 p.p.;

Accommodation, water, electricity, gas: prices increased by 13.5%, which was reflected in the overall inflation rate by 1.31 p.p.;

Hotels, cafes and restaurants: prices increased by 16.8%, which reflected the overall inflation rate by 0.71 p.p.

***GEL exchange rate***

In 2021, the Georgian Lari strengthened against the US dollar. In 2021, compared to 2020, the exchange rate of the GEL against the US dollar strengthened by 5.5 percent and amounted to 3.1 GEL per one US dollar. The nominal effective exchange rate of Lari, which represents the average exchange rate of Lari with the exchange rates of the trading partners, strengthened by 17.9 percent.

In October 2022, compared to December 2021, the exchange rate of the GEL against the US dollar strengthened by 10.4 percent and amounted to 2.78 GEL per one US dollar. The nominal effective exchange rate of Lari, which represents the average exchange rate of the Lari with the exchange rates of trading partners, strengthened by 22.1 percent.

***External Trade***

In 2021, external trade turnover with goods in Georgia amounted to 14,342.4 million US dollars, which is 25.8 percent more than the corresponding indicator of the previous year; Out of this, export is 4,242.7 million US dollars (26.9% more), and import - 10,099.8 million US dollars (25.4% more). Georgia's negative trade balance in 2021 amounted to 5,857.1 million US dollars.

In January-October 2022, external trade turnover with goods in Georgia reached 15,228.4 million USD, which is 33.5 percent higher than the corresponding period of the previous year; Out of this, export amounts to 4 546.0 mln. US dollars (34.0 percent more), and import is 10,682.4 million USD (33.3 percent more). The negative trade balance of Georgia in January-October 2022 was equal to 6 136.4 million US dollars.

The first place among the largest trade partners of Georgia is occupied by the European Union, whose share is 20.5 percent of the total turnover of goods in January-October 2022. It is followed by Turkey with 15.1 percent, Russia with 12.8 percent and China with 10.0 percent shares.

The EU ranks first in exports with 15.7 percent (715.2 million USD), followed by China with 13.4 percent (607.5 million USD), Azerbaijan with 11.9 percent (541.7 million USD), Russia with 11.7 percent (530.3 million USD) and Armenia with 9.3 percent (421.5 million USD).

The first place in imports is occupied by the European Union with 22.5 percent (2,407.0 million USD), followed by Turkey with 17.9 percent (1,916.4 million USD), Russia with 13.3 percent (1,416.0 million USD), China with 8.6 percent (921.0 million USD), the USA by 6.8 percent (725.3 million USD) and so on.

According to commodity groups, copper ores and concentrates take the first place in exports with 18.5 percent, the following places are occupied by: light vehicles 14.5 percent, ferroalloys 9.8 percent, nitrogen fertilizers 4.9 percent and natural grape wines 4.4 percent.

In the commodity structure of import, cars are in the first place, which has a share of 11.4 percent in the total import. Next come petroleum and petroleum products at 10.6 percent, copper ores and concentrates at 5.8 percent, packaged pharmaceuticals at 3.1 percent, and petroleum gases at 3.0 percent.

***Foreign Direct Investments***

In 2021, the volume of direct foreign investments in Georgia increased by 110.6 percent and amounted to 1,241.8 million US dollars. The increase is due to the upswing in the rate of all three components of direct foreign investments (equity capital, reinvestment and debt obligations). According to foreign direct investments in Georgia, the largest investor countries are the United Kingdom (603.6 million US dollars), the Netherlands (138.3 million US dollars) and the Czech Republic (80.8 million US dollars).

According to preliminary data, the volume of direct foreign investments made in Georgia in the first half of 2022 reached 922.9 million USD, which is 102.0% more than the data of the first half of 2021. In the percentage structure of the largest direct investor countries, Spain ranks first with 21.4 percent, the United Kingdom ranks second with 16.5 percent, and Turkey ranks third with 10.6 percent.

The largest direct foreign investment was made in the energy sector and amounted to 313.1 million US dollars, followed by the financial sector - 165.2 million US dollars and the real estate sector - 152.1 million US dollars.

***Money Transfers***

In 2021, net remittances increased by 24.0 percent compared to the previous year and amounted to USD 2,032.7 million (up by USD 393.6 million).

In January-October 2022, net remittances increased by 82.9 percent compared to the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to USD 3,037.7 million (USD 1,376.8 million more). Net remittances from Russia increased by 429.9 percent and amounted to 1,399.9 million USD (up by 1,135.7 million USD), from Italy by 11.3 percent and amounted to 345.8 million USD (up by 35.0 million USD), from the USA - by 9.6 percent, accounting 252.8 million USD dollars (22.1 million US dollars more), from Israel - by 6.1 percent and amounted to 157.6 million US dollars (9.0 million US dollars more). It has been reduced in case of Greece by 10.7 percent and amounted to 169.2 million US dollars (20.2 million US dollars less).

***Tourism***

In 2021, 1,881,000 visitors came to Georgia (according to 2020, the number of visitors was 1,747,000), which is 7.7 percent more than the same data last year (source: National Tourism Administration of Georgia).

In January-October 2022, 4,391.1 thousand international travelers visited Georgia (according to the data of the 10th month of 2021, the number of visitors was 1,522.1 thousand), which is 188.5 percent more than the same figure last year. The number of visitors in January-October 2022 compared to the number of visitors in the corresponding period of 2019 has been restored by 54.7 percent (source: National Tourism Administration of Georgia).

Revenues from tourism amounted to 2,854.5 million US dollars, which is 183.2 percent (1,846.6 million US dollars more) than last year. Revenues from tourism in January-October 2022 compared to revenues from tourism in the corresponding period of 2019 have been restored by 100.2 percent (source: National Bank of Georgia).

***Current Account Balance***

In 2021, the current account deficit equalled 10.4 percent. In the medium term, the country's economic policy will be aimed at reducing the current account deficit.

***Fiscal policy***

**The government's long-term strategy envisages** a fiscal policy that would ensure the maintenance of a high rate of economic growth and macroeconomic stability;

**The objectives of fiscal policy** were:

* directing investments for the development of infrastructure and employment of the population, as well as financing such priority areas as pension provision, social sphere, healthcare, education and agriculture;
* maintaining the budget deficit within the limits of such volume, which will contribute to the economic stability of the country;
* further improvement of state finance management.

In 2021, the economy improved more than expected, especially from the second quarter. Accordingly, the economic growth in 2021 amounted to 10.5% (which in nominal terms amounts to 60.0 billion GEL), the said growth is significantly caused by the base effect and both the realization of the demand postponed in the initial period of the pandemic, and the activation of the economic situation in the region.

As for 2022, it started with a fairly high economic growth, with economic growth of 15.0 percent in the first quarter, partly also due to a low base effect. During 2022, along with the realization of certain negative risks caused by the Russia-Ukraine war, the dynamics of positive economic growth continued in the economy, the tourism sector recovered at a rapid pace, exports increased significantly, and remittances also increased, which accelerated economic growth at the expense of private consumption. As a result, in January-October 2022, according to preliminary data, the real gross domestic product increased by 10.0 percent.

Forecast indicators of macroeconomic and fiscal variables for 2023-2026 have been developed taking into account the current situation and economic growth of 5.0% is expected in 2023, and the average growth in 2023-2026 is assumed at 5.1%.

The revenues of the unified budget of the state by 2023 are forecasted at 28.7% of the GDP, and in the medium term, the figure is expected to be within 27.6%. By 2022, the deficit of the unified budget of the state will decrease to 2.7% and will fall below the deficit threshold provided by the organic law "On Economic Freedom". In 2023, the deficit of the unified budget is predicted to be 2.8%, and by 2026 it will equal 2.1%. Capital expenditure of the general government operations is 8.1% in 2023, and is projected to be within 7% in the medium term.

It is noteworthy that the agreement with the mission of the International Monetary Fund was completed and the 3-year Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) program in the amount of 280 million US dollars was approved. The main tasks of the mentioned program include filling fiscal buffers, strengthening fiscal framework rules, reducing vulnerability to external risks and inflation, maintaining the stability of the financial sector and promoting high and inclusive growth.

Over the past decade, the successful implementation of public finance management reform is confirmed by the results of the 2021 open budget survey of the International Budget Partnership (IBP), according to which Georgia is in the lead and ranks first among 120 countries in the world, in the group of fully transparent countries.

Georgia's PEFA score has improved significantly in the 2022 assessment compared to the 2018 assessment, and 20 out of 31 indicators have the highest "A" rating, while the remaining indicators are mostly maintained/improved.

# Budget Execution Indicators of Georgia in 2021

In 2021, 15,142.7 million GEL has been mobilized in the form of consolidated budget revenues, which is 101.4% of the forecast figure (Table 2), and 113.0% in relation to the primary law.

13,380.0 million GEL has been mobilized in the form of **taxes**, which is 100.8% of the forecast figure, and 111.1% in relation to the primary law. In addition, the actual figure in relation to GDP is 22.2%, including:

* 3 775.7 Million GEL was mobilized as income tax, which is 100.1% of the forecast figure (3 771.0 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 6.3%.
* 1,015.3 Million GEL was mobilized as profit tax, which is 101.4% of the forecast figure (1,001.0 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 1.7%.
* 6,029.5 Million GEL has been mobilized as value added tax, which is 101.6% of the forecast figure (5,935.0 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 10.0%.
* 1,868.8 Million GEL was mobilized as excise duty, which is 102.4% of the forecast figure (1,825.0 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 3.1%.
* 86.4 Million GEL was mobilized as import tax, which is 106.3% of the forecast figure (81.3 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 0.1%.
* 510.7 Million GEL has been mobilized as property tax, which is 100.1% of the forecast figure (510.0 Million GEL), and its share in GDP is 0.8%.

494.4 million GEL was mobilized as **grants,** which is 108.2% of the forecast figure (457.0 million GEL).

1,268.3 million GEL was mobilized as **other revenues**, which is 105.7% of the forecast figure (1,200.0 million GEL).

**Table 2. Consolidated Budget Revenues**

***Thousand GEL***

| **Title** | **Plan** | **Actual** | **+/-** | **%** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Revenues** | **14,928,250.0** | **15,142,672.8** | **214,422.8** | **101.4** |
| **Taxes** | **13,271,250.0** | **13,379,960.6** | **108,710.6** | **100.8** |
| Income tax | 3,771,000.0 | 3,775,673.8 | 4,673.8 | 100.1 |
| Profit tax | 1,001,000.0 | 1,015,296.1 | 14,296.1 | 101.4 |
| VAT | 5,935,000.0 | 6,029,547.0 | 94,547.0 | 101.6 |
| Excise duty | 1,825,000.0 | 1,868,783.7 | 43,783.7 | 102.4 |
| Import tax | 81,250.0 | 86,361.9 | 5,111.9 | 106.3 |
| Property tax | 510,000.0 | 510,704.3 | 704.3 | 100.1 |
| Other tax | 148,000.0 | 93,593.7 | -54,406.3 | 63.2 |
| **Grants** | **457,000.0** | **494,447.1** | **37,447.1** | **108.2** |
| **Other revenues** | **1,200,000.0** | **1,268,265.1** | **68,265.1** | **105.7** |

421.7 million GEL was mobilized from the decrease of **non-financial assets**, which is 87.8% of the forecast indicator (480.0 million GEL).

142.2 million GEL was mobilized from the decrease in **financial assets**, which is 67.7% of the forecast figure (210.0 million GEL).

In 2021, 5,251.5 million GEL was mobilized at the expense of **increasing liabilities**, which is 8.7% of the gross domestic product.

In 2021, the allocations assigned by the state budget were distributed according to different areas as follows:

* ***Social security*** *-* ***4 438.5 million GEL;***
* ***Education - 1 740.8 million GEL;***
* ***Healthcare - 2 526.5 million GEL;***
* ***Transport- 1 632.3 million GEL;***
* ***Agriculture - 558.8 million GEL;***
* ***Energy- 51.8 million GEL;***
* ***Recreation, culture, sports, religion- 396.3 million GEL;***
* ***Defense, public order and security - 2 392.1 million GEL .***

**Measures implemented by the Government of Georgia within the framework of the anti-crisis plan in response to the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) in Georgia**

In 2020-2021, the Ministry of Finance of Georgia successfully concluded negotiations with international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, in order to mobilize donor funding in order for the Government of Georgia to implement countermeasures due to the spread of the pandemic. As a result, in 2020-2021, an agreement was reached to raise more than EUR 1,695.2 million (USD 2,034.3 million).

As of 2020-2021, the total resources of already signed agreements amounted to 1,855.2 million euros (2,226.3 million US dollars), of which 1,695.2 million euros (2,034.3 million dollars) were specifically and additionally raised in response to the challenges of the pandemic. As of 2021, EUR 1,593.3 million (US$ 1,912.0 million) was withdrawn from the mentioned resource, mainly in the form of budget aid loans, including the additional amount withdrawn during 2021 in response to the pandemic amounted to EUR 1,478.3 million (US$ 1,774.0 million). The allocated resources were almost completely used to finance the needs related to the pandemic.

**The main measures provided by the anti-crisis plan related to the COVID-19 pandemic**

*Million GEL*

| **Measure** | **2021 Actual** |
| --- | --- |
| **Healthcare Costs** | **1,220.8** |
| *Including access to a vaccine for COVID-19* | 155.9 |
| **Social Security Expenses** | **411.8** |
| Cash transfers/compensation for socially vulnerable families | 74.9 |
| Cash transfers/compensation for disabled persons | 27.3 |
| Cash transfers/compensation for hired individuals | 149.8 |
| Subsidizing utility bills and increased tariffs for the population due to the new coronavirus | 141.4 |
| Social support for the vaccination process against COVID 19 (cash transfers for citizens of Georgia aged 60 and older) | 18.4 |
| **Business Promotion** | **384.4** |
| Income tax relief | 226.1 |
| Property tax relief | 35.0 |
| Promotion of the construction sector | 23.1 |
| Implementation of necessary measures for promotion of small, medium and family hotel/restaurant industry | 7.6 |
| Credit-guarantee scheme | 49.4 |
| Promotion of micro and small entrepreneurship - small grants | 14.3 |
| State program for price maintenance of primary food products | 16.7 |
| Subsidy of 50% of electricity tariff increase for food producers during 2021 | 10.1 |
| State program for the promotion of agricultural land owners | 2.1 |
| **Total** | **2,017.0** |

*Due to the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19), 1,220.8 million GEL was directed to the* ***measures related to the healthcare of the population***, namely:

* Due to the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19), in order to develop and manage effective mechanisms for responding to the challenges related to the healthcare of the population, LEPL - L. Sakvarelidze National Center For Disease Control and Public Health under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and LEPL – National Health Agency in coordination with all relevant state agencies, and also taking into account the recommendations of the World Health Organization, during the reporting period, a number of measures were implemented to reduce and prevent the risks of massive spread of "Covid-19" in the country, including the purchase of personal protective equipment, diagnostic tests for coronavirus, hotel services/medical supervision of quarantine spaces, provision of quarantine spaces with medical personnel and primary medical items/medicines, management of suspected and confirmed cases and inpatient treatment of patients (hotel services of quarantine spaces were provided to more than 14,000 beneficiaries), 5,034,500 doses (including 1,274,200 in the form of donations) entered the country during the reporting period, 44.9% of the adult population was vaccinated with at least one dose, and 40% of the adult population was vaccinated with a full dose; In total, 1,164.8 million GEL was directed to the Ministry of IDPs, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia for the above-mentioned purposes;
* In order to provide emergency measures for response to COVID-19, within the framework of the program of equipping/rehabilitating medical facilities, medical equipment was purchased for primary healthcare centers, and laboratory equipment for hospitals, as well as vehicles, various equipment and medical devices were purchased for emergency medical assistance services. A total of 27.1 million GEL was allocated for this purpose;
* LEPL - National Administration of Tourism implemented measures related to the accommodation, transportation, feeding, cleaning, ensuring security, and creation of appropriate conditions during the quarantine period of 43,310 people (Georgian citizens (including Georgian citizens coming from areas nominated by the World Health Organization as high-risk areas) and foreign citizens) within the framework of the mandatory quarantine. Various types of events. A total of 25.5 million GEL was directed for this purpose in the reporting period;
* According to the decision of the Government of Georgia, in order to promote the vaccination against COVID-19, within the framework of the vaccination promotion campaign, the encouragement of Georgian citizens (from the age of 16) and the financing of the lottery raffles "Get vaccinated and Win" were carried out. 3.4 million GEL was directed to finance the mentioned event in the reporting period;

***In the direction of social protection of the population:***

* Within the framework of the targeted state program for mitigating the damage brought about by the infection caused by the new coronavirus (SARS-COV-2) (COVID-19), the following measures established by the Government of Georgia were implemented: funding of cash transfers/compensation for vulnerable groups (socially vulnerable families, persons with severe disabilities and children with disabilities, hired natural persons, individual entrepreneurs and tax-paying individuals):
* for families with a rating score of 65,000 to 100,000 registered in the unified database of socially vulnerable families - 35 GEL per family member (for a one-member family - 70 GEL, for a two-member family - 90 GEL; during the reporting period, more than 254.9 thousand persons benefited); For families with up to 100,000 rating points registered in the unified database of socially vulnerable families, who have 3 or more children up to the age of 16 - in the amount of 100 GEL per family (6 months, during the reporting period, more than 172.4 thousand people benefited). 75.0 million GEL was applied in the reporting period in total;
* for severely disabled persons and disabled children - in the amount of 100 GEL per month (6 months, more than 45.9 thousand persons benefited during the reporting period). A total of 27.3 million GEL was applied;
* more than 158.2 thousand people doing hired work received 200 GEL per month. The total amount directed is up to 149.2 million GEL;
* one-time financial assistance in the amount of 300 GEL continued for individual entrepreneurs and tax-paying individuals. During the reporting period, the assistance was enjoyed by 1,869 persons and the amount reached 560.7 thousand GEL. In addition, for this purpose in 2020, in the first stage, 248.9 thousand persons were assisted, and in the second stage - to 120.4 thousand persons, ultimately, a total of 110.8 million GEL was directed;
* Due to the deterioration of the socio-economic situation caused by the new coronavirus (COVID-19), in 2021, social assistance to the population was continued by subsidizing utility bills, namely: electricity 200 kilowatts/hour or less than 200 kilowatts/hour, natural gas 200 m³ or less than 200 m³ , drinking water/sewerage and cleaning fee tax subsidy (January - February). In addition, from January 2021, the increased electricity tariff was subsidized for households in the full amount of the tariff increase for the volume above 200 kilowatt/hours, but not exceeding 301 kilowatt/hours. During the reporting period, a total of 141.4 million GEL was directed by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia for the mentioned purposes (including: subsidizing utility bills - 83.2 million GEL; Subsidy of increased electricity tariff - 58.2 million GEL). In addition, in 2020, GEL 328.8 million was transferred to subsidize the tax for 200 kilowatt/hour or less than 200 kilowatt/hour of electricity, 200 m³ or less than 200 m³ of natural gas, as well as drinking water/sewerage and cleaning fees (172.7 million GEL was allocated by the Ministry of IDPs Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, and 210.0 million GEL by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia);
* According to the decision of the Government of Georgia, within the framework of social support of the process of vaccination against COVID-19, a citizen of Georgia aged 60 and older, who was vaccinated against COVID-19 for the first time from November 8, 2021, would automatically become a recipient of one-time social assistance (200 GEL). In the reporting period, the said assistance was provided to 92.1 thousand persons, 18.4 million GEL was directed in total.

***In the direction of business promotion:***

* In response to the new challenges facing the economy due to the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19), the transitional conditions in the existing business support program - the Credit Guarantee Scheme have been extended until the end of 2021. Also, the construction sector promotion program was continued and additional effective business promotion mechanisms were developed in the direction of the restaurant industry. A program supporting sports facilities and kindergartens was added. During the reporting period, the following measures were implemented within the framework of the mentioned programs:
* 23.1 million GEL was transferred to commercial banks to subsidize the interest of 6,646 beneficiaries within the construction sector promotion program;
* 689 beneficiaries were financed within the framework of the micro and small entrepreneurship promotion program and the amount of co-financing amounted to 14.3 million GEL;
* In accordance with the agreements signed with the beneficiaries within the credit-guarantee scheme, at the end of 2020, from the amounts credited to the LEPL – Agency of Enterprise Georgia’s own revenue’s account to fulfill the liabilities assumed by the Resolution N163 of the Government of Georgia of March 29, 2019 “Regarding the approval of the state program "Credit Guarantee Scheme””, in the reporting period, in order to cover the tranches issued by commercial banks according to the mentioned agreements, guarantee funds were placed on deposits for 133 beneficiaries in the amount of 15.0 million GEL, and from the allocations by the 2021 state budget - for 207 beneficiaries in the amount of 29.0 million GEL;
* To support and improve the tourism sector, 0.1 million GEL was transferred to 14 beneficiaries in commercial banks in the direction of promotion of small, medium and family hotel industry. Also, 1.8 million GEL was transferred to commercial banks for the support of the event organization industry for 12 beneficiaries, 4.5 million GEL for the promotion of the restaurant industry - for 385 beneficiaries, and 1.2 million GEL for the promotion of sports facilities and kindergartens - 1.2 million for 63 beneficiaries. During the reporting period, a total of 7.6 million GEL was directed to the mentioned purposes from the own income account of the Enterprise in Georgia Agency. In addition, in 2020, in order to support the tourism sector, co-financing was provided for 3,254 loans of existing hotels in the amount of 45.6 million GEL;
* According to the decision made by the Government of Georgia, within the framework of the state program for maintaining the prices of primary food products, the volume of subsidized flour determined by the agreement in the reporting period amounted to 50.0 thousand tons, and the subsidy was given for 40.5 thousand tons of flour in the amount of 14.5 million GEL. The fulfillment of the liabilities taken in 2020 (disbursement of tranches) was also in progress. In total, the actual performance of 2021 amounted to 16.7 million GEL. In addition, in 2020-2021, a total of 17.2 million GEL was used for subsidizing wheat flour, 4.5 million GEL for wheat import subsidy, and 1.2 million GEL for subsidizing primary consumption products (rice, pasta, sunflower oil, milk flour, sugar, wheat);
* In the reporting period, 10.1 million GEL was directed to the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia in order to subsidize 50% of the electricity tariff increase for food producers;
* In accordance with the rules defined by the Government of Georgia, 12,638 farmers were included in the state program for the promotion of agricultural land owners during the reporting period (beneficiaries were using the points/subsidy given on agrocards until the end of May 2021). 2.1 million GEL was used for this purpose in the reporting period, and in 2020-2021 - 31.3 million GEL;
* In the reporting period, the business benefited from 226.1 million GEL income tax relief (on the first 750 GEL of salary) for those employers whose salary does not exceed 1,500 GEL, and in total from May 2020 - more than 544.6 million GEL;
* In the reporting period, the property tax relief amounted to 35.0 million GEL, and in 2020-2021 - 74.7 million GEL.

**Various measures related to the pandemic:**

* 4.9 million units of face masks and 106.1 thousand units (5 liters) of hand sanitizer were distributed to public schools of Georgia. Also, 15.2 thousand liters of disinfectant concentrate (for floors) were purchased in connection with the disinfection works to be carried out in public schools. 10.0 thousand pieces of non-contact electric thermometer, 3.0 thousand units of dispensers and 1.8 thousand pieces of dezobarrier were purchased;
* In order to provide help to the people living in the occupied regions infected with COVID-19, the patients were transported to the controlled territory of Georgia and treated. During the reporting period, medical services were provided to 600 covid-infected people; The anti-covid vaccination program was extended to the population living in the occupied regions;
* In order to alleviate the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, 322 baskets of hygiene products and food products were given to orphans and disabled children affected by the conflict near the occupation line within the framework of social assistance;
* Through the coordination mechanism, the Abkhazia region was provided with necessary medical supplies, including rapid tests, immunization vaccines, diabetes medications, anti-tuberculosis antibiotics, and anti-HIV/AIDS medicines;

Also, within the framework of allocations allocated in 2021, the following main measures were carried out during the reporting period:

* In the direction of pension provision, in order to finance the obligations assumed by the state, provision of beneficiaries with state pensions and state compensations provided by the laws of Georgia "On State Pension" and "On State Compensation and State Academic Scholarship" were carried out. From January 2021, the amount of pension has been increased and it was set at 240 GEL for a pensioner under the age of 70, and 275 GEL for a pensioner aged 70 or older. Accordingly, the amount of state compensation was recalculated. In total, in the reporting period, more than 2,574.7 million GEL was transferred for pension provision of the population;
* Within the framework of the social assistance program for targeted groups of the population, social assistance was provided to families below the poverty line, registered in the unified database of socially vulnerable families, as well as reintegration allowance related to the return of children from institutional facilities to their biological families. Also, financing of the social package for disabled people, disabled children, those left without a breadwinner and other vulnerable categories, provision of benefits for refugees and displaced persons, and compensation for damages caused as a result of employee's health loss while performing work duties were carried out. Moreover, financial assistance was issued within the framework of the targeted state program for pregnancy, childbirth and child care, as well as for adoption of a newborn, household subsidy, promotion of the demographic situation, for the birth of the third and every subsequent live child, as well as for beneficiaries born on January 1, 2016 (first, second, third and each subsequent child), one of whose parents has the status of a person of permanent residence in the highland settlement. In addition, according to the rule approved by the Resolution N145 of the Government of Georgia of July 28, 2006, from July 1, 2021, the amount of the benefit for children living in socially vulnerable families increased from 50 GEL to 100 GEL, and the acceptable threshold score of this benefit was determined by 120,001 units instead of 100,000. Accordingly, the number of families receiving child benefit has also increased. In addition to the above, in order to alleviate the damage caused by the pandemic, the administration body does not re-examine/verify the socio-economic status of families/persons receiving living allowance registered in the database of socially vulnerable families, while new families are added the system, which also increases the number of living allowance recipients. In the reporting period, more than 906.4 million GEL was allocated from the state budget to provide social assistance to targeted groups of the population;
* In accordance with the Law of Georgia "On the Development of Highland Regions", pensioners permanently living in a highland settlement receive a supplement in the amount of 20% of their pension, as well as social package recipients - a supplement in the amount of 20% of the social package. Allowances are provided for the medical personnel employed in the medical institution located in the highland settlement, based on the state's equity participation and under its management (for a doctor - in the double amount of pension, for a nurse - in the single amount of pension). 50% of the electricity bill used by subscribers in the highland settlements is reimbursed. A total of 72.1 million GEL was directed for this purpose in the reporting period;
* Within the framework of the "Program for Universal Health Protection of the Population", both ambulatory (emergency and planned) and inpatient (emergency medical services; planned surgery, including cardiac surgery and surgery for oncological diseases; treatment of oncological diseases - chemo/hormone and radiation therapy are continuously provided to the population; delivery/caesarean section, treatment of high-risk pregnant women, pregnant women and women in labor, management of infectious diseases) medical assistance by increasing financial and geographical access is suggested, as well as providing the population with medicines for treating chronic diseases. In total, 792.2 million GEL was directed for this purpose in the reporting period;
* Within the framework of the rehabilitation and equipping program of medical facilities, medical devices were purchased for primary healthcare centers, and laboratory equipment was purchased for hospitals. Also, emergency medical vehicles (33 units of type B and 5 units of type C), radios of the Tetra system and other radio equipment with the appropriate license for the emergency medical service, server, video-audio equipment, computers and tablets;
* In the form of social assistance, financial assistance was provided to 16,627 IDPs, and 1,189 extremely needy families from various dilapidated and encroached facilities were financed to rent living spaces (from 50 to 300 GEL monthly);
* The transfer of former state-owned compact accommodation facilities to IDPs was in progress, within the framework of which 1,466 private apartments were given to families, 1,393 residential houses were purchased in Tbilisi and various regions of Georgia within the framework of the rural house program (Tbilisi - 575, Imereti region - 122, Samegrelo region - 696);
* In order to improve social and living conditions for internally displaced persons, 6 ten-story buildings (420 apartments) were built in the village of Gvishtibi, Tskaltubo municipality; In Zugdidi, the construction of 3 paired twelve-story buildings (360 apartments) and 2 paired twelve-story buildings (240 apartments) and landscaping of the yards were completed; Construction works of 3 connected sixteen-story buildings (480 apartments) and 2 connected sixteen-story buildings (320 apartments) were underway in Kutaisi.
* On the basis of the Law of Georgia "On Pension Savings", the acumulative pension scheme has been implemented in Georgia since January 1, 2019. As of December 31, 2021, the number of participants registered in the scheme amounted to more than 1,236.0 thousand (965.0 thousand participants from private organizations, and 271.0 thousand participants from public institutions). The number of participating private organizations exceeded 84.2 thousand companies. As of December 31, 2021, the value of pension assets (declared + benefits) amounted to 1.98 billion GEL. During the reporting period, the investment council decides to increase real proceeds on pension assets and in accordance with the interests of the participants, the Pension Agency has invested GEL 500.0 million in the deposit certificates issued by high-rated local licensed commercial banks, and pension assets in the amount of 18.2 million GEL in national currency were placed on time deposits in banks.
* 882.0 million GEL was allocated to finance 2,078 public and 217 private secondary schools across the country;
* 1,525 Mandaturi officers of the educational institution ensured protection of public order and security in 607 public, 2 private schools and 2 professional educational institutions;
* Transportation of 7,165 students of 25 public schools across Tbilisi was carried out, as well as of 251 students of 6 schools with disabilities and special educational needs, using wheelchairs. Also, 55 municipalities were financed for the purchase of transportation services for public school students. In total, the funds directed for this purpose amounted to 17.2 million GEL.
* 60.4 million GEL was directed to finance vocational education, 117.2 million GEL was directed to finance state education and master's grants and to encourage young people, 26.5 million GEL was directed to finance inclusive education, and 67.2 million GEL was assigned to promote science and scientific research;
* During the reporting period, the construction of 36 public schools and the partial/full rehabilitation of 92 public schools were completed, while the construction of 3 public schools was underway. Preparation of detailed design and cost accounting documentation required for the construction and rehabilitation of public schools, and reconstruction and rehabilitation of public schools and increasing energy efficiency works were also underway (under the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia);
* The construction of 3 vocational schools was in progress, the construction of a new educational building of 1 vocational college - Shota Meskhia Zugdidi State Educational University, and the construction of workshops in 6 vocational institutions and their branches and various types of rehabilitation works were completed;
* Within the framework of state support programs for various types of sports, the organization of 40 national competitions and participation in 120 international sports competitions in 55 sports were financed, as well as 185 educational and training gatherings both in Georgia and abroad.
* Georgian athletes won 198 gold, 179 silver, 208 bronze medals on the international stage, a total of 585 medals, including 2 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze at the Tokyo 2020 XXXII Olympic Games, 3 silver at the Paralympic Games.
* Scholarships were awarded to 864 athletes, coaches and medical personnel within the framework of the "Measures of social protection and promotion of culture and sports figures" program;
* 340 veteran athletes and sports workers received assistance to improve their material and social conditions within the framework of the "Social Assistance to Veteran Athletes and Sports Workers" program;
* In the framework of the "Support of coaches employed in the field of sports in mountainous settlements" program, assistance was provided to 334 coaches of 25 types of sports in 25 municipalities;
* 118 People's Actors of Georgia, People's Artists and Rustaveli Prize laureates were provided with scholarships, and 21 honored figures of literature and art were provided with social assistance;
* In order to host the EuroBasket 2022 qualifying stage by Georgia, the construction works of the Sports Palace were financed;
* The assessment of the state of cultural heritage samples of Georgia was facilitated, as well as the preparation of project documentation for the rehabilitation/conservation of monuments, and the implementation of reconstruction works;
* The cost of natural gas supplied to the permanent residents in the highland villages of Kazbegi Municipality and Dusheti Municipality, as well as in those villages that have been granted the status of highland settlements in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, from December 1, 2020 to May 15, 2021 and from October 15, 2021 to December 1, 2021, was compensated in the amount of 10.1 million GEL (amount of consumed natural gas - 17.7 million m³);
* Within the framework of the access to finance (industrial) component of the state program Enterprise Georgia, 435 projects for co-financing of credit and leasing interest were confirmed by the LEPL- Enterprise Georgia (including: in the direction of enterprise industry - 347, hotel industry - 79 and tourist services – 9). The total amount of investment in the mentioned projects is 888.6 million GEL (including: 600.8 million GEL in the direction of enterprise industry, 257.7 million GEL in the direction of the hotel industry and 30.1 million GEL in the direction of tourist services), and the total amount of value of loan/leasing object approved by the commercial bank/leasing company - 626.9 million GEL (including: enterprise industry - 481.0 million GEL, hotel industry - 119.9 million GEL and tourist services - 26.0 million GEL);
* Within the framework of the universal (industrial) component of access to finance of the state program Enterprise Georgia, 47 projects for co-financing of credit interest were confirmed. The total amount of investment in the mentioned projects is 62.9 million GEL, and the total amount of the loan value approved by the commercial bank is 45.6 million GEL;
* Within the framework of the Preferential Agrocredits project, entrepreneurs were provided with cheap and accessible funds, co-financing of the interest rate of the loans issued by the commercial banks and financial institutions participating in the project, based on the established interest rate. During the reporting period, 7 911 new loans were issued, and in the reporting period the service was issued with 20 722 loans in total. The amount of co-financing of the interest rates of the issued loans amounted to 154.6 million GEL within the budget allocations, including the principal amount of the overdraft spent in 2020 and covered in 2021 is 18.4 million GEL and the interest paid on the spent overdraft is 209.2 thousand GEL - a total of 18.6 million GEL;
* In accordance with the decision taken by the Government of Georgia, the allocations amounted to 141.7 million GEL for the purpose of receiving and processing grapes (subsidizing companies) within the framework of the 2021 harvest, as well as organizing the harvest and complying fully with the commitments made to wine companies. Accordingly, during the reporting period, 243.0 thousand tons of grapes were processed in Georgia, while 23 thousand winegrowers handed over grapes to enterprises. In addition, in order to help the population affected by the hailstorm in Kakheti and Kaspi region, whose crops of vineyards and/or perennial gardens were completely and/or partially destroyed, 3.6 million GEL was directed for one-time assistance;
* In different regions of Georgia, the works related to the gasification of villages were in progress. In the reporting period, a total of 13,881 potential subscribers were given the opportunity to connect to the natural gas network;
* 80.3 million GEL was allocated for the financing of irrigation and drainage systems, rehabilitation of hydrotechnical facilities, purchase of reclamation equipment, machines, ongoing technical operation of reclamation infrastructure, electricity consumed by mechanical pumping stations, as well as maintenance of reclamation equipment, vehicles and other machinery, and for the improvement of irrigation and drainage systems. Works on irrigation systems were carried out on 65 projects, among which 37 projects were completed, while rehabilitation works on drainage systems were carried out on 11 objects, of which 10 objects were completed.
* Within the framework of the state control of food safety, 15,455 inspections, 6,465 documentary checks, 3,773 - sampling and 635 - supervision were carried out. As a result of these actions, 2.4 thousand administrative violations were detected;
* In order to ensure epizootic stability within the framework of animal health protection and identification-registration, compulsory and prophylactic vaccination was carried out: against rabies, anthrax, nodular dermatitis, cattle plague, brucellosis, Turkish. Also, animal identification-registration was in progress;
* Within the framework of measures against the Asian tortoise beetle, a management center for measures against the Asian tortoise beetle was established in West Georgia; Monitoring of the wintering phase of the pest was carried out in the wintering areas. 42 thousand pieces of pheromone were placed against the Asian tortoise beetle. The technical teams put the spraying equipment into working condition, and developed an action plan. In total, an area of 185.8 thousand ha has been treated against the Asian tortoise beetles.
* 975 garden projects on 3,619.6 hectares have been approved within the framework of the "Plant the Future" project (including: 557 garden components and 418 within the berry crops financing sub-component). Also, 139 applications have been approved within the scope of anti-hail and drip irrigation systems, arrangement of well/bore-hole/pumping station, arrangement of drip irrigation system, replacement of damaged seedlings in perennial crop(s) garden, plantation, vineyard, purchase of spraying equipment and components of nursery farms. 39.1 million GEL was allocated to the projects envisaged within the framework;
* Within the framework of the program approved by the Government of Georgia, the purpose of which is to smoothly implement measures to promote the sale of non-standard apple harvest, 35,388.2 tons of non-standard apples worth 9.3 million GEL were delivered by 13 companies during the reporting period. A total of 3.6 million GEL was used for this purpose in the reporting period;
* 1 606.3 million GEL was spent on road infrastructure improvement measures, road maintenance, construction of new highways, interstate and local roads;
* LEPL - Municipal Development Fund of Georgia spent up to 527.9 million GEL for the development of municipal infrastructure, construction and rehabilitation of public schools and improving the social condition of internally displaced persons;
* 329.7 million GEL was directed to finance water supply measures in the reporting period;
* Elections of the City Council (representative body of the municipality of Georgia) and the mayor of the self-governing city/self-governing community were held. In total, more than 54.2 million GEL was directed to the elections; In accordance with the current legislation of Georgia, 14 political parties were financed in order to financially support the activities of political parties, as well as to carry out research, teaching, conferences, business trips, regional and voter civic and electoral education projects.

# **Forecast Indicators of the 2022 Budget of Georgia**

Taking into account the positive economic trends of 2022, in September of this year, macroeconomic forecasts and tax forecast indicators were updated.

The volume of **revenues to the consolidated budget** in 2022 was determined at 19,217.0 million GEL, and its share in GDP was equal to 26.6%.

The estimated amount of taxes was determined at 17,350.0 million GEL, and its share in GDP is 24.0%. Including:

* The forecast rate of income tax is 5,055.0 million GEL.
* The forecast rate of profit tax is 1 935.0 million GEL.
* The forecast indicator of the added value is 7 430.0 million GEL.
* The estimated rate of excise duty is 2,050.0 million GEL.
* The forecast rate of import tax is 120.0 million GEL.
* The property tax forecast is 595.0 million GEL.
* The forecast rate of other taxes is 165.0 million GEL.

The forecast volume of **grants** was determined at 357.0 million GEL, which is 0.5% of GDP;

The forecast volume of **other incomes** was determined at 1,510.0 million GEL, which is 2.1% of GDP;

The volume of receivables from the decrease of **non-financial assets** was determined at 450.0 million GEL, which is 0.6% of GDP.

The amount of receivables due to the decrease of **financial assets** was determined by 150.0 million GEL, which is 0.2% of GDP.

**The amount of increase in liabilities** was determined by 3 582.0 million GEL, which is 5.0% of the gross domestic product.

The first approved plan of allocations of the Law of Georgia On the 2022 State Budget of Georgia amounts to 19,171.1 million GEL. At the same time, taking into account the high economic growth, a change was made in the 2022 budget, according to which the state budget allocations total 19,678.7 million GEL, which is an increase of 507.6 million GEL compared to the first approved plan. The allocations approved by the state budget in 2022 were distributed according to different areas as follows:

* ***Social security - 4 590.1 Million GEL;***
* ***Education- 1 829.5 Million GEL;***
* ***Healthcare - 1 944.4 Million GEL;***
* ***Transport - 1 884.6 Million GEL;***
* ***Agriculture - 690.6 Million GEL;***
* ***Energy - 108.1 Million GEL;***
* ***Recreation, culture, sports, religion - 426.7 Million GEL;***
* ***Defense, public order and security - 2 711.8 Million GEL.***

**State Budget Execution Indicators in 10 Months of 2022  
(Preliminary)**

***Million GEL***

| **Title** | **Projections for 2022** | **Actual for 10 months** | **% of Budget Execution** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Revenues** | **19,217.0** | **15,368.6** | **80.0%** |
| Taxes | 17,350.0 | 13,693.2 | 78.9% |
| Grants | 357.0 | 304.3 | 85.2% |
| Other revenues | 1,510.0 | 1,371.1 | 90.8% |

* 13,693.2 million GEL was mobilized **in the form of taxes**, which is 78.9% of the annual forecast (17,350.0 million GEL).
* 304.3 million GEL was mobilized **in the form of grants,** which is 85.2% of the annual forecast figure (357.0 million GEL).
* 1,371.1 million GEL was mobilized **as** **other revenues**, which is 90.8% of the annual forecast (1,510.0 million GEL).
* 327.8 million GEL was mobilized from the **decrease of non-financial assets**, which is 72.8% of the forecast indicator (450.0 million GEL).
* 83.9 million GEL was mobilized from the decrease in **financial assets**, which is 55.9% of the forecast indicator (150.0 million GEL).
* 2 541.9 million GEL was mobilized from the **increase in liabilities**, including 1 131.6 million GEL - through the issuance of domestic securities, 1 149.6 million GEL - preferential investment credits received from international financial organizations and governments of other states, 260.7 million GEL - budget support credits.

# **Projected Revenues in Georgia for 2023-2026**

When calculating the forecasts of budgetary revenues in the medium term, the expected changes and possible consequences caused by the measures to be carried out in the fiscal field were taken into account. The forecast rate of budget revenue for 2023-2026 in relation to GDP is on average 25.6%, and the share of tax revenues is estimated at the level of 23.5% on average.

In 2023, the share of other revenues of the consolidated budget will probably equal 1.9% of the gross domestic product, and the volume of receivables from the sale of non-financial and financial assets will be 0.4 and 0.6 percent of GDP, respectively.

# Major Budget Indicators

*Million GEL*

| **Title** | **2021 Actual** | | | **2022 Forecast** | | | **2023 Forecast** | | | **2024 Forecast** | | | **2025 Forecast** | | | **2026 Forecast** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** | **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** | **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** | **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** | **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** | **Consolidated Budget** | **State Budget** | **Budgets of A/Reps and municipalities** |
| **Revenues** | **15,142.7** | **12,750.3** | **3,108.7** | **19,217.0** | **16,437.0** | **3,674.3** | **20,805.0** | **17,730.4** | **4,139.1** | **22,076.0** | **18,629.0** | **4,347.0** | **23,794.0** | **20,155.0** | **4,559.0** | **25,704.0** | **21,754.0** | **4,890.0** |
| Taxes | 13,380.0 | 11,439.5 | 1,940.5 | 17,350.0 | 15,000.0 | 2,350.0 | 18,890.0 | 16,290.4 | 2,599.6 | 20,216.0 | 17,359.0 | 2,857.0 | 21,884.0 | 18,850.0 | 3,034.0 | 23,734.0 | 20,404.0 | 3,330.0 |
| Grants | 494.4 | 487.1 | 718.9 | 357.0 | 357.0 | 889.3 | 390.0 | 390.0 | 1,059.5 | 360.0 | 360.0 | 900.0 | 370.0 | 370.0 | 920.0 | 380.0 | 380.0 | 940.0 |
| Other revenues | 1,268.3 | 823.7 | 449.2 | 1,510.0 | 1,080.0 | 435.0 | 1,525.0 | 1,050.0 | 480.0 | 1,500.0 | 910.0 | 590.0 | 1,540.0 | 935.0 | 605.0 | 1,590.0 | 970.0 | 620.0 |
| **Expenditures** | **14,742.4** | **12,916.2** | **1,888.4** | **15,743.0** | **13,466.8** | **2,377.0** | **17,411.7** | **14,886.7** | **2,663.5** | **18,364.0** | **15,719.0** | **2,685.0** | **19,832.0** | **16,874.0** | **2,998.0** | **21,357.0** | **18,162.0** | **3,235.0** |
| Remuneration | 1,984.5 | 1,654.8 | 329.8 | 2,280.0 | 1,845.0 | 435.0 | 2,733.7 | 2,248.7 | 485.0 | 2,970.0 | 2,440.0 | 530.0 | 3,200.0 | 2,625.0 | 575.0 | 3,450.0 | 2,820.0 | 630.0 |
| Goods and Services | 2,202.6 | 1,800.1 | 402.5 | 2,400.0 | 1,880.0 | 520.0 | 2,635.5 | 2,075.5 | 560.0 | 2,730.0 | 2,155.0 | 575.0 | 2,960.0 | 2,330.0 | 630.0 | 3,200.0 | 2,510.0 | 690.0 |
| Interest | 808.0 | 790.5 | 13.4 | 775.0 | 763.0 | 17.0 | 1,221.0 | 1,201.0 | 25.0 | 1,174.0 | 1,164.0 | 10.0 | 1,282.0 | 1,272.0 | 10.0 | 1,367.0 | 1,357.0 | 10.0 |
| External | 288.0 |  |  | 250.0 |  |  | 480.0 |  |  | 273.0 |  |  | 279.0 |  |  | 279.0 |  |  |
| Domestic | 525.0 |  |  | 537.0 |  |  | 690.0 |  |  | 704.0 |  |  | 822.0 |  |  | 822.0 |  |  |
| Subsidies | 1,659.6 | 859.8 | 799.8 | 2,110.0 | 1,110.0 | 1,000.0 | 2,117.6 | 937.6 | 1,180.0 | 2,100.0 | 980.0 | 1,120.0 | 2,250.0 | 1,020.0 | 1,230.0 | 2,400.0 | 1,090.0 | 1,310.0 |
| Grants | 195.7 | 248.1 | 5.6 | 323.0 | 403.8 | 15.0 | 205.2 | 330.2 | 8.5 | 290.0 | 300.0 | 30.0 | 290.0 | 300.0 | 30.0 | 290.0 | 300.0 | 30.0 |
| Social Security | 6,341.9 | 6,082.6 | 259.3 | 6,215.0 | 5,925.0 | 290.0 | 6,732.9 | 6,447.9 | 285.0 | 7,220.0 | 6,920.0 | 300.0 | 7,820.0 | 7,437.0 | 383.0 | 8,450.0 | 8,035.0 | 415.0 |
| Other expenses | 1,558.4 | 1,480.3 | 78.1 | 1,640.0 | 1,540.0 | 100.0 | 1,765.7 | 1,645.7 | 120.0 | 1,880.0 | 1,760.0 | 120.0 | 2,030.0 | 1,890.0 | 140.0 | 2,200.0 | 2,050.0 | 150.0 |
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| **Operating Balance** | **400.3** | **-165.9** | **1,220.3** | **3,474.0** | **2,970.2** | **1,297.3** | **3,393.3** | **2,843.7** | **1,475.6** | **3,712.0** | **2,910.0** | **1,662.0** | **3,962.0** | **3,281.0** | **1,561.0** | **4,347.0** | **3,592.0** | **1,655.0** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Change in non-financial assets** | **4,170.0** | **3,613.3** | **1,210.7** | **5,485.0** | **4,768.5** | **1,510.0** | **5,814.2** | **5,240.2** | **1,500.0** | **5,610.0** | **4,857.0** | **1,613.0** | **6,010.0** | **5,090.0** | **1,800.0** | **6,440.0** | **5,280.0** | **2,060.0** |
| Increase | 4,591.6 | 3,825.9 | 1,419.8 | 5,935.0 | 5,068.5 | 1,660.0 | 6,164.2 | 5,440.2 | 1,650.0 | 5,860.0 | 5,007.0 | 1,713.0 | 6,310.0 | 5,290.0 | 1,900.0 | 6,690.0 | 5,430.0 | 2,160.0 |
| Reduction | 421.7 | 212.6 | 209.1 | 450.0 | 300.0 | 150.0 | 350.0 | 200.0 | 150.0 | 250.0 | 150.0 | 100.0 | 300.0 | 200.0 | 100.0 | 250.0 | 150.0 | 100.0 |
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| **Total Balance** | **-3,769.7** | **-3,779.2** | **9.5** | **-2,011.0** | **-1,798.3** | **-212.7** | **-2,420.9** | **-2,396.5** | **-24.4** | **-1,898.0** | **-1,947.0** | **49.0** | **-2,048.0** | **-1,809.0** | **-239.0** | **-2,093.0** | **-1,688.0** | **-405.0** |
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| **Change in financial assets** | **-1,269.0** | **-1,269.9** | **118.7** | **526.0** | **750.7** | **9.3** | **-45.1** | **29.3** | **74.6** | **242.0** | **203.0** | **59.0** | **72.0** | **321.0** | **-229.0** | **-73.0** | **332.0** | **-385.0** |
| Increase | 303.0 | **323.2** | **118.8** | 676.0 | **920.7** | **9.3** | 320.3 | **479.3** | **0.0** | 372.0 | **353.0** | **59.0** | 471.0 | **471.0** | **40.0** | 482.0 | **482.0** | **40.0** |
| *Currency and deposits* | *118.8* |  | *118.8* | *286.0* | *276.7* | *9.3* | *34.2* | *34.2* |  | *122.0* | *103.0* | *19.0* | *221.0* | *221.0* |  | *232.0* | *232.0* |  |
| *Loans* | *184.3* | *323.2* | *0.0* | *390.0* | *644.0* | *0.0* | *286.1* | *445.1* | *0.0* | *250.0* | *250.0* | *40.0* | *250.0* | *250.0* | *40.0* | *250.0* | *250.0* | *40.0* |
| *Shares and other capital* | *0.0* |  | *0.0* | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  |
| Decrease | 1,572.0 | 1,593.1 | 0.1 | 150.0 | 170.0 | 0.0 | 365.4 | 450.0 | -74.6 | 130.0 | 150.0 | 0.0 | 399.0 | 150.0 | 269.0 | 555.0 | 150.0 | 425.0 |
| *Currency and Deposits* | *1,429.8* | *1,429.8* |  | *0.0* |  | *0.0* | *-74.6* |  | *-74.6* | *0.0* |  |  | *269.0* | *0.0* | *269.0* | *425.0* |  | *425.0* |
| *Loans* | *139.7* | *160.8* | *0.1* | *150.0* | *170.0* |  | *440.0* | *450.0* |  | *130.0* | *150.0* |  | *130.0* | *150.0* |  | *130.0* | *150.0* |  |
| *Shares and other capital* | *2.5* | *2.5* |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  | *0.0* |  |  |
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| **Change in Liabilities** | **2,500.7** | **2,509.3** | **109.2** | **2,537.0** | **2,549.0** | **222.0** | **2,375.8** | **2,425.8** | **99.0** | **2,140.0** | **2,150.0** | **10.0** | **2,120.0** | **2,130.0** | **10.0** | **2,020.0** | **2,020.0** | **20.0** |
| Increase | 5,251.5 | 5,251.5 | 138.9 | 3,622.0 | 3,622.0 | 254.0 | 3,644.3 | 3,644.3 | 159.0 | 3,575.0 | 3,575.0 | 40.0 | 3,675.0 | 3,675.0 | 40.0 | 5,020.0 | 5,020.0 | 40.0 |
| *External* | *5,558.0* | *5,558.0* | *0.0* | *2,342.0* | *2,342.0* |  | *2,244.3* | *2,244.3* |  | *2,100.0* | *2,100.0* |  | *2,100.0* | *2,100.0* |  | *3,400.0* | *3,400.0* |  |
| *Domestic* | *-306.5* | *-306.5* | *138.9* | *1,280.0* | *1,280.0* | *254.0* | *1,400.0* | *1,400.0* | *159.0* | *1,475.0* | *1,475.0* | *40.0* | *1,575.0* | *1,575.0* | *40.0* | *1,620.0* | *1,620.0* | *40.0* |
| Reduction | 2,750.9 | 2,742.3 | 29.7 | 1,085.0 | 1,073.0 | 32.0 | 1,268.5 | 1,218.5 | 60.0 | 1,435.0 | 1,425.0 | 30.0 | 1,555.0 | 1,545.0 | 30.0 | 3,000.0 | 3,000.0 | 20.0 |
| *External* | *2,655.8* | *2,655.8* |  | *1,005.0* | *1,005.0* |  | *1,170.0* | *1,170.0* |  | *1,380.0* | *1,380.0* |  | *1,500.0* | *1,500.0* |  | *3,000.0* | *3,000.0* |  |
| *Domestic* | *95.0* | *86.5* | *29.7* | *80.0* | *68.0* | *32.0* | *98.5* | *48.5* | *60.0* | *55.0* | *45.0* | *30.0* | *55.0* | *45.0* | *30.0* | *0.0* | *0.0* | *20.0* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Balance** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

**Taking into account the threshold parameters established by the Organic Law of Georgia on Economic Freedom:**

a) in 2023, the negative total balance of the consolidated budget of the state is determined by 2,261.0 million GEL, which is 2.8% of the projected gross domestic product (GDP) (the set limit is 3% of GDP);

b) by the end of 2023, the debt limit of the government of Georgia is 38.3% of the gross domestic product (GDP), and the assessment of the current value of liabilities undertaken within the framework of public and private cooperation projects is 0.5% of the gross domestic product (GDP) – Total: 38.8% of GDP (set limit – 60% of GDP).

**Chapter III**

# **Threshold budget allocations and numbers provided for spending institutions, programs planned by them and their financing**

***Thousand GEL***

| **Title** | **Staff** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025** | **2026** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parliament of Georgia and its organizations** | 1,182 | 77,460.0 | 83,083.2 | 87,169.8 | 91,478.3 |
| **Administration of the President of Georgia** | 69 | 9,315.0 | 9,600.0 | 10,000.0 | 10,300.0 |
| **Office of the Business Ombudsman of Georgia** | 13 | 775.0 | 850.0 | 950.0 | 1,000.0 |
| **Administration of the Government of Georgia** | 227 | 24,000.0 | 25,000.0 | 27,000.0 | 29,000.0 |
| **State Audit Office** | 351 | 21,299.9 | 21,840.0 | 22,370.0 | 22,900.0 |
| **Central Election Commission of Georgia** | 525 | 55,969.5 | 117,893.0 | 91,693.0 | 42,143.0 |
| **Constitutional Court of Georgia** | 83 | 5,800.0 | 6,200.0 | 6,800.0 | 7,300.0 |
| **Supreme Court of Georgia** | 225 | 16,100.0 | 16,700.0 | 18,000.0 | 19,200.0 |
| **Common Courts** | 1,949 | 117,000.0 | 120,000.0 | 125,500.0 | 135,000.0 |
| **Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia** | 99 | 7,900.0 | 8,300.0 | 8,700.0 | 9,100.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Abasha, Zugdidi, Martvili, Mestia, Senaki, Chkhorotsku, Tsalenjikha, Khobi and the city of Poti** | 30 | 1,303.0 | 1,380.0 | 1,450.0 | 1,500.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in Lanchkhuti, Ozurgeti and Chokhatauri municipalities** | 27 | 1,060.0 | 1,120.0 | 1,200.0 | 1,250.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Baghdati, Vani, Zestafoni, Terjola, Samtredia, Sachkhere, Tkibuli, Tskaltubo, Chiatura, Kharagauli, Khoni and the municipality of Kutaisi city** | 31 | 1,250.0 | 1,300.0 | 1,350.0 | 1,400.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Akhmeta, Gurjaani, Dedoplistskaro, Telavi, Lagodekhi, Sagarejo, Sighnaghi and Kvareli** | 24 | 1,162.0 | 1,190.0 | 1,250.0 | 1,300.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in Dusheti, Tianeti, Mtskheta and Kazbegi municipalities** | 30 | 1,060.0 | 1,120.0 | 1,180.0 | 1,250.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Ambrolauri, Lentekhi, Oni and Tsageri** | 31 | 1,072.0 | 1,120.0 | 1,180.0 | 1,250.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Adigeni, Aspindza, Akhaltsikhe, Akhalkalaki, Borjomi and Ninotsminda** | 25 | 1,002.0 | 1,060.0 | 1,120.0 | 1,200.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Bolnisi, Gardabani, Dmanisi, Tetri Tskaro, Marneuli, Tsalka and the municipality of the city of Rustavi** | 30 | 1,348.0 | 1,400.0 | 1,450.0 | 1,500.0 |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Gori, Kaspi, Kareli and Khashuri** | 29 | 1,038.0 | 1,100.0 | 1,150.0 | 1,200.0 |
| **State Security Service of Georgia** | 3,850 | 180,000.0 | 190,500.0 | 200,000.0 | 210,000.0 |
| **Prosecutor's Office of Georgia** | 874 | 56,530.0 | 61,000.0 | 65,500.0 | 68,000.0 |
| **Office of the Georgian State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality** | 46 | 3,700.0 | 3,800.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,200.0 |
| **Ministry of Finance of Georgia** | 5,168 | 106,000.0 | 114,700.0 | 121,900.0 | 129,500.0 |
| **Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia** | 566 | 363,680.0 | 480,361.0 | 485,226.0 | 452,663.0 |
| **Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia** | 306 | 1,588,545.0 | 2,128,060.0 | 2,264,220.0 | 1,854,200.0 |
| **Ministry of Justice of Georgia** | 5,199 | 382,900.0 | 388,600.0 | 370,900.0 | 384,300.0 |
| **The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs** | 2,808 | 6,798,320.0 | 7,187,077.0 | 7,581,314.0 | 8,061,181.0 |
| **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia** | 785 | 186,000.0 | 187,500.0 | 190,000.0 | 192,000.0 |
| **Ministry of Defense of Georgia** | 40,646 | 1,260,000.0 | 1,330,000.0 | 1,412,500.0 | 1,516,900.0 |
| **Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia** | 30,500 | 1,106,000.0 | 1,175,001.0 | 1,225,001.0 | 1,275,001.0 |
| **Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia** | 3,697 | 655,830.0 | 603,290.0 | 617,105.0 | 626,535.0 |
| **Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia** | 1,527 | 1,979,980.7 | 2,084,100.0 | 2,250,900.0 | 2,405,600.0 |
| **Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia** | 6,901 | 431,232.0 | 462,353.0 | 481,853.0 | 501,453.0 |
| **Intelligence Service of Georgia** |  | 18,000.0 | 20,000.0 | 22,000.0 | 24,000.0 |
| **LEPL - Civil Service Bureau** | 36 | 1,750.0 | 1,900.0 | 2,200.0 | 2,500.0 |
| **LEPL - Legal Aid Service** | 225 | 10,400.0 | 11,000.0 | 11,800.0 | 12,500.0 |
| **LEPL - State Department of Veterans Affairs** | 143 | 15,000.0 | 17,050.0 | 18,040.0 | 19,040.0 |
| **LEPL – Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia** | 34 | 4,300.0 | 3,000.0 | 3,300.0 | 3,500.0 |
| **Personal Data Protection Service** | 67 | 5,000.0 | 5,500.0 | 6,000.0 | 6,500.0 |
| **Special State Protection Service of Georgia** | 3,679 | 82,800.0 | 84,150.0 | 85,600.0 | 87,050.0 |
| **Office of the Public Defender of Georgia** | 123 | 9,275.0 | 9,800.0 | 10,300.0 | 10,800.0 |
| **LEPL – Public Broadcaster** |  | 101,190.0 | 111,560.0 | 120,880.0 | 130,980.0 |
| **LEPL - National Competition Agency of Georgia** | 85 | 5,000.0 | 6,000.0 | 6,500.0 | 7,000.0 |
| **Administration of the temporary administrative-territorial unit on the territory of the former South Ossetia Autonomous District - South Ossetia Administration** | 75 | 2,830.0 | 3,300.0 | 3,600.0 | 4,000.0 |
| **Patriarchate of Georgia** |  | 25,000.0 | 25,000.0 | 25,000.0 | 25,000.0 |
| **LEPL – Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau.** |  | 13,000.0 | 13,500.0 | 14,000.0 | 14,500.0 |
| **LEPL – National Statistical Service of Georgia - Geostat** | 213 | 20,900.0 | 27,000.0 | 15,500.0 | 16,000.0 |
| **LEPL - National Academy of Sciences of Georgia** | 164 | 4,735.0 | 4,800.0 | 5,000.0 | 5,000.0 |
| **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Georgia** | 51 | 1,930.0 | 2,000.0 | 2,200.0 | 2,300.0 |
| **LEPL - State Agency for Religious Affairs** | 22 | 6,450.0 | 6,500.0 | 6,600.0 | 6,700.0 |
| **Special Investigation Service** | 150 | 17,000.0 | 18,000.0 | 19,000.0 | 19,500.0 |
| **LEPL – State Language Department** | 14 | 1,000.0 | 1,100.0 | 1,300.0 | 1,400.0 |
| **LEPL - Public and Private Cooperation Agency** | 10 | 500.0 | 600.0 | 700.0 | 700.0 |
| **Office of the National Security Council** | 46 | 3,750.0 | 3,900.0 | 4,000.0 | 4,200.0 |

# **The Main Directions of the Ministries of Georgia for the years 2023-2026**

# **Parliament of Georgia and its organisations**

###### ***Legislative Activity***

Improvement of the legal base of Georgia;  
  
Determination of the main directions of the country's domestic and foreign policy;  
  
Controlling the activities of the Government of Georgia and exercising other powers within the framework established by the Constitution of Georgia;  
  
Harmonization with EU directives;  
  
In accordance with the constitutional principles, the stability of the country's complete political system, its management - extended representation of political forces in the board;  
  
Promoting the improvement of citizens' conditions, sustainable development of the country and raising the quality of life;  
  
Openness of parliamentary activities, transparency and availability of information;  
  
Promotion of increasing citizen involvement, accountability;  
  
Promoting the introduction of modern technologies;  
  
Provision of public information;  
  
Ensuring systematic and coordinated work on gender issues, promoting awareness raising about gender equality and implementing measures supporting women's empowerment.

###### ***Library work***

Organization of library funds, systematic replenishment, protection and provision of their universal access;  
  
Creation of databases and provision of access to foreign library funds;  
  
Organization of scientific-research activities in the fields of librarianship, bibliology and bibliography;  
  
Cooperation with international library organisations;  
  
Promotion of management of innovative processes in the library field;  
  
Raising the qualifications of library personnel;  
  
Creation of the National Electronic Library and Digital Heritage Archive of Georgia;  
  
Using the Internet in library processes and for reader services;  
  
Improving and supporting the official website of the National Library of the Parliament of Georgia.

###### ***Regulation of heraldic activity***

Regulation and establishment of heraldic signs and symbols in the country in accordance with European standards;  
  
Participating in establishing the rules for the creation and use of state symbols and other heraldic signs, as well as heraldic signs of state institutions of Georgia, special uniforms and emblems of the state military and special agencies of Georgia, issuing appropriate recommendations and conclusions during state ceremonies, official events and military parades;  
  
Ensuring systematic development of territorial heraldry of Georgia;  
  
Promotion of civic education on heraldry issues;  
  
Promotion of the state symbol and its meaning in the country;  
  
Finding and analyzing historical materials (sources) on issues of heraldry (in Georgia and abroad);  
  
Preparation of heraldic examination of samples of state symbols and insignia, as well as conclusions on their creation and use.

###### ***Strengthening of analytical and research activities of the Parliament of Georgia***

Preparation of answers to the appeals/questions of the parliamentary bodies of Georgia and the parliamentary apparatus and related informational and analytical materials;  
  
Implementation of proactive activities;  
  
Creating a policy research document;  
  
Providing integrated, interdisciplinary research production and creation of a policy research document on issues under discussion;  
  
Preparation of analytical reviews on current topical issues that affect public policy matters.

# **Office of the Georgian State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality**

Implementation and coordination of the policy of peaceful resolution of the conflict, including the policy of reconciliation and engagement, the state strategy towards the occupied territories - engagement through cooperation. Also, implementation of the action plan of the engagement strategy, coordination of the implementation of the peace initiative - "Step towards a better future", directing the activities of the government commission for the implementation of the action plan of the engagement strategy and ensuring the functioning of the coordination mechanism;  
  
Promoting the improvement of the socio-economic condition of the people living in the occupied territories; Encouraging trade across the dividing lines with the occupied territories; Promotion of economic ties using status-neutral instruments and financial mechanisms provided by the peace initiative, including the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity "Peace Fund for a Better Future"; Promotion of development of economic space, existing services and infrastructure along dividing lines, introduction and implementation of new services;   
  
Facilitating the supply of agricultural materials and equipment, plant care products and pest control assistance to people living in the occupied territories; Promotion of environmental protection in the occupied territories, as well as response to natural and man-made disasters;  
  
Facilitation of access to all levels of quality education in the territory controlled by Georgia for persons living in the occupied territories, as well as participation in international educational programs; promoting their inclusion in the professional education system; Ensuring the recognition of the education received by them in the occupied territories using a status-neutral mechanism; Promotion of education in the native language by persons living in the occupied territories; Support for offering them the educational process in different (including distance) forms; Promoting the protection and development of the Abkhazian language; Simplification of inclusion of persons living in the occupied territories in scientific programs and promotion of scientific cooperation;  
  
Simplifying and improving access to state programs and services for people living in the occupied territories; Facilitation of access to citizens' passports and simplification of issuance of civil acts;  
   
Ensuring the participation of persons living in the occupied territories in state referral and other relevant state health care programs; Supply of various medicines and medical equipment to the occupied territories; Finding the right help to fight the pandemic;  
   
Raising the awareness of people living in the occupied territories on various necessary issues of the European integration process; To offer all the benefits and opportunities arising from the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union, including the Agreement on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area with the European Union and visa-free travel between Georgia and the European Union, for persons living in the occupied territories;  
  
Coordination of relations with international and donor organizations; Promotion of their involvement and activities in the occupied territories; Implementation of confidence building projects; Supporting various platforms for informal dialogue and bilateral meetings;  
  
Strengthening cooperation with international partners and organizations; Leadership of the second working group of Geneva international negotiations; Participation in Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) meetings held in Gali and Ergneti; Participation in events, international forums and formats held in Georgia and abroad;  
  
Ensuring international support for policies of reconciliation and engagement; Mobilization of financial assistance;  
  
Promoting the further sustainability and effectiveness of the program of finding, identifying and handing over persons missing as a result of the armed actions of the 1990s and the Russian-Georgian war of August 2008; Organization of measures for finding and repatriating missing persons within the competence of the Office of the Minister of State for Reconciliation and Civic Equality; Under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross, participating in the work of the Georgian-Abkhazian coordination mechanism and medical examination working group on missing persons in connection with the armed conflict of 1992-1993 and its subsequent period, ensuring the fulfillment of obligations;  
  
Management of the activities of the inter-departmental commission for the search and transferring for burial of missing persons as a result of armed actions and organizational-technical provision; Participation in information sessions, coordination and work meetings on issues related to missing persons; Participate in providing local capacity building for their identification; Involvement in raising public awareness on the subject of missing persons and organizing symbolic/memorial events; Meeting with families of missing persons and ensuring that their needs are met within the scope of competence;  
  
Collecting information about the fate and whereabouts of missing persons; Determining the location of potential graves and planning the opening of graves; Participation in exhumation and identification of remains; Informing family members about the fate of missing persons, and in case of confirmation of their death - about the location of the remains; Transferring their remains to family members, organizing funerals for identified remains and coordinating expenses; Providing genetic expert services, namely: taking biological samples of family members and biological relatives of missing persons, archiving (storage) and further genetic examination-profiling;  
  
Cooperation with civil society representatives and experts, including within existing platforms;  
  
Promotion of increasing the role and involvement of women and organizations working on women's issues, as well as of women affected by the conflict in the peace process; Identifying and responding to the needs of women affected by the conflict; effective operation of cooperation platforms;  
  
Facilitating the involvement of conflict-affected and generally interested youth in the peace process;  
  
Co-chairmanship of the temporary governmental commission to respond to the needs of the affected population in the villages adjacent to the dividing lines; Promoting the development of regions located near the dividing lines; Providing assistance to the affected population in the villages near the dividing lines, providing heating during the winter; Ensuring access to health care services for the population; Ensuring access to education for students and pupils; Ensuring access to state services for the population;  
  
Implementation of infrastructural measures in the affected villages; Promotion of socio-economic development of the population;  
  
Facilitating the process of returning families to the Gulrifshi district of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, improving the economic and social condition of the voluntarily returned population and providing material assistance for the development of their family farms;  
  
Facilitating the implementation of long-term and irreversible positive changes in the direction of civic equality and integration. For the implementation of the relevant policy in five priority directions - state language to support integration; Access to quality education; equality, civic and political participation; Social and economic integration; Intercultural dialogue - monitoring and evaluation of the effective implementation of defined goals and planned specific objectives, within the framework of strategic priorities, each set objective, the development of effective mechanisms for the empowerment of women and youth representing ethnic minorities and the implementation of targeted programs, also, promoting the introduction of proactive approaches to improve their socio-economic situation and the development of policies and institutional capacities focused on equality;  
  
Strengthening and popularizing the teaching of the state language in formal education (pre-school, general, vocational and higher education) for the purpose of civic equality and integration; Strengthening knowledge of the state language in adult and non-formal education; Promoting the state language in regions densely populated by representatives of ethnic minorities, supporting its functioning and supervising its use. Increasing access to preschool education and ensuring quality;  
  
Improving access to quality general education; Support of ethnic minorities to receive vocational and higher education;  
  
Facilitating the realization of educational opportunities for persons representing ethnic minorities (disabled persons and gypsies) left behind in education; Promoting civic equality and supporting cultural diversity in formal and non-formal education;  
  
Promotion of the involvement of representatives of ethnic minorities in the processes of implementation of governance and self-government; Development of mechanisms for effective implementation of active and passive electoral rights for representatives of ethnic minorities; Improving the quality of media products in the languages of ethnic minorities; Support for the development of media literacy; Raising civil awareness in human rights, civic equality and integration policies and anti-discrimination and gender equality issues; Increasing access to the mechanisms of the justice system and law enforcement bodies, providing quality legal assistance;  
  
Increasing the involvement of ethnic minorities in state socio-economic programs; Infrastructure development in regions densely populated by ethnic minorities; Protection of personal data of ethnic minorities, including small ethnic groups, and improvement of statistical data collection, analysis and access based on self-identification;  
  
Raising awareness of cultural diversity and promoting intercultural dialogue;  
  
Promoting and supporting the preservation of the cultural heritage of representatives of ethnic minorities;  
  
Support of mass intercultural sports and multiculturalism, implementation of cultural-educational and sports events and development of relevant spaces/infrastructure.

# **Ministry of Finance of Georgia**

###### ***Management of State Finances***

Improvement of macroeconomic forecasting methodology; preparing medium-term macroeconomic forecasts and drawing up scenarios; expansion of the area of indicators and effective planning of macroeconomic policy; Introduction of dynamic stochastic model of general equilibrium (DSGE) for policy analysis; development of medium-term fiscal policy and preparation of relevant recommendations;

Participation in the evaluation of socio-economic decisions and the development of strategies in terms of macroeconomic forecasting; preparation of analytical information about the economic development trends of the country;

Preparation of medium-term expenditure plans and annual budget projects for the mobilization and effective distribution of appropriate resources to fulfill the functions and obligations of the state, management of state finances and further regulation of fiscal rules to achieve stable fiscal parameters, in accordance with internationally recognized best practices;

Fulfillment of the stages provided by the budget process calendar;

Coordination of the preparation of the program budget in the updated format by spending institutions, autonomous republics and municipalities in accordance with the revised program budget methodology; planning the next stages of public finance management reforms for the development of the budget process, budget planning and execution;

Implementation of the fiscal risk assessment and analysis system, identification of fiscal risks facing the budget, development of recommendations for reduction and management of identified fiscal risks, preparation of an analytical document on fiscal risks and ensuring its publicity;

Full implementation of investment project management reform in accordance with updated guidelines and methodology; Implementation of each new investment project, the value of which is 5 million GEL or more, in compliance with the principles defined by the investment project management guide and methodology, regardless of its funding sources;

In order to increase the involvement of citizens in the budget planning process, the introduction of an electronic system - budget transparency and public participation system (ebtps.mof.ge - Budget Transparency and Participation System), which gives all interested persons the opportunity to get acquainted with information about the budget, the country's main priorities and budget programs, to plan budget in accordance with his views and receive feedback on the possibility of considering his opinions in the draft law on the state budget of Georgia;

Perfection of tax legislation of Georgia, development of drafts of relevant legislative and sub-legal normative acts; Harmonization of Georgian tax legislation with EU directives within the framework of the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union; Signing an agreement with priority states on "avoidance of double taxation on income and capital and prevention of tax evasion" and renewal of existing agreements;

Perfecting the reform of the state internal financial control, ensuring compliance of the activities of internal audit subjects with international standards, perfect functioning of the financial management and control system;

To continue effective cooperation with donor organizations and international financial institutions for mobilizing the financial resources needed to finance priority programs and infrastructural projects determined by the Government of Georgia;

In addition to attracting additional investment resources, maintaining the sustainability of the government's debt both in the medium and long term;

Use of various tools to promote the development of the government securities market;

Coordination of the solution of issues related to the integration of Georgia in the Euro-Atlantic structures within the competence of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and monitoring of the fulfillment of obligations;

Coordination of the development of the appropriate strategy for improving the country's credit rating and coordination of relations with international rating companies;

Introduction of an accounting system based on the accrual method and implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) at the level of the state budget, as well as of autonomous republics and municipalities;

Designing and development of the integrated information system of state finance management (PFMS).

Increasing the accessibility and inclusiveness of the services provided by the service;

Optimization of business processes of services provided by the service;

Encouraging self-service, which allows the customer to manage the process of receiving the service himself, and for the service in the long term, it ensures the optimization of resources;

Improvement of the electronic system of audit proceedings;

Perfection of tax legislation and development of a unified methodology that will contribute to increasing the rate of voluntary payments by taxpayers and simplifying the tax administration process;

Establishing procedures necessary to ensure timely declaration, which will contribute to timely and complete presentation of declarations/calculations;

To ensure the fulfillment of tax obligations, control of non-taxable documents for taxpayers;

Improvement of the tax risk management process in the field of legal compliance;  
  
Control of the correctness of submitted declarations, as well as study of low-risk declarations within the framework of automatic VAT refund;

Control of administrative offenses and monitoring of the enforcement of legislation;  
  
Maintaining a high level of timely payment of taxes;

Increasing the amount of recovered tax liabilities and reducing bad tax debts accumulated as a result;

Simplification of payment procedures for payers;

Completing the dimensions of the payer register, identifying third-party acceptable information, establishing required information forms and developing a form for the data repository that will support the main functions of the service;

Detection of unregistered persons with tax obligations and ensuring their tax registration, ensuring the correctness of declared data using tax and customs control and other data verification mechanisms; detection of tax evasion attempts and appropriate response;

Improving the existing software modules and initiating the creation of new software modules that ensure the improvement of the efficiency of customs control and the simplification of procedures;

A risk-based approach ensures compliance with the law related to the fulfillment of obligations arising as a result of tax and state border crossing;  
  
Improving the provision of canine services;

In order to effectively manage the prohibitions and restrictions related to crossing the border, arranging the infrastructure corresponding to the European standards of phytosanitary and veterinary control;

Modernization of customs checkpoints and economic clearance zones in order to create a comfortable environment for importers/exporters and border crossers, as well as for the perfect implementation of customs procedures;

Fulfillment of the obligations assumed by the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union, which includes not only approximation to European directives and regulations, accession to international conventions and introduction of international principles of tax/customs policy and administration, but also their effective administration.

###### ***Revenue collection and improvement of taxpayer services***

***Prevention of economic crime***

Fighting against crime in the financial and economic sphere, raising a healthy, competitive environment in the country, protecting legal business activities and establishing an orderly system at work;

Taking preventive measures in order to avoid committing crimes in the future;  
  
Studying the accumulated experience in Georgia and foreign countries regarding personnel selection criteria and procedures;

Participation in the projects of the international network of financial crime investigation;

Tightening the control over the economic borders of Georgia to prevent the facts of tax evasion and also to carry out prevention measures in order to avoid committing crimes in the future; Ensuring systematic participation in the conferences and seminars organized by the European services on detection/revealing of fraud facts, as well as anti-smuggling methods;  
  
Cooperation within the framework of the "Eastern Partnership" for the recognition of intellectual property rights as an economic crime.

###### ***Electronic and analytical provision of financial management***

Functional update, implementation and support of the automated eDocument case management system, effective incident management, system technological development and infrastructure modernization;

Environmental Information Management System (EIMS) (which includes many business process automation components and system users are representatives of private businesses) accounting, simplification of management and monitoring processes, system modernization, functional updating, implementation and support;

Support, modernization and functional update of the state financial management (electronic) system (PFMS);

Modernization and functional update of the unique electronic buying and selling system "eAuction.ge" (real estate electronic auction system);

Effective functioning of information systems and websites, increasing awareness of website owners, access to detailed information for the public, online delivery of information to interested persons and giving feedback;

Creation of information systems of the Accounting, Reporting and Audit Supervision Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia (which includes various systems), its development and support, access to detailed information for the public and giving feedback;

Creation of information and communication infrastructure necessary for the functioning of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and its structural units, creation, development, service of electronic information systems, ensuring stability and reliability, ensuring business continuity and technical support.

###### ***Raising the qualifications of employees in the financial sector***

Raising the qualifications of representatives of the system of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia by promoting the analysis of training needs and implementing the training projects provided for in the plan, as well as organizing programs aimed at professional development;

Facilitating the system of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia and other interested organizations in the selection of new personnel by organizing professional and qualification tests;  
   
Promotion of reforms initiated by the Ministry of Finance of Georgia by organizing trainings related to their introduction;

Implementation of training-cognitive, seminar and conference-type projects aimed at raising the qualifications of representatives of private sector development and budget-funded organisations;

To raise the level of vocational knowledge, develop and implement training programs together with international and foreign organizations and educational institutions, including within the framework of the memorandum of cooperation signed with the Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the training program implemented with the International Monetary Fund;

Developing students' skills to promote employability. Implementation of training courses in cooperation with student organizations and educational institutions.

###### ***Supervision of accounting, reporting and auditing***

Development of the reporting portal through convergence with the European directive and international practice. Ensuring compliance of financial and governance statements with international standards;

To increase the reliability of financial statements of entities subject to audit, the creation of an effective system of audit supervision, which ensures compliance with international standards of auditing services, international standards of vocational education of auditors, ethical norms, and with the 2006/43/EC Directive of the European Parliament and the Council of May 17, 2006 about the implementation of statutory audits of annual reports and consolidated reports;

# **Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia**

###### ***Development and implementation of economic policy***

Conducting and analyzing the process of economic growth policy planning, policy coordination/implementation monitoring and evaluation with the involvement of stakeholders to promote the economic development and inclusive growth of the economy of Georgia; Taking consistent steps in the direction of creating an attractive business and investment environment and attracting investments, as well as in the direction of the development of small and medium entrepreneurship, which is important in terms of creating new workplaces;  
  
Maintaining a stable macroeconomic environment;  
  
Implementation of measures determined by the strategy of small and medium entrepreneurship development and the corresponding action plan with effective coordination;  
  
To promote the development of the private sector, active cooperation with the private sector within the framework of the public-private dialogue platform, as well as implementation of relevant measures to promote the development of the private sector and to deepen cooperation between the state and private sectors;  
  
Conducting Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIA) on legislative initiatives;  
  
Development of appropriate strategy and action plan in order to improve/maintain/promote Georgia's positions in international rankings;  
   
Study and analysis of labor market trends, implementation of relevant labor market research; development of labor market information system;  
  
Development and implementation of measures to promote economic recovery, taking steps to improve the investment environment and promote the competitiveness of the private sector;  
  
Identifying important directions for the development of the economy and, against the background of the difficult geopolitical situation in the region, continuous monitoring of the current processes in the country and development of appropriate measures for the recovery of the economy;  
  
Designing and implementation of reforms focused on economic development;  
  
Deepening of economic relations with trade partner countries for Georgia's integration into the international economic space;  
  
Improving the negative trade balance of Georgia; regular analysis of foreign trade turnover;  
  
Development of regional, multilateral and bilateral trade relations, as well as preferential and free trade regimes;  
  
Promoting the use of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union by reducing technical barriers to trade and promoting compliance of products and services produced in the country with international and European requirements;  
  
Deepening bilateral and multilateral cooperation for the economic development of the country and integration of Georgia into the international and European economic space;  
  
Analysis of the results of Georgia's foreign trade for export promotion; identification of new export markets and products; deepening of bilateral economic relations with trade partner countries and development of relevant bilateral legal base;  
  
Development of foreign trade relations;  
  
Identifying important directions for the development of the green economy in order to design the green economy growth strategy and action plan, as a result of which an attractive business and investment environment will be created in the country;  
   
Taking into account the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union and the Protocol "On the Accession of Georgia to the Treaty Establishing the Energy Union", harmonization with the 3rd energy package of the European Union, processing the 4th energy package of the European Union for the same purposes, implementation of energy reforms and development of bylaws in accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Energy Labeling" for electricity-consuming household goods to promote energy efficiency in the country;  
  
Fulfillment of the obligations stipulated by the association agreement and the energy union agreement in the energy sector;  
  
Developing a Georgian taxonomy of sustainable financing, the purpose of which will be to clearly define which business activity, program or project can be considered as a measure directed towards resource-efficient, energy-efficient, green economy, sustainable, inclusive development;  
  
For the long-term economic development of the country, the promotion of Georgia as an international investment, communication, transport, logistics, energy, technological, tourism and financial hub, which ensures the full utilization of the country's transport and transit potential, the development of national production, the growth of exports, the attraction of foreign investments, the introduction of modern technologies in the country and introducing innovations and promoting its full participation in international economic processes;  
  
Signing bilateral intergovernmental agreements with different countries in the field of road and sea transport and civil aviation;  
  
Signing of multilateral intergovernmental agreements ("Agreement on the Establishment of the International Transport and Transit Corridor Persian Gulf-Black Sea", Agreement on the "Establishment and Implementation of the International Transit and Transport Route "Caspian Sea-Black Sea" between the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Romania and Turkmenistan");  
  
The development of the construction sector, which will have a significant impact on the development of the country's economy, ensures the improvement of the quality and safety of construction, the growth of employment and the maintenance of the population in their places of residence;  
  
Development of Georgian construction legislation, technical regulations/standards harmonized with European and international requirements, editing of Eurocodes and translation of accompanying standards;

Development of bylaws determined by the transitional provisions of the Code of Spatial Planning, Architectural and Construction Activities of Georgia; Development of national annexes of Eurocodes; Establishing a certification system for architects and engineer-builders;  
  
Acceleration of electronic communications, development of information and modern technologies, formation of digital economy and information society, improvement of investment environment, promotion of entrepreneurship and competition development; Development of broadband, global Internet infrastructure between Europe and Asia;  
  
Promoting the development of the postal sector and postal infrastructure, introducing universal postal services in accordance with the world postal standards of international organizations in the postal sector, establishing unified postal rules for the designated postal operator;  
  
Active cooperation with local and international investors for sustainable economic development of the country; Facilitating large investments in the country with proper and effective communication and support and creating a favorable investment environment.

###### ***Regulation of technical and construction fields***

Raising the safety level of facilities containing increased technical risk by refining the relevant technical regulations;  
  
Ensuring state supervision of the construction of objects of special importance by issuing relevant construction permits and controlling permit conditions.

***Development of the field of standardisation and metrology***

Expanding the scope and range of services of the legal entity under public law - National Agency of Standards and Metrology of Georgia:

Implementation of the general principles of the quality management system in accordance with ISO 9001 in the legal entity of public law - standards department of the agency, establishment of technical committees in the field of standardization in accordance with the country's economic priorities, adoption of international and European standards as Georgian standards;  
  
Maintaining/expanding international recognition in the field of metrology and offering services to customers, including at the regional level;  
  
To achieve international recognition in the field of metrology and standardization, implementation of measures corresponding to the requirements of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).

###### ***Regulation of market supervision and implementation measures***

Ensuring the supervision of industrial and consumer products placed on the market by implementing the existing supervision system in the European market.

###### ***Promotion of tourism development***

Promotion of Georgia as a tourist country on the international market;

Development of new tourist product and diversification of existing tourist product (development of itineraries, preparation of printed information material of the product);

Development of small tourist infrastructure;

Providing high-quality services to tourists.

***Management of state property***

Management/disposal of state property and management of state enterprises; Classification of liquid, insolvent and profitable enterprises under the management of the legal entity of public law - National State Property Agency according to their property and financial situation; Reduction of the number of unprofitable enterprises by liquidation, bankruptcy or reorganization;  
  
Ensuring the inclusion of unused assets in the economic circulation and their availability;  
  
Improving the availability of information about the process of disposal of state property;  
  
Ensuring maintenance and protection of state property;  
  
Construction of cableways and ski tracks and infrastructure development in Svaneti, Gudauri and Bakuriani; Promoting the development of cultural tourism in the Black Sea region;  
  
Effective management of existing procedures from receipt to sale of state-owned and privatized property;  
  
Ensuring transparent, competitive and simplified procedures for disposal of movable property;  
  
To improve the quality of service, to simplify the procedures for providing services and property disposal to users of the website - eAuction.ge, implementing various measures to modernize the website and adding new services;  
  
Promotion of raising the awareness of the population about the existing services.

###### ***Development of entrepreneurship***

Creating an appropriate environment for the formation of the private sector as the main driving force of economic growth and development, promoting the growth of its competitiveness and ensuring the effective functioning of those areas where the private sector's capabilities are weak and limited;  
  
To achieve sustainable development and inclusive growth of the country, the development of entrepreneurship (including small and medium-sized businesses), increasing the availability of finance for the private sector, promoting the growth of the regional and global competitiveness of the Georgian economy;  
  
Development of foreign trade and economic relations, increasing the capacity of small and medium-sized businesses to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union;  
  
Promotion of foreign direct investments aimed at creating export-oriented production and products with high added value;  
  
Introduction of modern and innovative technologies and development of the service sector, which ensures the participation of the population in the process of economic development;  
  
Presenting Georgian companies to foreign markets for export promotion and ensuring their participation in international exhibitions; Providing assistance to companies in terms of market research for export planning and targeted development; Regular communication with export-oriented companies and providing assistance to them by providing important information needed for export planning;  
  
Presenting Georgia's production potential by holding large-scale international marketing campaigns and promoting products/services;  
  
Encouraging the development of entrepreneurship, providing appropriate support to start-up and existing small and medium-sized enterprises to increase productivity and competitiveness;  
  
Promotion of Georgia's investment potential outside the country and preparation of sectoral studies, investment projects, guides and other marketing materials for this purpose;  
  
Identification of target companies in priority sectors, proactively contact them and organize meetings; assistance to potential and existing investors in the investment process;  
  
In response to the economic challenges following the crisis caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, implementation of additional effective business promotion mechanisms: promoting the improvement of access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses through the credit guarantee scheme and the universal business support program.

* **New directions of the economic support policy against the new coronavirus (COVID-19) - support for the construction sector**

In order to reduce the decline of the economy as a result of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, support for the development/construction sector, in particular, the continuation of subsidizing mortgage loans, which ensures the servicing of loans issued within the framework of this program during the crisis period (within the framework of subsidizing interest on mortgage loans, the state will subsidize interest on mortgage loans up to 200,000 GEL taken in June-December 2020 at the rate of minus 4% of the refinancing rate for 5 years);

* **New direction of entrepreneurship promotion policy;**

As part of the entrepreneurship promotion program, a new, universal business support program was launched from September 1, 2021, and the component of access to finance for the industrial part was expanded. The updated universal approach makes it easier for new companies to access finance, and the beneficiary enterprises of the program have the opportunity to participate in the credit-guarantee scheme, along with the co-financing of credit from the state, depending on the type of activity (to receive state’s participation in securing the loan), as well as to benefit from loan interest subsidy based on the refinancing rate, and the beneficiaries carrying out the activities of the priority areas will additionally receive grant co-financing in the amount of 15% of the targeted loan. In addition, the program includes a small grants component.

Within the framework of the entrepreneurship promotion program, the updated universal business support program is financed both from the budget funds and from the funds allocated by the World Bank.

###### ***Development of innovations and technologies in Georgia***

Creation of an innovative ecosystem in Georgia, sharing of foreign experience and implementation in Georgia;  
  
Training and employment of qualified personnel necessary for the implementation of planned projects, creating a productive working environment for them and providing them with administrative resources for the projects to be implemented;  
  
Promotion of increasing the number of specialists and companies in the direction of information technologies and innovations and raising their qualifications;  
  
Creation/support of innovation infrastructure in Georgia, which ensures the development of the innovation ecosystem in the country;  
  
Retraining of specialists in the field of information technologies in the field of information and communication technologies, the ultimate goal of which is to employ these specialists in the field of information technologies, both in Georgia and on the international market;  
  
Grant financing of innovations for the purpose of their further commercialization and development of the innovation ecosystem;  
  
Development of broadband optical fiber infrastructure and provision of Internet access in the settlements of Georgia, which are located in the target geographic area of the program, as a result of which the population living in the regions of Georgia will enjoy high-speed Internet and such programs/services as: e-health, e-education, e-government, commerce and other modern services.

###### **Regulation and management of the oil and gas sector**

Conducting an open international tender for obtaining a general license for the use of oil and gas resources on the Black Sea shelf (Black Sea project) and free land blocks;  
  
Creation and management of a central information bank of data and information in the field of oil and gas;  
  
Supervision and control of underground gas storage;  
  
Issuance of oil refining license, natural gas processing license, oil transportation license or natural gas transportation license (business license);  
  
Development of standards in the field of oil and gas;  
  
Implementation of Council Directive 2009/119/EC of September 14, 2009 "On the imposition of obligations on Member States to ensure minimum reserve stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products".

###### ***Covering obligations under international agreements in the field of transport and subsidizing transportation costs***

Deepening the process of integration of Georgia into the common air space of Europe;  
  
Promotion of international anti-terrorist activities within the competence;  
  
Raising the level of flight safety and aviation security;  
  
Providing air navigation and pilotage for the United States military aviation;  
  
Ensuring the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in the agreement between the member states of the North Atlantic Treaty and other states participating in the "Partnership for Peace" program;  
  
Air transportation of passengers across the country to promote tourism development in the region.

###### ***Reimbursement of the cost of natural gas supplied to the population of the highland villages of Kazbegi Municipality and Dusheti Municipality***

Reimbursement of natural gas fees consumed by the population permanently living in Kazbegi municipality and in the highland villages of Dusheti municipality in relevant periods, for the beneficiaries determined by the program.

###### ***Georgian National Innovation Ecosystem Project (WB)***

Training of specialists of information technologies in the field of information and communication technologies, in order to further employ them both in Georgia and on the international market;  
  
Creating a strong technological competence in the country in the field of programming and digital project management, which will support the state program focused on the export of technological services developed by the government.

###### ***Technical Assistance Project in Support of the Georgian Energy Sector Reform Program (GESRP) (EU-NIF)***

Implementation of the energy reform stipulated by the association agreement between Georgia and the European Union, which implies the fulfillment of the obligations taken into account by the protocol of accession of Georgia to the agreement establishing the energy union. Adoption/approval and implementation of subordinate acts provided for by the laws on energy efficiency and energy efficiency of buildings within the framework of the mentioned reform for the following purposes: establishing the system of accreditation and certification of energy auditors; Implementation of mandatory energy audit rules; Implementation of training programs for energy auditors in the industry and buildings sector, for assessors of building energy performance certificates (EECs), heating and cooling system inspectors; Increasing the energy efficiency of the production cycle; Introduction of energy-efficient standards in the building sector (existing and under-construction buildings); Renovation of buildings in accordance with the standards established by minimum energy efficiency requirements; Technical provision and computer programs necessary for the implementation of energy efficiency in buildings at the municipal level, training of personnel of the relevant services of the municipalities; Inventory of public buildings and establishment of a register for implementation of energy efficiency; Creating a platform for monitoring, reporting and confirming energy savings resulting from energy efficient measures.

###### ***Development of power transmission network of systemic importance***

Construction-rehabilitation of existing high and medium voltage power transmission lines in the country, including connecting lines with neighboring countries;  
  
Equipping old substations of the energy system with modern technologies and building new substations of different capacities;  
  
Arrangement of appropriate power transmission network for the development of the free industrial zone.

###### ***Improving the supply of electricity and natural gas to the population***

Gasification and electrification of villages without gas and electricity in different regions of Georgia;  
  
Increasing the availability of gas and electricity supply for the population in different regions of Georgia, including partial reimbursement of the cost of consumed electricity;  
  
Providing heating to the families living in the villages adjacent to the dividing lines in the occupied territories during the winter period.

###### ***Promotion of maritime vocational education***

In accordance with international and Georgian educational and maritime legislation, training of qualified personnel in higher maritime and related fields;  
  
Introduction of such vocational programs and short-term training courses in the Poti branch of the Batumi State Maritime Academy - in the Poti Maritime Education and Training Center, within which qualified personnel in demand in maritime and related specialties will be prepared;  
  
Establishing a legal entity under public law - educational university - Batumi State Maritime Academy as a research center and facilitating the implementation of research projects in maritime and related fields;  
  
Preparation of double degree programs in English together with leading European universities; Updating of teaching materials and material-technical base within the framework of through cooperation, and training of pedagogues/teachers in accordance with international and European standards;  
  
Provision of educational programs corresponding to the modern requirements of the educational process and improvement of providing students with maritime practice;  
  
Development of student support and services to ensure career success of graduates; Close cooperation with crewing companies.

###### ***Development of Anaklia deep water port***

Promotion of Anaklia deep water port development project by the Georgian government and monitoring of new investment agreements.

###### ***Measures related to the repayment of obligations recognized within the framework of bilateral agreements***

According to the Agreement "On Cooperation in the Energy Sector" signed between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey and in accordance with the Decree N 923 of the Government of Georgia dated April 27, 2018 regarding the protocol to be signed between the JSC "Commercial Operator of the Electric Power System" and "TURKISH ELECTRICITY TRADING AND CONTRACTING CO.," payment of the obligations undertaken on the basis of the protocol signed between JSC "Commercial Operator of the Electric Power System" and the Turkish Electricity Trading and Contracting Company (TETAS).

###### ***Rehabilitation project of Vardnili and Enguri hydroelectric plants (EBRD, EIB, EU)***

Completing the rehabilitation of Vardnili and Enguri hydroelectric power stations according to the medium-term program: reduction of filtration and pressure losses in the tunnel, repair of damaged areas. Increasing the reliability of aggregates. Prevention of emergency stops. Improvement of transportation conditions. Replacement of morally and physically worn out devices. Silt removal and the use of the supporting shield for the repair of the shields of deep culverts.

###### ***Spatial and urban development***

Policy development, coordination and management of spatial planning and urban planning. Ensuring implementation of plans. Participation in the process of development/perfection of relevant legislation. Ensuring the functioning of the plans information system. Preliminary assessment of projects with impact on spatial planning. Ensuring the development of town planning plans for prospective resorts;

Processing/submitting the issue of granting the status of a special regulation area/zone to the Government of Georgia. Review and approval of town planning plans in different regions of Georgia. Agreement on architectural projects in recreational areas;

Organization and conduct of field-specific trainings. Implementation of other activities prescribed by law.

###### ***Promoting the development of resorts***

Promotion of infrastructure development in resorts and resort areas, renovation of resorts;

Promotion of Georgia as a country with high resort potential;

Promotion of attracting investments for the development of resorts and resort areas;

Promoting the development of mass sports and sports and health infrastructure in resorts and resort areas and cooperating with relevant agencies for this purpose;

Preparation of legislative initiatives, promotion of development regulation plans. Preparation of development economic feasibility plans, identification of new resort areas and creation of a web-platform for practical use of information.

###### ***Management and development of the accreditation process***

Conducting the accreditation of compliance assessors in accordance with the internationally recognized requirements in the legally regulated and voluntary field, in order to promote the export of products and services produced in Georgia to international markets;

Maintaining the areas of accreditation recognized at the international level by the regional accreditation organization - European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) and recognizing new areas of accreditation; Recognition by other international accreditation organizations of the activities of the LEPL - unified national accreditation body - the accreditation center for diversifying the country's export markets;

Promotion of institutional strengthening of the accreditation center and signing of bilateral/multilateral recognition agreements with the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation - (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

###### ***Mineral management and coordination***

Registration/passportization of abandoned and unlicensed deposits;

In order to rationally manage mineral resources, prepare geo-information packages for pre-selected facilities for the use of mineral resources;

Development and implementation of standards and methodologies of the mineral sector. Preparation and submission of changes to relevant regulatory legal acts for initiation. Sharing/studying international experience;

Issuing licenses for extracting minerals (except oil and gas) and directing/coordinating activities for this purpose;

Implementation of control of license conditions for rational management of minerals. Checking the state of fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by the license or decree and the requirements of the Georgian legislation in the field of use of minerals, both with a pre-approved plan and on the basis of statements/complaints received by the agency.

###### ***Regulation and management of the field of civil aviation***

Reflecting the regulations and directives provided for in the Agreement "On Common Aviation Area between Georgia and the European Union and its Member States" (ECAA) in the Georgian aviation legislation;

Determination of priority regulations and directives for the aviation sector of Georgia, preparation of their implementation time, legal analysis and for this purpose, development of relevant conclusions and proposals;

Bringing Georgia's aviation legislation into compliance with the requirements of the Chicago Convention, its annexes and amendments;

Development and implementation of normative acts regulating general purpose aviation.

###### ***Regulation, management and development of maritime transport***

Ensuring maritime safety and security of vessels flying the flag of Georgia and of the ports in Georgia;

Participating in various international exhibitions/conferences, in order to increase one's awareness and to get to know the innovations in the marine field at the international level;

In order to raise the image of Georgia as a maritime state, holding the Georgian International Maritime Forum (GIMF), which presents the current events in the Black Sea region, as well as the reforms implemented by Georgia in the maritime sector;

Successfully passing the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) audit and maintaining the recognition of seafarers' qualification/competency certificates;

Proper operation of seafarer training and certification system;

Modification of the state electronic register of ships of Georgia;

Preparation of legislative changes and approximation to international standards;

Maintaining a 0% detention rate on ships sailing under the Georgian flag;

Ensuring safe navigation, search and rescue and environmental protection in the special economic zone/territorial sea of Georgia in accordance with international requirements and standards;

Approval of the Maritime Strategy Document of Georgia;

Implementation of the principle of one window in the ports of Georgia and connection with the port union system;

Sustainable management of waste in Georgian harbors;

Creation of energy efficiency and management plan for harbors.

###### ***Regulation, management and development of land transport***

Preparation of a package of legislative changes in the field of land transport;

Perfection of the electronic accounting base system;

Training of specialists and entrepreneurs (managers/drivers) of the legal entity under public laq - Land Transport Agency;

Introduction of modern simulators;

Strengthening of international activities;

Development of effective mechanisms for monitoring the field;

Promoting the development of environmentally friendly transport;

Construction of a modern training center for training managers.

###### ***Ensuring safe navigation on internal sea waters and territorial sea (waters) of Georgia in the Black Sea***

Provision of permanent replacement and renewal of modern navigational means and devices in the internal sea waters and territorial sea (waters) of Georgia in the Black Sea. Purchase of a small sea boat for the Kolkheti section;

To ensure safe navigation, equipping ports with meteorological equipment according to modern standards;

Development of new types and scales of navigational paper and electronic charts to support safe navigation;

Equipping the ports with modern radio-navigation devices;

# **Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia**

***Development and management of regional and infrastructure development policies***

Development, implementation and coordination of regional development policy, as well as monitoring and analysis of its implementation within the competence;

On the issues of decentralization, deconcentration of the governance system and the separation of powers between state government bodies and municipalities, and for the institutional strengthening of municipalities, to ensure "gender equality" as one of the principles of the decentralization strategy, to develop appropriate proposals in order to ensure the equal participation of women and men in the process of decentralization and self-government; Promotion of high-quality participation in the decision-making and implementation process, including, especially in the highland regions;

Coordination of relations between state government bodies and municipalities within the scope of competence;

Coordination of regional programs and projects financed by local and foreign sources and evaluation of their implementation effectiveness;

Coordination of training issues of municipality officials within the scope of competence;

On the basis of the Law of Georgia "On the Development of High Mountainous Regions", implementation of sectoral supervision over the exercise of powers delegated by the state to municipalities in accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia "Local Self-Government Code";

Development and implementation of a unified state policy in the issues of development, design and scientific-technical progress of the highway network of international and domestic importance;

Implementation of construction-rehabilitation works to provide long-term housing for IDPs through the Legal Entity under Public Law - Municipal Development Fund of Georgia;

By the decision of the Government of Georgia, ensuring the implementation of separate infrastructure projects important for the country, both within the competence of the Ministry and belonging to the governance of other state bodies, in the manner and within the limits established by the legislation of Georgia. Also, coordination of implementation of construction-rehabilitation and other works of the objects provided by these projects and its monitoring within the scope of competence;

Ensuring and coordinating the implementation of measures to promote the introduction and development of water supply in Georgia and water supply systems of the population within the scope of competence;

Arrangement, management and closure of non-hazardous waste disposal facilities (landfills), arrangement and management of waste transfer stations (except for the city of Tbilisi Municipality and the Autonomous Republic of Adjara);

###### ***Road infrastructure improvement measures***

Implementation of state policy in the field of road infrastructure projects;

Reconstruction-construction of expressways and roads;

Integrating the road network of Georgia into the international road communications system;  
  
Periodic repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction-construction of highways and bridge crossings of international and domestic importance, access roads to municipalities, resort centers, historical and cultural monuments, bordering countries;  
  
Ongoing repair and maintenance of highways during winter;

Carrying out works for the elimination and prevention of natural disasters;

Reinforcement of sea shores, river beds and banks;

Researching gender needs and considering their interests in the planning and implementation process. Taking into account the needs of the local population, especially vulnerable groups (kindergarten children, school students, women, disabled people) in the process of planning, smooth movement and execution of works;

In the process of construction of highways, the arrangement of modern type of adapted shopping facilities, which will contribute to the economic empowerment of the local population, especially women.

###### ***Rehabilitation of regional and municipal infrastructure***

Implementation of various infrastructural projects in municipalities and procurement of various related services. Strengthening public service delivery to promote inclusion and equity;

Construction-rehabilitation of facilities of state and public importance (administrative, strategic, cultural, sports and other purposes);

Establishing gender-sensitive and responsible infrastructure; Considering the different needs of different age groups, women and men in infrastructural projects and creating a universal infrastructure for independent movement and socialization of disabled people. The local population will be provided with new comfortable kindergartens, water supply, roads, sports and entertainment infrastructure, which will significantly improve the presence and working conditions of the population, children, caregiver-pedagogues, athletes and coaches. It will have a particularly positive impact on the situation of women, both in terms of time, activities, and movement.

Improving the operation of the urban transport system in the country;

Implementation of various infrastructural projects for the development of tourism in the country;

Promotion of urban renewal, development and strengthening of the local economy of the regions of Georgia;

Implementation of measures necessary for the preparation of projects financed by donor organizations, preparation and analysis of detailed project and cost accounting documentation;

Providing social and gender consultations, promoting women's involvement in the decision-making process and strengthening their capacities in order to improve gender balance. Creation of equal employment opportunities for women and men. Promotion of active participation of women and men at all stages of the projects. Addressing the different demands/expectations of beneficiary men and women within the framework of social accountability mechanisms.

###### ***Restoration and rehabilitation of water supply infrastructure***

Rehabilitation/arrangement of water supply and wastewater systems in municipalities/villages, rehabilitation/construction of water supply and wastewater treatment facilities;  
  
Providing the population of municipalities with 24-hour supply of environmentally clean, filtered, drinking water protected from the ingress of surface ground water;  
  
Metering of subscribers, reduction of losses and provision of environmental standards;

Implementing gender-sensitive policies and establishing gender-sensitive infrastructure, improving the water supply system, clean water and sanitation services, increasing access to clean water to ensure the health and well-being of the population. Making decisions on the basis of consultations with the population and their active involvement, including taking into account the interests of women, men, age groups, socially vulnerable, people with less financial means and other vulnerable categories.

###### ***Solid Waste Management Program***

Arrangement and management of non-hazardous waste disposal facilities (landfills) in municipalities (except Tbilisi Municipality and Adjara Autonomous Republic);

arrangement of waste transfer stations;

Equipping municipalities with the necessary technical means, which will increase the availability and intensity of household waste disposal in settlements;

Gradual closure of old landfills;

Consideration of gender aspects in the process of waste management and creation of gender-responsive infrastructure. Equal involvement of women and men in the process of developing the waste management policy and planning and implementing the construction of non-hazardous waste disposal facilities (landfill). Depending on the specifics of the work, equal conditions have been created for the employment of women and men in the sector.

###### ***Support for internally displaced persons***

Construction of multi-apartment residential buildings for the purpose of improving the living conditions of internally displaced persons and their long-term accommodation.

###### ***Construction-rehabilitation of general education and preschool institutions***

Development of general education and preschool institutions and improvement of energy efficiency, taking into account gender aspects;

Construction of new public schools and kindergartens and rehabilitation of existing ones in different municipalities;

Ensuring access to educational infrastructure for persons with disabilities;

***Measures to improve the tourist infrastructure***

Urban renewal of central areas in municipalities, creation and development of attractive tourist areas and rehabilitation of various types of buildings, taking into account gender aspects.

**Ministry of Justice of Georgia**

***Development and management of state policy for legal support of law-making and the country's interests, including the implementation of criminal justice system reform***

Implementation of effective law-making activities; approximation of Georgian legislation to EU legislation; State representation in courts and arbitrations of national, international and foreign countries; Legal expertise, institutional development and effective inter-agency coordination of international and private contracts (including multi-million dollar and/or arbitration institutions) to be signed by the state and state agencies;  
  
Study of the necessity and perspectives of the development of a separate field of law; the problematics of ministries and sectoral agencies to perform law-making activities; Preparation of legislative and subordinate normative acts, legislative initiatives for the development of various priority areas, legislative and subordinate normative acts projects; Studying and analyzing the legislation of foreign states; Preparation of drafts of legislative and sub-legal normative acts relevant to the Association Agreement concluded between Georgia and the European Union; Legal examination of drafts of normative acts and accompanying documents developed by various agencies on issues falling within the competence of the Ministry in order to approximate/harmonize Georgian legislation with EU regulations, decisions and directives determined by the association agreement;  
  
State representation in arbitrations and foreign courts on commercial and investment disputes, on interstate and/or individual disputes in the European Court of Human Rights and UN treaty bodies; Cooperation with the International Criminal Court and coordination of its cooperation with other state bodies. Protection of the Ministry's interests in lawsuits filed against the Ministry of Justice of Georgia in the national court, and involvement in disputes against government institutions, taking into account the competence of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia;  
  
Legal evaluation/expertise of draft agreements of international and private nature (multi-million dollar and/or involving arbitration institution) to be signed by the state and state agencies in order to determine their compliance with Georgian legislation and preparation of the draft of the appropriate conclusion. Legal evaluation of the draft agreement in the context of the legal risks present in it and preparation of the draft of the relevant conclusion;  
  
Improvement of the legal system, including getting rid of the rudiments of the Soviet period; Preparation of conclusions and opinions on legislative initiatives and proposals in order to promote the implementation of the integrity strategy of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and the relevant guideline, comparative-legal and good practice studies of the states in various directions, and human rights-based approaches; Development of recommendations and/or reports on issues of good governance;  
  
Development of a two-year action plan to combat human trafficking, as well as strategy and implementation action plans for the protection of children living and/or working on the street from violence, including trafficking; Developing a policy of effective struggle against human torture, inhumane, cruel or degrading treatment or punishment, promoting and monitoring its implementation; Developing a balanced drug policy focused on the protection of human rights.

###### ***Establishment of a penitentiary system corresponding to international standards***

In order to establish a penitentiary system in accordance with international standards, taking into account the analysis of the legislation of Georgia and the recommendations of international organizations, independent experts and the Public Defender of Georgia, developing relevant legislative changes and implementing measures;

Perfecting the administration of the penitentiary system;

Provision of food services of the penitentiary system;

Providing the penitentiary system with uniforms, soft equipment and personal hygiene equipment;  
  
Ensuring the participation of convicts in training/educational and psychosocial programs, trainings and courses, cultural events and employment programs for the purpose of resocialization-rehabilitation of the accused/convicts;  
  
Providing the penitentiary system with necessary medicines, medical items, laboratory items and reagents;  
  
Providing consultations of invited doctor-specialists of various profiles for the accused/convicts, providing specialized medical services in civil sector clinics and offering services to the treatment facility for the accused and convicted persons and the tuberculosis treatment and rehabilitation center;  
  
Screening of persons in need of anti-tuberculosis treatment for HIV infection/AIDS and of the accused/convicts within the framework of the state hepatitis C management program and conducting an appropriate course of treatment, including patients in an antiretroviral treatment program for HIV infection/AIDS;

Ensuring universal access to diagnosis and treatment;

Creating a penitentiary infrastructure adapted to the needs of prisoners and employees in order to bring the penitentiary system closer to international standards.

###### ***Ensuring the security of the National Archival Fund, the introduction of modern service technologies and the availability of documents***

Filling the National Archival Fund with documents transferred to a physical and/or electronic medium, forming an electronic database of National Archival Fund documents and its constant updating, description and centralized accounting of National Archival Fund documents, ensuring proper conditions for protection and storage of National Archival Fund documents;  
  
Transfer of archival documents to electronic carriers, which ensures preservation of the originals of documents without damage and protection of national memory, availability of electronic copies of documents of the National Archival Fund;  
  
In order to introduce citizen-oriented services and increase the availability of documents, creation and development of the electronic system of citizen services, the registration and management system of researchers of the National Archival Fund, the electronic catalogs of the documents of the National Archival Fund (text, film, photo and audio documents);  
  
Within the framework of electronic archiving, in order to create a unified electronic archive fund and to ensure the maximum availability of electronic documentation, the creation of an automated system of description, registration and archiving of electronic documents from the source organizations of the National Archive and other persons who own documents belonging to the National Archival Fund;  
  
Construction and equipping of the new building of Shida Kartli (Gori) regional archive.

###### ***Training of employees and other interested persons of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia***

Raising the qualifications of the staff of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, legal entities of public law operating under the governance of the Ministry, the state sub-departmental institution - the Special Penitentiary Service and other organizations through the management of the full cycle of trainings (analysis of training needs, planning, implementation and evaluation), as well as the organization of competitive and qualification tests;  
  
Promotion of the ongoing legal reform in Georgia and the state policy of harmonization of Georgian law with international law standards and European law through the implementation of training programs;  
  
Creation and constant updating of test tasks, training modules, training courses and programs, including the acquisition of foreign certified programs, in order to raise the qualifications of representatives of the private sector, as well as organizations receiving budget funding;  
  
Adapting the trainings to the needs of civil servants, civil society organizations and private individuals, both in terms of specificity and content, which will help to raise awareness and develop personal work competencies not only in public structures, but also in wider public circles. Conducting accredited programs of professional development of civil servants for employees of public organizations;  
  
Conducting qualification raising and periodical training courses for employees of the special penitentiary service and penitentiary institutions;  
  
In order to promote the resocialization/rehabilitation of convicts by providing them with vocational education, as well as their professional training/retraining and preparation for employment, creating appropriate spaces in penitentiary institutions, implementing training courses and employment programs;  
  
Creating and updating the book fund of libraries in penitentiary institutions, introducing a unified library accounting system.

***Development of e-government***

Introduction of modern information and communication technologies in the activities of the state, reduction of expenses incurred on them, promotion of smooth functioning of the state by means of information technologies and communications;  
  
Serving state agencies with a full range of IT services, including network security, Internet delivery, e-mail service, online communication tools, video conferencing, time and task management software, implementation of a unified security policy, protection from unwanted and harmful e-mail programs and viruses, creation of a unified IT support call center for state structures and incident management, digital telephony service, on-site computer equipment service for employees in state organizations, etc.;  
  
In order to automate processes in state organizations and facilitate transition to electronic governance, conducting appropriate research and developing specific innovative business solutions that will be tailored to the customer's business processes. Creation of new software and improvement of existing software;  
  
Development of technology in the direction of introduced cloud technology in terms of both software and computing capacities and scales. Provision of use of cloud infrastructure (IaaS) for interested organizations;  
  
Effective and safe provision of electronic services and data exchange for state and non-governmental organizations, private sector and citizens on the principle of one window;  
  
Implementation of information security audit; Information security penetration (sustainability) testing; Installation and management of a network sensor intended for the detection of computer incidents; Regulation of cyber security issues; Prevention, detection and management of computer incidents by the National Incident Response Team;  
  
Use of data exchange infrastructure, the components of which are 3 types of hardware and software directions/tools: Government Gate of Georgia - exchange of various information in a secure environment through electronic services; Citizen's Portal - secure access to various types of electronic services put into practice by the state and business sector for all interested persons on the principle of one window; International trade support system - at this stage, container shipments are integrated, and land and air shipments will be added gradually (the system is integrated with international systems of a similar profile).

###### ***Crime prevention, development of the probation system and resocialization of former inmates***

Nationwide crime prevention, including prevention of recidivism, resocialization/rehabilitation of convicts and former inmates, work with juveniles with difficult behavior and criminal liability; Implementation of measures related to crime prevention, rehabilitation programs and ensuring the involvement of those convicted with non-custodial sentences, diverted minors, adults with difficult behavior and those who have not reached the age of criminal responsibility;  
   
Execution of non-custodial sentences and legal acts defined by the legislation of Georgia and in this way creating guarantees for public safety, which includes as a punishment deprivation of the right to hold a position or activity, deprivation of the right to activity for a legal entity, assignment of community service, assignment of correctional work, assignment of house arrest (including through electronic monitoring system), restriction of rights related to weapons;  
  
In addition to enforcement of non-custodial sentences and legal acts defined by the legislation of Georgia, improving the psychosocial condition of the beneficiaries in order to reduce and eliminate the risk factors that cause crime, taking into account the individual needs of probationers and former inmates, support and redirect them to existing relevant services in order to solve their physical and mental health issues; Offering adequate training/professional training courses for labor market requirements and making recommendations to potential employers, improving the institutional framework in the field of restorative justice, diversion-mediation, putting restorative justice programs into practice, as well as providing deficient services through grant programs and their further development;  
  
Inclusion of non-custodial, probationary, diversionary and referral center beneficiaries in psychosocial, prosocial and rehabilitation services, vocational training and educational programs;   
  
In the new offices of the Probation Bureau, establishing a registration space for probationers, rooms for individual interviews and group meetings, video dating service and other functionality.

###### ***Development and accessibility of House of Justice services***

Maintaining and further improving the high standard of government service delivery, introducing new products/services and ensuring access to interested parties;  
  
Focusing on the interest of each customer, including businesses. Increasing access to state services, reducing time spent on administrative procedures. In addition, the integration of several private and state services, including the introduction of services of LEPL - Social Service Agency of the Ministry of IDPs, Labor, Health and Social Affairs, energy and water companies, Service Agency of the LEPL - Ministry of Internal Affairs and the private sector, promotion of the services of the House of Justice, raising awareness and export of the concept of the House of Justice to interested countries;  
  
Optimization and redesign of existing services. Creation of service delivery process description documents for each product, development of organizational process interaction map, maintenance and updating of operational procedures, which ensure smooth delivery of services;  
  
Improvement of the infrastructure of the House of Justice, which will contribute to the smooth delivery of services to the users of the House of Justice;  
  
Ensuring the availability of state services for every citizen through justice houses, public centers and mobile justice houses, both in large administrative-territorial units and in villages with a large population and remote from the municipality centers, so that the locals have the opportunity to use public and private sector services without leaving the village;  
  
Opening of Justice House branches and public centers in different regions of the country.

###### ***Promotion of land registration and development/availability of public registry services***

Systematic registration of land plots within 1.2 million ha in the geographic areas of systematic registration, which will gradually expand and include all regions of Georgia;  
  
Formation and availability of information on immovable property rights, public legal restrictions, tax liens/mortgages, movable property rights and intangible property rights, entrepreneurial and non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities and address registers, the register of political associations (parties) of citizens and the register of municipalities; Development of the property and business registration system, spatial data infrastructure and provision of fast, accessible and innovative services to the public, provision of reliable and high-quality services, creation of a navigational geodatabase, creation/updation of a 360-degree panoramic image platform of streets for the highways and settlements of Georgia, National Geodetic creation and updating of the plan-elevation basis, digital aerial photography of actual regions of the territory of Georgia and preparation of digital orthophoto plans;  
  
Creating/updating a national navigation database that will meet the existing requirements of internal and external users for navigation data and will be compatible with global navigation data. The mentioned data will make it easier for users to identify the location, as well as help in choosing the optimal route to reach the destination, taking into account the minimum time or minimum distance criteria. Production of national geospatial data of Georgia and integration into global navigation systems on the world market;  
  
360-degree panoramic images of historical and cultural heritage and touristically active areas, municipal and highway roads of Georgia - the so-called Street view data production and Google Maps integration to meet the needs of internal and external users;  
  
Creation and updating of the national geodetic (plan-elevation) basis (network) of Georgia, which is the main geodetic basis for topographic planning of all scales and creates a unified system of distribution of coordinates and heights in the territory of our country. The geodetic base of high accuracy must meet the requirements of the country's socio-economic, defense, security and national economy sectors, as well as the practical solution of various scientific and engineering technical tasks of state and local importance;  
According to the aerial photography action plan, covering the urban areas of the territory of Georgia (where changes are actively taking place) with new aerial photography materials and creating accurate orthophoto plans as a result of their processing; Based on updated aerial photography materials, creation of new digital, cartographic materials, updating of old ones and further use of these data, based on various sectoral requirements;  
  
Improving the IT infrastructure, which ensures continuous and fast delivery of existing electronic services, as well as expanding the infrastructure for future growing loads.

###### ***Development of the land market (WB)***

Systematic registration of rights to land plots and updating of Internet communications technologies of the LEPL - National Agency of Public Registry, software development; Development and implementation of systematic land registration policies and procedures and improvement of the information technology system of the National Agency of Public Registry;  
  
Update of the information technology infrastructure and registration programs of the LEPL – National Agency of Public Registry; Optimization of the system registration process, support of the IT infrastructure and statistics of the public registry (software creation for the purpose of automation of system registration); Evaluation of information technologies of the LEPL - National Agency of Public Registry and update based on the evaluation report, including server infrastructure renewal; Real estate registration system software development; Training of the information technology (IT) team of the LEPL - National Agency of Public Registry;  
  
In order to improve the quality of cadastral surveying/planning work, training and certification of surveyors (whose tools are included in the CORS system for public registry administration).

###### ***Development and availability of services of the State Service Development Agency***

Promotion of the development of state services, introduction of new and innovative services, improvement of the existing ones and their availability to all interested persons; Based on the need for increased demand for remote services, active use of remote services in the process of service development, which will further increase the availability of services throughout the country;

In order to improve the Agency's databases, promote information security and protection of personal data, connecting the registration data of each citizen with new addresses (identifying the persons registered at each address as a result of field work by the formed mobile groups) and transferring these addresses to the Agency's information system; Digitization of civil acts;

Compliance with international standards of information security and qualified reliable services, improvement of the unified authentication system, introduction of data masking system;

Analytical and administrative support to the Commission in order to develop the capacity of the Governmental Commission on Migration.

***Systematization of normative acts and development of translation center***

State registration of normative acts, systematization and ensuring the publicity of the legal system in accordance with the law; In order to give legal force to normative acts, the initial publication of their full text on the official website (https://matsne.gov.ge);

Administering an accessible, protected, constantly updated official website, where the user can see the legislative and subordinate normative acts accepted by all agencies of Georgia, placed on the website and officially published, international agreements, Georgian language versions of European Union legislation (directive, regulation, decision, recommendation), decisions of the Constitutional Court, acts of local self-government, public announcements and other informational documents;

According to the fields and priority areas provided by the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union, translation of the relevant legislation of the European Union into Georgian, as well as translation of Georgian legislation/draft laws into English;

Processing of the terminology used in different fields of legislation, constant updating of the terminological database located on the server of Matsne translation center and the online dictionary located on the official website of Matsne;

Translation of Georgian legislation/draft laws, their amendment documents into English and publication of the English versions of the translation on the website; Also, in order to increase access to legislation for ethnic minorities, to translate the legislative acts of Georgia into the relevant target language (Azerbaijani/Armenian/Ossetian/Abkhazian) and place them on the website;

Administering the process of preparation for printing, tramsfering to the printing house and printing of official texts, manuals, action plans, booklets, reports and other informational data of codified and systematized legal and subordinate normative acts and individual legal acts stipulated by legislation or agreement, as well as of legal and other literature (including translated texts);

Publication of printed versions of various normative acts, books and legal literature for professional activities and informational purposes of interested persons or target groups.

###### ***Ensuring the efficiency of the services of the LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement and their accessibility to all interested persons***

In the process of providing executive and non-enforceable services, realization of the legal interests of the parties with maximum protection of the balance between the parties;

Enforcement services - enforcement of secured and unsecured claims, retrieving an item from illegal possession, securing a claim, and others; Non-enforcement services - simplified proceedings, insolvency proceedings, issuing licenses to private executors and providing them with auction services, simplified proceedings in relation to requests for monetary debt payments, property valuation services based on third-party referrals, ascertainment of facts, etc.;

Formation of "search-seizure-collection" type of electronic communication with banks, which will replace the previously existing information exchange in printed form. Electronic information exchange, distribution of restrictions on electronic bank accounts and removal from different bank accounts, which will simplify data exchange;

Establishing an electronic connection with all municipal agencies and fully electronic exchange of enforcement documents;

Creation of a chamber of executives composed of independent executives;

Addition of new services of simplified case management service ("purchase agreement" and "loan agreement");

Improving the activities of the enforcement police, carrying out enforcement proceedings in cases of illegal possession (eviction) and dismantling, permanent availability of managers, social workers and public relations managers for the protection of interests of the parties in high-profile cases of eviction and dismantling; The authority of the enforcement police to conduct an investigation within the framework of enforcement proceedings, quick and effective investigation of possible crime facts in the course of proceedings, as well as timely execution of court decisions.

# **The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia**

###### ***Management of labor, health and social protection programs for IDPs from occupied territories***

Development and implementation of state policy in the fields of labor and employment of the population, healthcare and social protection, coordination of relevant activities;

Development of state policy in the field of social protection and resettlement of displaced persons and persons affected and displaced by natural events (eco-migrants) and coordination of its implementation;

Preparation of healthcare system regulatory acts;

Quality control of medical activity and ensuring its safety;

Control of medical and social expertise;

Supervision of the quality and circulation of medicinal products and pharmaceutical activities;

Unhindered delivery of healthcare services focused on the needs of the community;

Identifying, determining and registering recipients of social assistance, pensions and other monetary and non-monetary state benefits, assigning assistance to them and organizing its provision;

Development/improvement of services to improve the implementation of healthcare programs;

Protection and assistance/support of victims of human trafficking, violence against women and/or domestic violence, sexual violence;

Long-term care of neglected children, elderly and disabled persons/children;

Coordination of emergency situations and management of emergency assistance in territorial units of Georgia;

Management of labor market policy and employment promotion in the country, professional training, retraining and qualification raising mechanisms of job seekers;

Promotion of temporary legal employment of Georgian citizens abroad;

Improvement of the socio-economic condition of internally displaced persons, eco-migrants and migrants;

Management of information systems, information technology infrastructure necessary for the functioning of the Ministry's system, creation of integrated server and network infrastructure, ensuring its reliable and efficient operation and development;

Mobilization of alternative (non-budgetary) resources for people facing the risk of catastrophic social costs with the participation of society, private sector and the state, and addressing priority social needs.

###### ***Social protection of the population***

Realization of socio-economic rights guaranteed by Georgian legislation for citizens, alleviation of the material condition of targeted social groups and improvement of the physical and social condition of persons with disabilities (including children), the elderly and children deprived of care, socially vulnerable, homeless and at risk of abandonment, and their integration into society with preventive, rehabilitative, alternative, family strengthening services and aids;

Provision of pension for persons of retirement age (women - from 60 years, men - from 65 years) and state compensation for specific categories of persons (force structures, prosecutor's office, civil aviation workers, former members of the Parliament of Georgia, high-ranking diplomats and others); Calculation of the amount of the state pension in accordance with the indexation of the state pension determined by the conditions established by the Law of Georgia "On State Pension";

Provision of subsistence allowance for families below the poverty line, "social package" for target groups, allowances for displaced persons, refugees and persons with humanitarian status, cash benefits for the improvement of the demographic situation, assistance for pregnancy, childbirth and child care, as well as for the adoption of a newborn baby in accordance with the established rules and conditions;

Compensation for damage caused to the employee's health when performing labor duties;

Funding of a supplement in the amount of 20 percent of the pension/social package for pensioners/recipients of the social package permanently living in the highland settlement in accordance with the law of Georgia "On the Development of Highland Regions"; Financing of allowances for medical personnel: for a doctor - in the double amount of pension, for a nurse - in the single amount of pension;

Reimbursement of 50 percent of the monthly fee for the electricity consumed in the highland settlement (not more than 100 kWh of electricity used) for the subscribers (household users) living in the highland settlement;

Facilitating the implementation of state policies for the protection and assistance of victims of human trafficking, violence against women and/or domestic violence, sexual violence;

Ensuring the functions of the central and local guardianship and care authority provided by the legislation in the territory of Georgia, as well as providing the function of the central guardianship and care authority for the purposes of adoption in another state; Implementation of the state policy of guardianship, care, support, adoption and foster care; Promoting the creation of decent living conditions for persons with disabilities, the elderly and children deprived of care;

* **New direction of pension policy - indexation of pension**

Calculation of the amount of the state pension in accordance with the indexation of the state pension determined by the conditions established by the law of Georgia "On State Pension" based on the Law of Georgia "On Pension Savings" in order to ensure the adequate financing of social guarantees of the retirement age population and at the same time the sustainability of the fiscal policy, In particular, the pension increase by age for pensioners under the age of 70 - by the average rate of inflation of the last 12 months, but not less than 20 GEL, and for pensioners aged 70 and older - by the sum of 80% of the average inflation rate of the last 12 months and the arithmetic average of the real growth rate of the gross domestic product in the last 6 quarters, but not less than 25 GEL.

At the end of 2026, the state pension will be determined:

* for pensioners under the age of 70 – in the amount of at least 340 GEL;
* for pensioners aged 70 and over - in the amount of at least 400 GEL.
* **New direction of social protection - improving the social condition of children and families with children**

In order to ensure the improvement of the social condition of children and families with children, families registered in the unified data base of socially vulnerable families (whose rating score is equal to or less than 120,000 and where children under 16 live) are provided with monthly assistance in an increased (from 50 GEL to 100 GEL, from June 1, 2022 to 150 GEL, and from July 1, 2023 to 200 GEL) amount.

###### ***Protecting the health of the population***

increasing the financial and geographic availability of healthcare services for the population; Ensuring preparedness and response to disease prevention, public health threats;

Planned and emergency outpatient, emergency inpatient and planned surgical services, chemo-, hormone- and radiation therapy; Funding for childbirth and caesarean section services; Provision of certain pairs of beneficiaries (socially vulnerable persons, persons of retirement age, veterans and others) with appropriate medicines; Provision of inpatient medical services for high-risk pregnant women, women in labor and women in postnatal period; Provision of inpatient medical assistance for patients with infectious and parasitic diseases;

Promoting the health of the population, establishing a healthy lifestyle and preventing contagious and non-communicable diseases; Ensuring the safety of blood products made from donated blood; Promotion of maternal and child health, immunization, early disease detection and screening; Control of the spread of such communicable diseases as HIV infection, tuberculosis, malaria, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections; Promotion of hepatitis C elimination; Provision of treatment and rehabilitation services for people suffering from drug addiction;

Reimbursement of medical institutions involved in the universal healthcare program of the population with the diagnosis-related groups (DRG) financing system;

Determination of reference price (upper limit of sales price) for medicines;

Due to the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19), the development and management of effective mechanisms for responding to challenges related to the protection of the health of the population;

Provision of outpatient, inpatient and community services, housing for the population with mental health problems; Treatment of diabetic patients and provision of medicines; Continuous glucose monitoring (age up to 18); Oncohematological services for children; Providing dialysis, kidney, marrow and liver transplantation and medicines to patients suffering from end-stage renal failure; treatment of incurable patients and provision of medication for pain management; Treatment of patients with rare diseases and provision of medicines; Provision of emergency medical assistance, medical transportation and outpatient services in rural areas;

Provision of individual referral assistance;

Medical examination of citizens to be recruited into the Defense Forces;

Provision of organ transplants for Georgian citizens;

The current programs financed by donors will be gradually reflected in the obligations of the state;

Financing post-diploma/residency preparation of medical specialty seekers in scarce and priority medical specialties for municipalities defined by the Law of Georgia "On Occupied Territories" and high-mountainous and border municipalities, increasing the effectiveness of post-diploma education regulation mechanisms;

Co-financing of medical insurance for employees of emergency brigades.

* **A new direction of providing medical services to the population - co-financing of medical insurance**

Co-financing of medical insurance (in the amount of 25 GEL) of ambulance brigade employees (about 4,500 employees) and rural doctors/nurses (about 3,000 rural doctors/nurses) has started since 2021 and will continue for the next medium-term period.

* **A new direction of providing medical services to the population - organ transplantation**

Starting from 2022, financing of bone marrow transplantation for persons with oncohematological diagnosis and also liver transplantation for persons with liver diseases (except for persons registered in Tbilisi and the Autonomous Republic of Adjara) will continue.

* **A new direction of providing medical services to the population - spinal muscular atrophy**

Starting from 2022, the provision of appropriate medicines to patients with spinal muscular atrophy will be started and will continue within the component of providing specific medicines to patients with rare diseases.

* **A new direction of providing medical services to the population - continuous glucose monitoring**

From 2022, provision of continuous glucose monitoring (automatic) system for children under 18 years of age will be started and will continue, in order to prevent hyper and hypoglycemia and effectively manage diabetes.

###### ***Rehabilitation and equipping of medical facilities***

Renovation of state-owned healthcare infrastructure, buildings and equipment, provision of minimum standard of diagnosis and treatment in medical institutions;

Construction, rehabilitation, equipping of medical institutions and promotion of their functioning.

###### ***Labor and Employment System Reform Program***

By developing/implementing active labor market policies and employment promotion services in the country, raising the competitiveness of job seekers and promoting employment in this way;

Registration of jobseekers, counseling, development of services, promotion of employment of persons with disabilities and special needs, including women;

Vocational training of job seekers in professions in demand on the labor market, vocational retraining and/or increasing their competitiveness through further internships at workplaces and development of key competencies and in this way promoting the employment of job seekers, including taking into account the advantage of women's participation;

Implementation of an active labor market policy towards socially disadvantaged able-bodied persons, on public works that do not require special professional training;

Ensuring effective application of labor norms in Georgia;

Institutional strengthening of labor inspection;

Inspection of facilities/workplaces operating in Georgia within the scope of the mandate defined by the Labor Inspection Law;

Supervision of the effective implementation of labor legislation, labor safety norms, measures determined to detect forced labor and labor exploitation (trafficking) and implementation of the management function;

In order to improve and refine labor conditions in Georgia, developing and effectively implementing administrative-legal acts in accordance with labor legislation and international labor standards and, based on this, promoting healthy/fair labor relations between the employer and the employee;

Improvement/refinement of labor rights standards in Georgia and promotion of defined norms, including prevention of discrimination, prohibition of sexual harassment, gender equality, forced labor and labor exploitation;

Study of the current situation in the labor market, labor legislation and labor safety protection;

Ensuring the effective application of labor standards in Georgia, including effective enforcement of the Organic Law of Georgia "On Labor Safety" and labor legislation, and periodic inspection of active workplaces/facilities to detect forced labor and labor exploitation, and implementation of preventive measures. Also, implementation of relevant activities in the direction of prevention of discrimination, sexual harassment, forced labor exploitation and ensuring gender equality.

* **A new direction of the safety policy of working conditions**

Taking into account the changes made in the labor legislation ("On Labor Safety" by the Organic Law of Georgia and the Labor Code of Georgia), the LEPL - Labor Inspection Service was established for the full implementation of labor inspection functions. The service ensures the effectiveness of a wide range of labor rights and the improvement of the existing enforcement mechanism; The institutional/structural system of labor inspection will be strengthened; The quality of protection of labor rights of employees will be significantly strengthened by creating a new, independent and comprehensive labor inspection mechanism; Carrying out appropriate inspections to prevent discrimination, sexual harassment, forced labor exploitation and ensure gender equality. In the medium term, it is planned to inspect facilities in the direction of labor safety.

* **New direction of employment policy**

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the state policy in the field of labor and employment promotion in the country, active labor market policy and management of employment promotion service mechanisms, the LEPL - State Employment Promotion Agency was created. In order to ensure the increase in the number of employed people and the quality of business, the State Agency for Employment Promotion conducts an active policy of employment promotion, on the one hand, in the direction of connecting job seekers and businesses, on the other hand, in the direction of bringing job seekers' qualifications and business requirements in the country in line with each other; Implementation of measures to promote employment in order to effectively stimulate the labor market, which will positively affect the welfare of citizens and the rate of economic growth.

* **Promotion of employment in public works**

Promoting the employment of socially disadvantaged able-bodied persons in public works through the implementation of an active labor market policy

###### ***Assistance to internally displaced persons and migrants***

Provision of reintegration assistance for migrants returning to Georgia;

Provision of housing for eco-migrants;

Long-term resettlement of IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia;

Improvement of the social and living conditions of IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia;

Creation and development of various services to ensure the integration of persons with international protection, asylum seekers and stateless persons with status in Georgia;

Provision of livelihoods of internally displaced persons and eco-migrants from the occupied territories of Georgia.

# **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia**

###### ***Implementation of foreign policy***

Strengthening the sovereignty of Georgia and consolidating the efforts of the international community to promote the restoration of its territorial integrity;

Effective use of negotiation formats in order to deal with the security and humanitarian challenges created as a result of the Russia-Georgia conflict;  
  
Increasing the involvement and support of the international community in the implementation of reconciliation and engagement policies; Consolidation of the policy of non-recognition in the international arena;  
  
Activating the issue of improving the security, humanitarian and human rights situation in the occupied territories and Russia's full implementation of the ceasefire agreement and bringing it to the attention of the international community;  
  
Using and deepening all existing mechanisms and formats of cooperation with the European Union for the full integration of Georgia into the European Union; Deepening the political dialogue with the European Union;  
  
Effective use of integration mechanisms (NATO-Georgia Commission, annual national program and NATO-Georgia essential package) for Georgia's ultimate goal of joining NATO; Deepening political and practical cooperation with the Alliance; Further development of existing cooperation with NATO in terms of Black Sea security;  
  
Intensification of bilateral cooperation with the United States of America, Europe, Asia and Oceania, the Middle East and Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and raising it to a new level for the implementation of the country's interests;

Continuing to implement an effective and balanced regional policy to promote regional stability, as well as to increase the attractiveness of the region;

Intensification of cooperation in multilateral formats, active involvement in international organizations and implementation/positioning of policies corresponding to the national interests of the country;

Implementation of active economic diplomacy;

Informing the public about Georgia's foreign policy goals and agenda and ensuring their support;

Promoting the positive image of Georgia abroad, promoting the presentation of Georgian culture and intellectual potential;

Ensuring the development of the unity, strength and close connection of the diaspora with the motherland;  
  
Effective service of Georgian citizens abroad, providing appropriate assistance to them in crisis situations, improving the protection of their legal rights and interests.

###### ***Raising the qualifications of officials in the field of international relations***

Training and retraining of employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, promotion of professional development and qualification raising of other civil servants employed in the field of international relations;  
  
Creation and delivery of analytical and research products to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, other government agencies and other interested parties for effective planning and management of Georgia's foreign policy and international relations.

# **Ministry of Defense of Georgia**

###### ***Defense management***

Determination of the priority directions of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia in order to support the national security policy of Georgia;

Informing the public about the measures implemented by the Ministry of Defense of Georgia and raising awareness;

Implementation of bilateral and multilateral cooperation measures with partner countries and international organisations (NATO, European Union, OSCE, UN, Ministry of Defense of Southeast Europe and others);

Support of diplomatic (civilian and military) representatives of the Ministry of Defense and arms control and verification measures.

###### ***Military vocational education***

Ensuring the general education and primary military training of cadets by implementing effective educational/training programs to form a highly qualified staff;

Education and training of a corps of officers with qualified and relevant skills;

Holding specialized short- and long-term courses, trainings, as well as meetings and conferences for sharing experience for the vocational training of personnel;

Development of training and education system of military personnel;

Conducting training courses for professional development outside the country for both military personnel and civilians in order to form modern defense forces;

Participation of servicemen and civilians of the Georgian Defense Forces within the framework of the NATO program "Partnership for Peace" (PfP), bilateral cooperation with partner countries and professional development programs implemented in Georgia.

###### ***Healthcare and social security***

Providing military and civilian employees of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia with basic medical facilities and developing and implementing measures to increase the quality and efficiency of patient treatment;

Promotion of social support for the personnel of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia and their family members, provision of their health insurance;

Capacity development of medical units of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia.

Promotion of reintegration and resocialization of wounded/injured servicemen and their family members into society;

Physical and psychological rehabilitation process improvement and prosthetic-orthopedic services;

Social protection and material provision of employees of the system of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia and their family members, as well as of persons participating in the struggle for the territorial integrity, freedom and independence of Georgia and their family members.

###### ***Management, control, communication and computer systems***

Development of communication and information systems to support the management and control system of the Defense Forces of Georgia;

Strengthening cyber security and creating a safe environment for staff;

Raising consumer awareness;

Deepening bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Holding international forums, seminars and conferences in order to share experience in the field of cyber security;

Integrating elements of cyber security into military training;

Development and implementation of additional standards and rules in the direction of information technologies;

Development of infrastructure related to information technologies;

Increasing the quality of service continuity and security;

Gradual implementation of the Integrated Resource Management System (IRMS);

Communication services, Internet and postal-courier services.

###### ***Development of infrastructure***

Maintenance and development of the existing infrastructure in the territory of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia and units of the Georgian Defense Forces, in particular: rehabilitation and development of all functional areas included in the military bases; Construction of new military facilities; Construction/overhaul of sports halls; Rehabilitation of engineering communications and networks; Creation of a housing fund for military personnel.

###### ***International peacekeeping missions***

Successful fulfillment of the obligations undertaken before the Alliance and participation in peacekeeping missions and operations carried out to ensure international security;  
  
Active cooperation within the framework of the agenda of association between Georgia and the European Union and the common security and defense policy of the European Union and participation in missions conducted under the auspices of the European Union (in the Central African Republic - EUTM RCA, in the Republic of Mali - EUTM Mali);

Funding of costs related to the participation of units of the Georgian Defense Forces in international peacekeeping missions (expenses for foreign missions of the units participating in international peacekeeping missions, expenses for immunization, purchase of medical equipment and kit-bag and Internet services), purchase of ammunition necessary for pre-shooting training, and provision of soldiers with equipment.

###### ***Scientific research and military industry development***

Within the framework of the project "Physical security, management of ammunition stockpiles and conventional weapons destruction in Georgia", disposal of expired ammunition and decontamination of aviation missiles and bombs;

Improvement of the operating system on anti-hail devices;

As a result, in order to increase the area of protected areas from hail, the purchase of new missiles will increase significantly;

Synthesis of explosive substances, research, expertise. Development, design, testing and analysis of armor materials for explosive structures. Perfection of explosion identification methods, research and design, testing and analysis of protective systems;

Processing of technologies for obtaining semiconductor, thermoelectric, ceramic, polymer and superconducting nanocomposite materials, obtaining materials and creating products for various purposes based on them, and laboratory tests;

Mathematical and physical modeling and research of dynamic processes in complex mechanical systems; Development of methods and algorithms for calculating different types of loads in machine nodes and details;

Design of military, domestic and commercial optical systems and individual details. Development of optical schemes with improved parameters for optical targets intended for various weapons;

Improving the quality of metals, metal materials and products and developing new technological processes for their production. Rational use of natural resources and production waste;

Established and processed multi-spectral (infrared/ultraviolet), the constructive technological base of the detector (fire monitoring sensor) facilitating the integration processes.

###### ***Development of defense capabilities***

To achieve the goals and objectives of the national defense, the development of NATO-compatible capabilities of the Georgian Defense Forces, according to combat functions.

###### ***Logistics provision***

Providing full logistical support for increasing the combat readiness of military units;

# **Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia**

###### ***Public order and development/enhancement of international cooperation***

Strengthening of preventive and investigative functions;  
  
Establishing an effective and accountable law enforcement agency, which ensures crime prevention, quick response to crime, public safety, law and order and detection of administrative violations;  
  
Increasing the effectiveness of timely response and ongoing investigation to the facts of family crime, violence against women, discrimination, intolerance, trafficking, crimes committed by/against minors;  
  
Constant renewal of the material and technical base and car park of the Ministry and rehabilitation of the infrastructure, in order to improve the social protection guarantees for the employees working in the system and to further promote their material security, construction of 1,100-apartment "Police City" in Tbilisi.

###### ***State border protection***

Prevention, detection and suppression of illegal actions on the state border of Georgia, in the border zone, in the maritime space of Georgia and on ships subject to the jurisdiction of Georgia in accordance with the legislation of Georgia;

Implementation of rescue operations in the entire territory of Georgia to save human life and property;

Protection of its sovereign rights in the maritime space of Georgia;

Ensuring the safety of seafaring and navigation, control of compliance with navigation rules;  
  
Development of border management, control, observation and information exchange technologies, arrangement of border infrastructure for effective functioning of border police structural units, regional divisions and border sectors.

Upgrading the small craft of the Border Police Navy;

modernization-standardization of the aging air fleet of the border police;

###### ***Increasing the level of protection and security of natural and legal persons (including property), diplomatic missions, national treasures***

Protection of public order, protection and escorting of moving cargo, transportation and collection of cash and other valuables, protection of the owner's property and legal interests from illegal encroachment within the framework of concluded agreements and state orders, increasing the quality of protection of protected objects, equipping objects with digital communication and modern security alarm systems;  
  
Constant renewal of the car park;

Permanent rehabilitation of the infrastructure.

###### ***Training of highly qualified personnel for law enforcement structures, retraining, digitization of archival funds, scientific-research activities and citizen services***

Implementation of professional and special educational programs, training and retraining of qualified and professional police personnel, as well as civil security personnel;  
  
Infrastructure rehabilitation.

###### ***Providing healthcare services for the employees of the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the State Security Service of Georgia***

Maintaining and strengthening the health condition and physical development of the employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the State Security Service of Georgia, reducing the incidence of sickness and incapacity for work;  
   
Ensuring high combat and mobilization readiness of medical units;

If necessary, organization of providing medical aid to the wounded and their evacuation;  
  
Control of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemic measures in the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;

Providing medical services to employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and their family members.

###### ***Raising the level of civil security, creating and managing state material reserves***

At the tactical level, ensuring the implementation of appropriate complex measures to protect human life and health, the environment and/or property from an incident/emergency situation caused by a state of war, natural and/or human factors, using appropriate resources and tools;

Development/presentation of recommendations/proposals for relevant persons to make decisions at strategic (political) and operational levels, as well as providing organizational, technical and information-analytical assistance;

Assigning the UN International Search and Rescue Advisory Group, INSARAG classification to the urban search and rescue team;

Providing state services in the field of civil security;

Implementation of operational procedures related to the creation, management, storage and use of state material reserves.

###### ***LEPL – Ensuring the effectiveness of the services of the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and its availability to all interested bodies***

Increasing the level of trust in the agency by expanding and improving the services offered by the agency;

Provision of fast, flexible and highly accessible (developing remote service channels) services by the agency, which will be adjusted to the needs of citizens.

###### ***Operation of an effective system of emergency and emergency assistance***

Providing high-quality and easily accessible emergency care to improve access to emergency care in the country;

In the event of an emergency situation, timely and correct involvement in the process of the entities responsible for administering emergency aid;

Improving the system of receiving and processing emergency aid messages and functioning in compliance with international standards;

Introduction of the latest technologies;

Development of the national video surveillance system;

Increasing the level of public and road safety.

# **Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia**

###### ***Environmental protection and agriculture development program***

Development of state policy and implementation of reforms in the agricultural and environmental protection sector of the country;

Determining the priority directions for the development of the agricultural and environmental protection sector and developing relevant programs;

Management and administration of measures to be implemented by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;

Development of the national program of environmental protection actions of Georgia;

Provision of information technology and unified data system of the office of the Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of Georgia, territorial bodies and agencies included in the system of the Ministry;

In accordance with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and objectives 15.1 and 15.5, creation of a unified data base based on the registration of plants and animals (including species included in the "Red List" of Georgia) and assessment of their condition carried out within the framework of biodiversity monitoring;

In accordance with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) objective 15.1, assessing the status of animal species remaining outside the "red list" of Georgia, defining them as game species and in some cases introducing more effective protection measures;

In accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), in the process of nationalization, determination of priority objectives in the direction of environmental protection and agriculture and implementation of relevant measures.

###### ***Food safety, plant protection and epizootic trustworthiness***

State control of food safety; Implementation of preventive, coercive measures and laboratory researches against animal diseases;

Animal identification-registration; Vet. treatment of external parasites of animals at control points;  
  
State veterinary control over veterinary drugs in circulation;

Control of the presence of residues of vet drugs and other pollutants in animals;  
  
Implementation of measures against the spread of quarantine and particularly dangerous harmful organisms;

Quality control of pesticides/agrochemicals and monitoring of veterinary pharmacies and treatments;  
  
Laboratory research of food quality and safety indicators, particularly dangerous animal diseases, plant quarantine and other harmful organisms and agricultural crops;  
  
Based on the monitoring of the territory of the country (detection of the appearance of the pest and its number by means of pheromone traps), using modern specific spraying techniques, taking appropriate measures to reduce the number of the Asian tortoise beetles, localization/elimination of foci.

###### ***Development of viticulture and winemaking***

Organization of international and local tastings, competitions, exhibitions and presentations of Georgian wine production;

Preparation of articles about Georgian viticulture and winemaking for specialized foreign magazines and their publication;

Production of commercials and implementation of other measures necessary for the promotion of Georgian wine;

Organizing educational events about Georgian wine and cooking at local and international markets;

To ensure the comparison of certification samples of alcoholic beverages and/or samples taken from certified batches, and within the framework of state control and state supervision, conducting laboratory research of samples of wine and other alcoholic beverages of grape origin;

Introduction of viticulture cadastre;

Registration of vineyard areas;

Promoting the study of grape pips and wood molecular genetics found in the territory of Georgia using ampelography methods and participating in archaeological excavations for the purpose of extracting pips;

Facilitating the sale of the grape harvest received by individuals occupied in the field of viticulture;

Facilitation of the development of the system of appellations of place of origin for Georgian wine and the implementation of measures to protect the designations related to Georgian wine.

###### ***Implementation of scientific research activities in the field of agriculture***

Raising the awareness of the persons employed in the agrarian field about the use of modern agro-technologies;

Creation of micro-selection teams of local varieties and populations of agricultural animals, birds, fishes and agricultural useful insects common in Georgia;

Searching, restoration, conservation of the gene pool of annual and perennial crops, creation of collection and nursery plants;

Development of primary sowing of annual crops;

Support of the system of certification of planting material according to international standards;

Promoting the introduction of bioagriculture;

Risk assessment in the field of food safety;

Research on storage capacity and raw storage methods of fruits and vegetables and development of relevant recommendations;

Studying the state of soils in different regions of Georgia, making appropriate recommendations and developing measures to restore and improve soil fertility;

Construction of a modern winemaking experimental and research enterprise;

###### ***Unified agricultural project***

Provision of cheap and affordable funds for the primary production, processing and storage-sale enterprises of agriculture;

Development of the insurance market in the agro-sector, promotion of agricultural activities, increase of competitiveness, promotion of maintaining incomes and reducing risks for farmers;

Facilitating establishment of nurseries and planting of perennial crop gardens;

Maximizing the potential of existing tea plantations in Georgia, establishing/facilitating effective cooperation in the tea production sector and promoting high-quality tea production;

Creation of new processing and storage enterprises (infrastructure) of agricultural products and equipping them with modern production lines/technologies for the production of import substitution products and the development of the local food base;

Creation of a single electronic database of persons engaged in agricultural activities in order to organize a single system of the register of farms/farmers;

Co-financing of harvesting equipment;

Technical support of projects;

Creation of storage/refrigeration infrastructure of producer cooperatives, for berry and vegetable crops and promotion of local wheat production;

Promotion of Georgian agro-food products;

Development of the Imereti Agrozone territory;

Promotion of small milk producing households and farmers, service providers for the dairy sector, milk collection centers (points) and milk processors;

Improvement of the legislative base, arrangement of infrastructure and feed bases, creation/development of an effective pasture management system;

###### ***Modernization of reclamation systems***

Rehabilitation of reservoirs, irrigation and drainage systems;

Technical operation of the reclamation infrastructure and provision of reclamation purpose equipment;

Implementation of land restoration works;

Promotion of institutional strengthening of reclamation systems.

###### ***Environmental supervision***

Prevention, detection and suppression of environmental pollution and illegal use of natural resources, including improvement of timber control; prevention, detection and suppression of illegal cutting, transportation and processing of timber;

Perfection of the environmental state control system, which ensures the timely fulfillment of the requirements of the Georgian legislation in the field of environmental protection and use of natural resources;

Creation of effective conditions for deterring law violations and achieving an appropriate level of voluntary compliance with environmental legislation by regulatory bodies;

Control of the implementation of preventive measures to avoid damage to the environment by the objects of regulation;

Assessment of environmental damage according to criteria developed based on European experience;

Control of the restoration of the environment to its original state or the implementation of replacement measures.

###### ***Establishment and management of the system of protected areas***

Development of the network of protected areas - development and expansion of protected areas, protection, maintenance and restoration of natural ecosystems, landscapes and living organisms;

Management, protection and monitoring of the system of protected areas - maintenance and supervision of protected areas, protection, care and maintenance of existing infrastructural elements and natural resources;

Improving the sanitary condition of forests in protected areas - restoring damaged areas and fighting pests with appropriate methods;

Protection of protected areas, fire prevention - use of necessary equipment and prevention of the danger of fire spread, providing information to the public about the rules of movement and behavior in protected areas;

Sustainable management of natural resources - inventory of forests and development of their management plans;

Promotion of protected areas, raising public awareness;

Development of ecotourism - introduction and development of ecotourism services, attraction and interest of visitors.

###### ***Formation and management of forestry system***

Gradual implementation of the actions provided by the national forestry concept of Georgia for the establishment of an effective forest management system;

Implementation of sustainable forest use;

Identification of suitable areas for timber production and implementation of forestry and agricultural measures (including the arrangement of forestry and agricultural roads, ensuring the satisfaction of the needs of the population and budget organizations for wood resources (including heating firewood);

Implementation of forest maintenance (including fire prevention) and restoration measures;

Implementation of forest registration measures, development of forest management plans, introduction of an effective system of obtaining data on the condition of forests, analysis and planning of forestry measures;

Ensuring the management and development of the electronic system for the management of wood resources.

###### ***Establishment and management of the National Wildlife Agency system***

Ensuring the management of the activities of the legal entity under public law - the National Agency for Wildlife, the continuous and smooth development of its main areas;

Implementation of wildlife species research and monitoring activities;

Assessment of the condition of local rare species of Georgian fauna (in the first stage - large and medium species), including endangered species;

Selection of favorable areas for hunting and fishing farms, planning of prospective sites and determination of species of national importance, priority breeding for the state;

Study of large species of fauna in pilot mode and creation of pilot hunting farms taking into account European traditions;

Promotion of ensuring the annual increase in the number of endemic (local) rare species of the chicken family;

Breeding of one of the rare representatives of the ichthyofauna - brook trout in natural conditions - in a trout farm equipped with modern standards;

Creating populations of large ungulates. Investments will be made in the development of the population of the species. According to the established quotas, animals will be removed from nature and meat products will be produced. The employment of the local population will be promoted;

Setting up a DNA laboratory on the territory of the agency, which ensures research on diseases of flora and fauna species imported from abroad, which ensures that various diseases do not spread within the country;

Improving the quantitative abundance of red list plant species in nature;

Implementation of conservation and reproduction measures of rare species of flora and fauna of Georgia.

###### ***"Education for sustainable development" promotion program for access to information in the field of environmental protection and agriculture***

Promotion of environmental and agrarian education of the population and raising awareness, ensuring that they receive information and knowledge about sustainable development and a way of life in harmony with nature;

Promoting public participation in the decision-making process and ensuring access to information;

###### ***Protection of nuclear and radiation safety***

In accordance with the state policy in the field of nuclear and radiation safety, implementation of state regulation and control by the legal entity under public law - Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency;

Updating and production of the departmental register of radioactive materials, ionizing radiation generators, radioactive waste, their owning organizations and occupational doses;

Radioactive waste management;

Monitoring and control of the radiation condition of the environment in Georgia;

Response to nuclear and radiation accidents and incidents, illegal circulation of nuclear and radioactive substances, as well as radiation alarms at border checkpoints, customs and transport terminals;

Preparation of the annual report to be submitted to the Government of Georgia on the current radiation situation in the country;

Authorization of nuclear and radiation activities;

In the regions of Georgia (Guria - III stage, Samegrelo) the background indicators of radiation and radionuclides present in the environment (soil, air, water) will be monitored;

Increasing the number of patients, medical personnel and population protected from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation, development of draft laws, strategic documents and action plans;

State control of nuclear and radiation activities by carrying out inspections.

###### ***Forecasting, assessment, prevention and monitoring in the field of environmental protection***

Production of hydrometeorological observation on the territory of Georgia, expansion of the stationary observation network;

Improvement of databases;

Statistical data processing;

Provision of calibration of measuring means;

Improving the quality of weather and hydrological forecasts, preparing and distributing timely and effective warnings about expected natural hydrometeorological events;  
  
Geological monitoring and assessment of natural geological processes;

Compilation and monitoring of geological hazards zoning map on the territory of Tbilisi Municipality;

Monitoring of underground fresh drinking water;

Compilation of state geological maps;

Improvement of the air, water and soil monitoring system for environmental pollution level assessment;  
  
Pursuant to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) objective 11.6, purchase and installation of new automatic air pollution monitoring stations in accordance with modern standards;  
  
In accordance with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) objective 14.4, stock assessment, industrial forecasting and determination of quotas of the territorial waters of the Black Sea of Georgia, special economic zone and industrial objects of inland waterways;  
  
Implementation of statistical analysis, biological research and monitoring of fishing on the coast of the Black Sea and inland waterways of Georgia and determination of their environmental status;  
  
In accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) objective 14.4, assessment of the conservation status of fish and other hydrobionts; Promoting the introduction of aquaculture, mariculture and sustainable fisheries.

###### ***Diagnosis of food products, animal and plant diseases***

In accordance with the requirements of ISO 17025:2017/2018 and ISO 9001-2015 standards:

Laboratory diagnosis of especially dangerous infectious and non-infectious diseases of animals;

Laboratory diagnostics of plant quarantine and other dangerous, harmful organisms;

Laboratory research of agricultural crops throughout the country;

Laboratory research of quality and safety indicators of food/animal feed and drinking water and detection of microbiological, chemical and radiation contamination in these products;

Strengthening of instrumental laboratory research in the direction of food, including: laboratory diagnosis of especially dangerous infectious and non-infectious diseases of animals; Determination of quality and safety indicators of food/animal feed; Survey of drinking water and plant pests.

###### ***State program of sustainable land management and land use monitoring***

Ensuring rational use of agricultural land resources, sustainable management and protection measures, promotion of land market development;

Creation of a unified database of land resources and its electronic management software;

Compilation of land balance;  
  
Ensuring sustainable management of state-owned pastures;

Implementation of the state program of windbreak (field protection) strip inventory;

Implementation of the state program for the restoration, cultivation and management of windbreak (field protection) strip.

# **Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia**

###### ***Developing state policies and managing programs in the fields of education and science***

Universal access to education and increase in its quality;

Development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of state policy in the fields of education and science;

Gradual implementation of the complex reform of the education system, which involves systemic changes for all directions and levels of education;  
  
Creating an educational system that, in accordance with the goals of sustainable development, along with equipping children, students, young people and adults with appropriate theoretical knowledge and developing practical skills, ensures raising their civic awareness, increasing competitiveness, strengthening the connection between education and science;

Promotion of the development of the relevant field/direction of the competence of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, perfection of the legislative base;

Taking into account the aspects of gender equality in the field/sector/direction of the Ministry's competence;

Development and promotion of state standards of early and pre-school education;

Ensuring the authorization of early and pre-school education institutions;

Support of international relations, development of relations with the Georgian diaspora living abroad, involvement in current educational and scientific programs and implementation of relevant projects;

Institutional self-assessment of general education institutions before the start of the 2026-2027 academic year to ensure the authorization of public schools;  
  
Introduction of a "new school" model focused on the development of skills and values, critical and creative thinking, adaptation to a rapidly changing environment and literacy in the general education system, as well as new training programs and resources based on the principles of inclusive and civic education;

Formation of educational environment of modern requirements and opportunities in schools;

Taking care of raising the prestige of the teachers' profession and its qualifications, decent remuneration for work;

Coordination and control of activities of structural units and legal entities of public law included in the system of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia;  
  
Ensuring a safe, violence-free and friendly learning environment in educational institutions;  
  
Ensuring the quality of early and preschool, general, vocational and higher education and improving quality assurance mechanisms. Implementation of control over the performance of quality assurance standards through monitoring, strengthening the capacity of all stakeholders in order to develop quality and increase efficiency;  
  
Supporting the development of education and science management systems, establishing education management information systems and databases for effective management of business processes and information provision in the education system;  
  
Promotion of young people's acquisition of relevant, high-quality education, their employment and professional growth;  
  
Promotion of ensuring the quality of education in accordance with international standards in the education system of Georgia, improvement of educational and scientific infrastructure and introduction of modern technologies in the teaching process;

###### ***Preschool and general education***

Significant improvement of the quality of general education and development of the system in accordance with international standards;

Attracting young, qualified personnel to the general education system;

Providing general education schools with necessary financial resources;  
  
Promotion and methodological support for the introduction of state educational standards for early and preschool education;

Updated standards and procedures for general education quality assurance will be approved and introduced, supporting measures will be implemented to meet the standards;  
  
Ensuring authorization of all public schools before the start of the 2026-2027 school year;  
  
The creation and development of new, modern requirements-oriented, high-standard national curricula and corresponding educational resources will continue, the secondary national curriculum will be revised; A large-scale school evaluation system will be introduced; the development of electronic resources will begin;   
  
The process of creating new textbooks with updated authorization procedures will continue.

A different model of bilingual education will be introduced on a large scale among students of non-Georgian schools;

In order to ensure safety and public order in the school, flexible and result-oriented mechanisms for planning and implementing preventive measures, as well as receiving psycho-social services will be created, training programs for Mandaturi officers, psychologists and social workers, as well as persons authorized to protect security will be implemented;  
  
A new rule for the regulation of the teacher's profession will be developed, continuous professional development measures for teachers will be implemented, in accordance with their professional needs;

Distance and hybrid teaching methodology will be gradually improved. Strengthening the use of technology and the role of distance learning in the teaching-learning process in public schools and the creation/implementation of various digital resources and supporting teaching materials;

Formation of educational environment of modern requirements and opportunities in schools;

Equipping schools with appropriate digital technologies and science laboratories;

Taking care of raising the prestige and qualification of the teachers' profession, decent remuneration for work;  
  
Promoting the professional development of school principals as educational leaders to improve the teaching-learning process and school management;  
  
Facilitation of transportation to schools for those students who live in settlements (villages, townships) where schools do not function and there is a long distance between villages/townships, and they also have limited opportunities;

Encouraging school initiatives;

Development of school culture, introduction of new training programs and resources, support for on-site strengthening of teachers within the framework of the "New School" model focused on the development of skills and values, critical and creative thinking, adaptation to a rapidly changing environment and literacy in the general education system;

* **New directions of general education reform (human capital development reform):**

In order to bring national standards closer to international standards and taking into account the best practices, implementation of complex measures in the field of education, including the change of the general education financing model, which will be based on complex research, as well as the authorization of schools. Also, within the framework of the reform:

* the teacher's professional development and career advancement scheme and salary increase will continue

Within the framework of the education reform, the implementation of the next stage of the teacher's professional development and career advancement continues. The current education reform involves promoting the professional development of practicing teachers, motivating them to raise their status in the career scheme, and gradually replacing practicing teachers in the system with senior, leading and mentor teachers.

In 2023, in the new stage of the reform, as in the previous years, the increments of senior, leading and mentor teachers (more than 43.8 thousand teachers) will be increased by 100 GEL. Teachers' salary increments will continue to increase for the next medium-term period as well.

* implementation of the "New School" model will continue

In the medium term, continuing the implementation of the "New School" model in all public schools across the country, which involves promoting the implementation of third-generation national curricula, as well as ensuring the functioning of support groups for schools and teachers across the country, which include: All Subject Experts, Primary Education Expert, Technology Expert, Inclusive Education Expert, Leadership Expert and National Curriculum Implementation Coordinators. Implementation of the following activities based on intensive coaching principles within the framework of the reform:

* creation and development of school curricula focused on constructivist principles of teaching and learning;
* establishing an internal and external evaluation system focused on support and assistance;
* implementation of the use of technologies in schools for the diversification of the communication and teaching-learning process, including the creation of digital programs "We learn by playing", "Digitalize the learning process", Georgian LLMS;
* establishing a self-evaluation system in schools (getting to know the requirements of the national curriculum, receiving updated results of the student progress assessment and school culture research every year, on the basis of which schools study their own needs to achieve the requirements of the national curriculum);
* equipping schools with appropriate digital technologies and science laboratories.

###### ***Vocational education***

To support the socio-economic development of the country, ensuring the competitiveness of Georgian citizens on the local and international labor markets by developing professional and general skills;

Development/expansion of services to ensure the inclusiveness of vocational education, in accordance with the educational needs of both adults and youth;

Implementation of the results-based model of financing vocational education;

Introduction of a new management model of the vocational education system with public-private partnership;

Increasing the availability of vocational education and training-retraining programs, mechanisms will be developed for the identification of vulnerable groups outside of vocational education and their inclusion in vocational education;  
   
Approving the professional standard of vocational education teacher and the new model of training, entry into the profession and continuous professional development;

Implementation of a new result-oriented remuneration model for vocational education teachers;

Increasing the number of dual and market-demanded professional training and retraining programs; defining the regulatory framework of short cycle programs, their implementation and admission of students to the programs; increasing the scope of integrated programs;

Recognition of non-formal education and expansion of the scope of recognition;

In order to internationalize the professional education system, create opportunities for international certification to implement international exchange programs and strengthen English language teaching;  
  
Introduction of the electronic system of vocational education management; Creation of a new portal for vocational education;  
  
Raising the level of knowledge of the state language of representatives of national minorities and other interested persons and improving the professional knowledge and skills of those employed in budget organizations and other interested persons in the direction of state administration at the local level.

###### ***Higher education***

Fully conducting the examination process using modern technologies;

Ensuring the implementation of international studies (assessments);

Development of a new financing model for the higher education system, which will contribute to the sustainable development of the educational institution and the focusing of the educational process on learning outcomes;

Implementation of measures supporting quality development.

Development of a unified concept of evaluation of scientific-research activities and doctoral programs.

Promotion of obtaining international accreditation of higher education programs.

Continuation of the "Study in Georgia" program;  
   
  
With the aim to increase accessibility: continuation of financing of persons enrolled in one-year educational programs for teacher training, preparation of educational programs for special teacher training, continuation of training program for post-school education for people living in occupied territories, continuation of measures supporting the education of convicted persons in bachelor's and master's educational programs.

Preparation of Georgia as an Erasmus+ program country, as a result of which, except for higher education and youth components, Georgia will have access to all components of the program.

Funding higher education institutions to improve infrastructure and learning environment.

###### ***Promotion of science and scientific research***

Expanding the scale of engineering, natural science and technology (STEM), as well as humanities and Georgian science grant competitions and fundamental research;

Facilitating the cooperation of Georgian and foreign academic and scientific personnel working abroad with the Georgian scientific strata;

Strengthening the process of commercialization of applied scientific research;

Implementation of results-based financing model;  
  
Development of science and teaching in Georgia in terms of promotion of interdisciplinary scientific studies, introduction of interdisciplinary scientific-research approaches and methods and their adaptation in the research and teaching process;

Promotion of active involvement of scientific institutions and research groups in international framework programs and scientific projects. Implementation of bilateral and multilateral scientific-research and technological projects;

Promotion of the involvement of Georgian researchers in the grant competitions of the European Commission research and innovation program "Horizon Europe";

Promotion of research internationalization;

Improvement of scientific infrastructure and approximate to international standards.

###### ***Inclusive education***

Throughout Georgia, the components of inclusive education will be actively introduced and developed in order to increase access to education for persons with disabilities/persons with special educational needs and to conduct an educational process adapted to them;  
  
Taking care of improving the quality of education of students with special educational needs in public schools, providing them with an appropriate environment and offering appropriate services at all levels of education;

Determination of the policy of integration of persons left behind in the educational process, support of their integration into the general education system;  
  
Ensuring an effective educational process corresponding to the individual needs of students;  
  
Integration and socialization of public school pupils, students, those with needs caused by social factors, displaced, repatriated persons and representatives of national minorities, pupils, students and other persons with special educational needs, planning and implementation of community activities;  
  
Provision of full round-the-clock or daycare state services for students of resource schools intended for students with sensory and/or severe/profound intellectual and/or multiple impairments or multiple sensory impairments (deaf and blind) or behavioral and emotional disorders, development of academic, functional and social skills appropriate to their age and considering the possibilities;  
  
Facilitating the education of students with special educational needs, financing the increments of special teachers with the relevant status determined by the scheme and of the administrative staff supporting inclusive education in public schools;

###### ***Development of infrastructure***

Development of school infrastructure;

In 2023 - 2026, rehabilitation and construction of public schools funded by the Government of Georgia and donor organizations;

Equipping all newly built and rehabilitated public schools with school furniture and necessary equipment;  
  
In order to develop the infrastructure, construction of vocational educational institution in various municipalities of the country, development of student housing, rehabilitation/construction of vocational educational institution. In accordance with the need, the establishment of new vocational schools. Implementation of relevant measures to expand the existing geographic network in public-private format; Strengthening the provision of vocarional education in schools and universities;  
  
Financing of higher education institutions to improve infrastructure and learning environment;

Development of the infrastructure of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and the legal entities under public law and territorial bodies included in its system.

###### ***Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project - Georgia I2Q (IBRD)***

Promoting the quality and accessibility of early education, as well as improving the quality of teaching and learning in the general education system;

Promoting the introduction of modernized academic programs in higher educational institutions through grant funding and supporting internationalization;  
  
Development of education data system, strengthening of communication and coordination with interested parties;

Support for effective program management, monitoring and evaluation.

###### ***Vocational education I (KfW)***

Promoting the improvement of the quality of vocational education and increasing the number of vocational education providers;

Construction of the Center of Excellence (function of the center - implementation of programs corresponding to international standards in the direction of logistics and construction);

Offering "hab" service within the framework of the vocational education system of Georgia;

Allocation of additional investments for the strengthening of vocational educational institutions implementing construction and logistics programs (partner of which will be the Center of Excellence in the implementation of a number of programs).

###### ***Modern Skills for Better Employment Sector Development Program - Project (ADB)***

Expanding the vocational education network, which will contribute to raising qualifications and developing skills;

Improving the quality, importance and availability of vocational education, promoting economic growth and job creation;  
  
Increasing the role of the private sector in planning and financing vocational education;

Developing inclusive and gender equality skills and improving the image of vocational education.

# **Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia**

###### ***Developing state policies and managing programs in the fields of culture, sports and youth***

Promotion of the development of the relevant field/direction of the competence of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia, perfection of the legislative base;

Coordination and control of activities of structural units and legal entities of public law included in the system of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia;

Promoting the development of culture, sports and youth management systems.

Deepening of international relations through cooperation with EU member states and other partner countries, as well as with international organizations and foundations;

Facilitating the promotion of fields within the scope of competence, conducting effective policies, promoting the development and internationalization of the field.

###### ***Higher education in the field of arts and sports***

Promotion of higher artistic and sports education and provision of necessary financial resources related to functioning.

###### ***Development of infrastructure***

Development of the infrastructure of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia and the legal entities under public law and territorial bodies included in its system;

Construction of international standards sports fields, halls and sports palaces, swimming pools, as well as mass sports facilities (outdoor training apparatus, mini-fields, running tracks and bicycle paths);

Promoting the implementation of an effective model of sports infrastructure management.

###### ***Promotion of arts and sports institutions***

Promotion of arts and sports educational institutions by supporting results-oriented programs corresponding to the mission of each of them (concerts, exhibitions, performances, competition-festivals, master classes, sports events);  
  
Improvement of the infrastructure and introduction of modern technologies in the teaching process to ensure education in accordance with international standards;

Development of skills and competences necessary for employment of young people, increase of professional opportunities;  
  
By developing quality-oriented, flexible financing models appropriate to the creative and sports skills of young people, raising highly qualified specialists in the fields of arts and sports, competitive in the labor market;

Equipping educational institutions with material and technical base necessary for teaching in order to ensure quality teaching process;

Promotion and support of vocational education programs.

###### ***Promotion of culture development***

Support for development of art fields, preservation of artistic traditions, latest technologies in art, development of creative industries, innovative projects;  
  
Activation of cultural life in Georgia, supporting the participation of representatives of society and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities;  
  
Implementation of cultural programs and deepening of intercultural dialogue in cooperation with European and other partner countries, international organizations and foundations, both in Georgia and abroad;

Promotion of development and internationalization of culture and creative industries in accordance with the "Culture Strategy 2025";

Increasing awareness of Georgian culture and art and their integration into the international artistic space;  
  
Supporting programs of legal entities under public law - artistic organizations under the governance of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia;  
  
Ensuring unlimited, equal access to and involvement in the country's cultural life for citizens;  
  
To contribute to the economic development of the country by supporting cultural programs and projects in the capital and regions of Georgia;  
  
In order to popularize national culture and raise international awareness, promoting Georgia's participation in events planned inside and outside the country.

###### ***Protection of cultural heritage and improvement of the museum system***

Creation of favorable conditions for the perfect functioning of legal entities under public law -cultural heritage organizations, implementation of preventive measures for the protection of museum valuables, promotion of museums/museum-reserves and establishment of a management system in accordance with international standards, fulfillment of obligations assumed by international conventions, presentation of the culture of national minorities, integration of persons with disabilities into the cultural life of the country;  
  
Maintenance/administration of the electronic system of recording museum valuables (www.egmc.gov.ge);  
  
Protection and rehabilitation of Georgian architectural complexes, individual samples of cultural heritage, management and development of international and bilateral relations, promotion of introduction of international standards, sharing of experience and raising of qualifications in the field of cultural heritage;

Fulfillment of obligations to UNESCO;

Inventory of intangible cultural heritage objects/monuments, creation of mechanisms for their protection and systematization;

Implementation of appropriate measures for harmonization of Georgian legislation with the UNESCO International Convention On the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage;

Completion of a unified data base of cultural heritage in order to create a unified information system/space of cultural heritage of Georgia;

Prevention of unauthorized works on cultural heritage monuments; promoting the development of cultural tourism and creating an attractive environment for it;

Continuation of the rehabilitation of Levili Manor.

###### ***Development and popularization of mass and high achievement sports***

For the development of sports in Georgia, preparation of Georgian national teams and participation in international sports events (world and European championships, national championships, international tournaments, license competitions for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games, etc.); At the stage of their preparation, organizing educational and training gatherings, conducting championships of Georgia; Popularization of sports and promotion of development of national sports;  
  
Introduction and promotion of mass sports and healthy lifestyle; Development of the "Sports for All" movement; Holding mass sports events; Promoting and supporting the development of Olympic, Paralympic, Surdolympic, Special Olympic and other movements.

Participation in the planning stage to implement the principles of "good governance" in sports organizations and monitoring of the activities of sports organizations;

Purchase of sports inventory and equipment for distribution to sports federations and regional sports organizations.

Hosting of international competitions in different types of sports in Georgia and organizing mass sports events at a high level; Increasing the awareness and image of the country on an international scale, developing sports tourism;

Basic financing and financial stimulation of clubs participating in the Georgian National Football Championship for the development of football in Georgia;

Disposing of the prize fund of the clubs participating in the National Football Championship of Georgia;

Implementation of mass football events and programs promoting football education.

###### ***Measures of social protection and promotion of culture and sports figures***

Providing monthly stipends for Olympic and Paralympic Games champions and prize-winners and chess Olympiad winners, world and European champions, members of Georgian national, Olympic and age teams, coaches, administrative and medical staff, and prospective athletes living in Georgia;  
  
Providing monthly social benefits to veteran athletes and sports workers;

Providing monthly financial assistance to coaches employed in the field of sports in highland settlements;  
  
Providing social assistance to people's actors, people's artists, Rustaveli Prize laureates and art workers.

###### ***Promotion of the youth***

Facilitating the planning, implementation and coordination of evidence-based participatory youth policy targeting the needs of young people at the national and municipal levels;  
  
In order to create an relevant environment for the full-fledged development of young people, it is necessary to create an ecosystem of the youth sphere of the European model, where the participation of young people as full-fledged members of society and decent employment is ensured, the health and well-being of young people are protected, and information, resources and development opportunities are equally available.

Promotion of the development of youth activities.

Strengthening of international cooperation in youth direction.

# **Central Election Commission of Georgia**

###### ***Development of electoral environment***

Conducting impartial, transparent and professionally administered elections in compliance with Georgian legislation and creating all conditions for voters and other parties involved in election processes to freely exercise their right to vote;  
  
Institutional strengthening: strengthening the independence, professionalism and credibility of the election administration, establishing an effective budget policy and a system focused on continuous organizational and professional development, contributing to the development of democratic processes;  
  
Civic and voter education: increasing the involvement of citizens in election processes by implementing educational programs, promoting the increase of voter activity and making informed choices;  
  
Creation of the most inclusive election environment with the active participation of the parties involved in the election processes, promotion of the process of improvement of the legislation of Georgia;

Planning of election processes, organizational, legal and technical provision of all types of elections.

###### ***Promotion of electoral institution development and civic education***

Development and implementation of educational programs for the parties involved in the elections;

Close cooperation with local and international organizations;

Certification of election administration officials.

###### ***Financing of political parties***

###### Promoting the formation of political parties and a healthy, competitive political system in accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia "On Political Unions of Citizens".

###### **Arrangements for holding elections**

Preparation of human resources for conducting elections using electronic means;

Awareness raising/information campaign of voters and involved parties about electronic means;

Preparation of electronic means and other related infrastructural base necessary for conducting elections;

Election planning and legal, organizational, financial and material-technical provision;

Purchase of equipment necessary for conducting elections;

Consideration of election disputes within the competence;

Conducting an image campaign during the election period;

Implementation of educational programs for voters;

Ensuring the creation of an inclusive electoral environment;

Promoting the establishment of a gender-balanced and equal electoral environment;

Raising the qualifications of members of district and precinct election commissions.

# **State Audit Office**

The formation of the State Audit Office of Georgia into a modern, independent, supreme audit body, which conducts its activities in accordance with international standards and enjoys high public trust;

Acquaintance with the modern, exemplary practices of higher audit bodies and increasing the professional capabilities of auditors with audit knowledge and skills;

Strengthening external audit capabilities and legislative mandate;

Promotion of the legality, purpose protection and effectiveness of the spending and use of state funds and other material values of the state;

Increase in the benefits brought as a result of the recommendations issued by the audit activity;

Strengthening information technology (IT) audits;

Improving the analytical capabilities of the employees of the State Audit Office, including strengthening the capabilities of big data analysis;

Deepening of cooperation with the Parliament of Georgia;

Improvement of internal control system and information security;

Increasing professional cooperation with international and donor partner organizations;  
  
Strengthening the involvement of citizens in determining the annual audit activity plan;

Perfection of the system of certification of auditors of the sector, development and implementation of training programs for raising the qualifications (including raising the qualifications of the employees of the State Audit Office).

# **Office of the Business Ombudsman of Georgia**

Promotion of protection of rights and legal interests related to the implementation of entrepreneurial activities by a person on the territory of Georgia.

# **Administrations of state attorneys**

Development of municipal development strategies and priority documents by the administrations of state attorneys in coordination with state government bodies;

Preparation of proposals for the development of local infrastructure and presentation of tourism potential;

# **Judical system**

Ensuring reimbursement of all costs established by Georgian legislation for jurors and judicial candidates, which are related to their performance of their duties;

Providing judges with health insurance;

Regular implementation of the professional training course for justice trainees (judge candidates); Professional training of judges, assistant judges, court managers and other officials of the court system through regular training activities.

Continuation of the process of transparency and publicity of the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of Georgia;

Conducting construction and repair-reconstruction works of court buildings;

# **State Security Service of Georgia**

###### ***Ensuring state security***

Protection of Georgia's constitutional structure, sovereignty, territorial integrity and military potential from illegal actions of foreign special services and individuals;

Detection of unconstitutional, violent changes to the constitutional structure of the state and state power and ensuring their protection;

Fight against terrorism;

Fight against transnational organized and international crime that poses a threat to state security;  
  
Ensuring the country's economic security;

Implementation of measures to prevent, detect and suppress corruption;

Protection of the regime of state secrets, implementation of measures to ensure the protection of state secrets in accordance with the legislation of Georgia and its control.

###### ***Provision of operational-technical activities***

Based on the appeal of the authorized body, using special technological means, obtaining information about the actions against the constitutional structure, sovereignty, defense capability, territorial integrity, law and order and military potential of Georgia, as well as obtaining factual data in a criminal case and, for this purpose, implementing measures related to: secret monitoring and recording of telephone communications; obtaining information from the communication channel; obtaining information from the computer system; real-time determination of geolocation; control of postal and telegraphic messages; covert video recording and/or audio recording, covert photography;  
  
Implementation of the operational-technical measures provided for in Article 9, Paragraph 2, Sub-paragraph (e) of the Law of Georgia "On Counter-Intelligence Activities" and electronic surveillance measures provided for in Paragraph 3 of the same Article;  
  
Information technology provision of state agencies and institutions;

Development of border technologies and provision of information-technological services at border crossing points.

###### ***Preparation, retraining and qualification raising of security personnel***

Collection, analysis and updating of existing knowledge in the field of state security, use of innovative methods in the educational process;

Training, retraining and raising the qualifications of highly qualified personnel for the State Security Service of Georgia;

Study of modern western experience and achievements and introduction of appropriate standards, appropriate response to existing challenges and their successful overcoming in the vocational educational field, as well as proper organization and management of scientific work;

Promotion of the development of special vocational education and civic education system in the field of security;

Promoting the development of educational and research activities in the field of security;

Depending on the need, implementation of relevant educational programs together with educational institutions of Georgia and foreign countries.

# **Prosecutor's Office of Georgia**

Protection of human rights in the course of investigation and criminal prosecution; determining the causes of violation of the state's positive obligation in this field and taking into account the recommendations of international and human rights organizations;  
  
Effective and international standards-compliant investigation and criminal prosecution of domestic violence, torture, ill-treatment, violations of minority rights;  
  
Improvement of the electronic system of criminal proceedings, improvement of electronic programs for the management of human resources adapted to the needs of prosecutors, modernization of the electronic module of prosecutors' workload;  
  
To ensure the transparency of the activities of the Prosecutor's Office and accountability to the public, creation of effective mechanisms of relations with the mass media, improvement of the existing mechanisms of providing information to the public;

Improving the witness and victim coordinator institution and increasing access to it;

Raising awareness of the Prosecutor's Office and increasing its role in the process of crime prevention (including the "Public Prosecutor's Office" project);

Perfection of statistical data related to minors, creation of a minor-oriented environment;  
  
Promotion of increasing the effectiveness of the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia, implementation of international standards in work practice, correct implementation of legal innovations in practice and the fight against crime by providing professional training and qualification improvement of Prosecutor's Office employees;  
  
Implementation of joint training projects for representatives of the Prosecutor's Office and other investigative agencies/target groups in order to promote consistent, coordinated activities and introduce common approaches.

# **Special Service of State Protection of Georgia**

###### ***Ensuring the safety of protected persons and objects***

Protection of the President of Georgia, the Prime Minister of Georgia and the heads of other higher authorities, high officials of foreign countries visiting Georgia, as well as government residences and raising their security level. This process is continuous.

###### ***Maintenance of state facilities***

Provision of the President of Georgia, Prime Minister of Georgia, other high-ranking officials, presidential administration in the government residences with the necessary conditions for their activities, corresponding to international standards, as well as equipping the government residences with modern inventory and equipment.

###### ***LEPL - Government Special Communication Agency***

Providing state structures with a system of special governmental connections.

# **Special Investigation Service**

Impartial and effective investigation of crimes defined by the law of Georgia "On the Special Investigation Service", including the investigation of such crimes committed by a representative of a law enforcement agency, an official or a person equal to him, as torture, humiliating or inhuman treatment, abuse of official authority or excess of authority by committing violence, using weapons or insulting the victim's personal dignity, etc.

# **Personal Data Protection Service**

Control of the legality of personal data processing by the Personal Data Protection Service, control of covert investigative actions and activities carried out in the central bank of electronic communication identifying data;  
  
Control of covert investigative activities carried out in the central bank of electronic communication identifying data, by checking (inspecting) the legality of data processing by the data processor/authorized person and in other ways specified by the Law of Georgia "On Personal Data Protection";

Providing consultation on issues related to personal data processing and protection for interested parties;

Review of statements related to personal data protection;

Checking the legality of personal data processing (inspection);  
  
Providing information to the public about the state of personal data protection in Georgia and important events related to it;

Implementation of educational activities on issues related to data processing and protection;

Issuing permission to transfer personal data to another state, to a legal or natural person of such a state, or to an international organization, assessing the existence of appropriate guarantees of data protection in another state and/or international organization and approving the list of countries with proper guarantees of personal data protection;

Submitting an annual report to the Parliament on the state of data protection in Georgia, the conduct of covert investigative actions, and the control of activities carried out in the central bank of Electronic Communication Identification Data.

# **Office of the Public Defender of Georgia**

Implementation of planned and unplanned monitoring in terms of protection of human rights in places of restriction of freedom throughout the territory of Georgia;  
  
Statement/consideration of complaints about the violation of the rights of persons placed in areas of restriction of liberty and penitentiary institutions, and responding to them; monitoring the protection of human rights and basic freedoms in the field of defense and security;

Strengthening the monitoring of juvenile penitentiary institutions;

Developing recommendations for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; preparation and submission of monitoring reports;  
  
Supporting and strengthening the work of the regional offices of the Public Defender of Georgia;  
  
For the purpose of raising civic education and awareness, producing newsletters, social advertisements and placing them in the media, publishing reports of the Public Defender of Georgia, translating them and presenting them at different levels; Publishing and distributing publications on human rights topics; organization of trainings for relevant target groups;  
  
Receiving, registering, distribution to structural units, further consideration and appropriate response to statements and complaints of Georgian citizens, citizens of foreign countries and stateless persons, as well as legal entities of private law, political and religious associations;  
  
Ensuring the functioning of a multi-channel communication system in order to receive information about human rights violations from any part of Georgia within 24 hours;

Implementation of the Law of Georgia "On Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination";

Promoting multilateral dialogue between majority and minority groups;

Promotion of the process of integration of national and religious minorities;

Monitoring the implementation of the 2006 UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;  
  
Supervision of the legal status of children in the center and regions;

Monitoring of pre-school institutions and schools;

Supervision of preparation for discharge from a care facility for juveniles under 24-hour state care;  
  
Monitoring the implementation of national and international acts in the field of gender equality protection in Georgia, studying the statements/complaints related to the violation of gender equality received by the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia and preparing drafts of relevant conclusions/recommendations/proposals;  
  
Generalization of activities and experience of state and non-state bodies and organizations operating in the field of gender equality in Georgia and outside its scope and organization of implementation in Georgia;  
  
Providing information about the human rights situation in Georgia to representatives of international organizations and the diplomatic corps;

Submitting an annual report on the state of protection of human rights and freedoms in Georgia to the Parliament of Georgia, preparing and distributing special and activity reports;  
  
Development of recommendations, suggestions, general proposals and conclusions and presentation to the addressees.  
  
Study and monitoring of the human rights situation in the villages near the so-called dividing line;

Drafting and filing constitutional lawsuits and friend-of-the-court opinions.

# **LEPL - Legal Aid Service**

Reviewing the mandate of the service in close cooperation with the Parliament of Georgia and working on relevant legislative changes to ensure free legal aid for victims of domestic violence cases;

Taking into account the expansion of the mandate of the legal entity under public law - legal aid service and the legislative changes, ensuring the proper professional training of the lawyers employed in the service;

Providing legal assistance to socially vulnerable persons, minors and other persons stipulated by the law in almost the entire territory of Georgia in the cases established by the legislation of Georgia, including certain cases of civil law and administrative law;

Development of infrastructure, information technology and international relations to increase access to services;

Raising public awareness and access to the legal aid system;  
  
The activity of embedding additional modules for the additional development of the legal proceedings management information system (case-bank), both for the purposes of quality assessment and for the regulation of training processes.

# **LEPL - National Statistics Office of Georgia - Geostat**

###### ***Planning and management of statistical works***

Development, implementation and monitoring of statistics system policy documents;

Development of the state program of statistical works;

Planning, management, production, dissemination and reporting of statistical surveys and population censuses;

Updating the legal base on official statistics;

Development/updating of methodological and statistical standards;

Representation and cooperation in international bodies;

Raising awareness and strengthening consumer confidence in official statistics;

Providing personnel, financial, material-technical and information-technological resources necessary to achieve the set tasks and goals.

In order to improve efficiency and quality, introduction of new technologies; Upgrading of technical and computer equipment.

###### ***State Program of Statistical Works***

Gross domestic product as the main characteristic of the country's economic situation;

Calculation of the volume of the country's foreign trade and foreign direct investments made in the country;

Obtaining data on international trade in services;

Calculation of consumer price and producer price indices, implementation of international price comparison;

Analysis of current events and processes in the business sector, as well as in the sector of non-profit organizations;

Conducting a statistical study on the consumption of energy resources and developing the energy balance of Georgia;

Calculation of financial indicators of non-financial corporations;

Investigation of the activities of cold storage, slaughterhouses and elevators;

Collection of statistical information on the activities of financial enterprises and pawnshops;

Transport statistics (passenger transportation and cargo transportation);

Collecting information about the natural indicators of motor transport and the final consumption of energy resources in the same field;

Collection of information on the consumption of energy resources in households;

Collection of statistical information on the activities of financial enterprises and pawnshops;

Transport statistics (passenger transportation and cargo transportation);

Collecting information about the natural indicators of motor transport and the final consumption of energy resources in the same field;

collection of information on the consumption of energy resources in households;

Calculation of labor statistics indicators;

Detailed examination of the labor market and workforce;

Current demographic survey;

Obtaining, processing and dissemination of statistical data on the state of households (household incomes and expenses, indicators of poverty and inequality of the population, etc.);

Obtaining, processing and dissemination of current statistical data on agriculture;

Obtaining, processing and distribution of data on visits made by residents of Georgia and foreign visitors to the territory of Georgia, as well as on visits made by residents of Georgia outside the country;

Use of information and communication technologies in households and businesses;

Investigation of innovative activity of enterprises;

Examining the unobservable economy in different sectors;

###### ***General description of population and housing***

Based on the establishment of the 2015-2024 period as the 2020 World Round of the Population and Housing Census, the inclusion of Georgia as a member country of the United Nations in the "2020 World Round of the Population and Housing Census";  
  
Conducting preparatory work, conducting field work, data processing and publishing, taking into account international recommendations for population census;

Determining the number of the population, their demographic, gender-age composition and social economic status;

Determining households, occupied dwellings, housing conditions of the population and agricultural activities;  
  
Informing the country's executive and legislative authorities, municipal authorities and the public;

Development of socio-economic and demographic strategy of the country for the latest decade based on the study, assessment and forecasting of the current situation.

# **LEPL – National Competition Agency of Georgia**

In order to promote market liberalization, free trade and competition in Georgia, and to protect the principles of equality in the activities of economic agents, consideration of complaints submitted to the agency and appropriate response to them;

Detection and prevention of facts of abuse of dominant position, restrictive competition agreement and unfair competition within the scope of investigations;

Detection of actions restricting competition on the part of state authorities and determining ways to correct them;

Control of the concentrations implemented in the country and the state aid granted within the competence;

Monitoring of various markets and development of appropriate recommendations for improving the competitive environment;

Protection of domestic industry from injury and/or potential injury from dumped imports; Developing relevant conclusions regarding the introduction of anti-dumping measures and submitting them to the Government of Georgia;

Prevention, protection and implementation of appropriate measures in case of violations of consumer rights in the market of Georgia;

Ensuring the effective functioning of the apparatus of the council for reviewing disputes related to state procurement.

# **LEPL – State Language Department**

Protection of the constitutional status of the state language;

Establishing the norms of the Georgian literary language;

Promotion of raising the level of mastery of the state language;

Protection, preservation, systematic research and development of linguistic diversity of Georgian languages;  
  
Protection and presentation of the Georgian language as a unique cultural heritage in Georgia and on the international arena;

Creating a distance course for teaching the Abkhazian language, as well as determining the toponyms of the occupied, border and other regions;

Facilitating the resolution of problems related to the spelling and transliteration of names and surnames in official documents;

Establishing and approving transliteration-transcription rules of the official and working languages of the United Nations and the European Union into Georgian;  
  
For the purpose of functioning, protection, research and development of the state languages of Georgia (Georgian, throughout the territory of Georgia and Abkhazian within the territory of Abkhazia) the creation of a state language internet portal - a multifunctional information platform that reflects the main directions of the language policy of the Government of Georgia and allows receiving comprehensive and detailed information on all aspects of the functioning of the state language.

# **LEPL - Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia**

Implementation of state policy in the field of insurance;

Support for the financial stability of the insurance market;

Harmonization of insurance legislation of Georgia with European directives (including in the direction of non-state pension provision);

Development of standards on mandatory insurances;

Protecting the rights of consumers within the scope of their competence;

Perfecting the legislation on liquidation and bankruptcy proceedings of the insurer;

Creation of a legal framework regulating the process of internal and remote supervision (including using electronic means) of insurers' activities;

Creating an effective legal framework for digital supervision of the insurance sector.

# **LEPL - Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau**

According to the procedure established by the legislation of Georgia, conducting the specified expertise and investigations through qualified experts, drawing up and issuing relevant conclusions in the entire territory of Georgia;

Application of internationally recognized medical research methods and implementation of quality assurance program;  
  
Introduction of new methodologies of expertise and expansion of the scope of accreditation;

Maintaining the high level of reliability of the services provided by the Legal Entity under Public Law – Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau;

Infrastructure development of regional services;  
  
Raising the qualifications of personnel, retraining and maintaining international professional and laboratory ISO17025 accreditation.

Continuous development of the service area.

Raising the qualification of personnel;

Accuracy of examination results and high quality of studies, which is achieved by ensuring compliance with the requirements of the ISO17025 standard. Regular participation in inter-oratory testing.

# **LEPL - Civil Service Bureau**

Promotion of the implementation of the public service reform;

Promoting the introduction of new ways of governance in the public service;

Raising awareness on issues of management and leadership, ethics and corruption prevention in the public service;

Fulfilling the obligations stipulated by the Law of Georgia "On Public Service" in order to support the management of human resources, professional development of civil servants, evaluation system of the work performed by the civil servant, and anti-corruption policy;

Strengthening of human resource management units in public institutions and promoting the development of human capital in general in the public service through innovative methods such as mentoring, coaching and "learning by doing";

Accreditation of basic training programs for civil servants; Identifying and analyzing the challenges of the evaluation system of the work performed in the public service;

Improvement of electronic human resources management programs (e-HRMS);

Improvement of internship system;

Promotion of professional development in public service;

Analyzing legal acts and practices, generalizing and promoting the introduction of uniform approaches;

Improving the practice of integrity and corruption prevention mechanisms in the public service;

Monitoring the mandatory number of declarations of property status of officials provided by the law; If necessary, improvement and development of the system for monitoring the property status of officials;

To fulfill the assigned tasks and functions, institutional strengthening of the Bureau, improvement of the system of assessment and professional development in the Bureau, development of the strategy of human resources management of the Bureau and improvement of the internal communication processes of the Bureau.

# **LEPL - National Academy of Sciences of Georgia**

Promotion of further development of science in scientific research centers of Georgia;

Creating a document of expert assessment of the annual results of the scientific activities of the higher educational and scientific-research institutions of Georgia;

Promotion of the introduction of scientific and technical achievements in the scientific and educational space of Georgia;

Promotion of research innovations of Georgian scientists in the international arena;

Promotion of Kartvelology studies;

Promotion of young scientists (scholarships, organization of scientific meetings (conferences));

Publication of periodic scientific magazines ("Moambe" series of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia, "Matsne" series of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia);

Promotion of publication of scientific and scientific-popular literature;

Publication of volumes of multi-volume encyclopedias "Georgia" and "Description of monuments of history and culture of Georgia";

Creation of an electronic database of the Georgian language and preparation of volumes of different dictionaries for publication;

Publication of scientific works (literature);

Conducting scientific conferences and symposiums.

# **LEPL – State Department of Veterans Affairs**

Ensuring the creation of a solid legal and socio-economic basis for the proper living conditions and well-being of the veterans of the war and defense forces and their family members, as well as the families of those who died for the sake of the territorial integrity, freedom and independence of Georgia, those who are missing, who died from wounds;   
  
Protection of the state's national interests and promotion of the full potential of veterans in various spheres of public life, creation of appropriate and dignified conditions for their socio-economic activities;  
  
Glorifying the names of the heroes dedicated to the motherland and immortalize their work, keeping the memory of the soldiers who died in combat and died after the war;

Promotion of the development and implementation of state and local targeted programs for socio-economic support of veterans and their family members;  
  
Consolidation of knightly traditions in the society, appropriate recognition of the merits of veterans by the state and society, instilling the patriotic spirit in future generations.

# **LEPL - State Agency for Religious Issues**

Researching the current situation in the field of religion in Georgia and presenting relevant information to the Government of Georgia;

Development of recommendations and suggestions on problems of religious associations and education in the field of religion;

Provision of partial compensation for the damage caused during the Soviet totalitarian regime to religious associations in Georgia.

# **Patriarchate of Georgia**

To educate young people with Christian values in different regions of Georgia (including mountainous regions), financing of more than 70 educational-cultural and charitable organizations of the Patriarchate of Georgia (theological academies and seminaries, universities, high schools, mothers' and children's homes, boarding houses for orphaned children, hearing-impaired children's rehabilitation and adaptation center, vocational college and vocational schools).

# **LEPL - Pension Agency**

Management and administration of the cumulative pension scheme defined by the Law of Georgia "On Pension Savings";

Ensuring proper functioning of the cumulative pension scheme;

Disposal of pension assets in accordance with the principles of sound investment, in accordance with the interests of the participants of the cumulative pension scheme and their heirs;

Analysis of the cumulative pension scheme, risk assessment, formation of a vision related to the development and improvement of this case and preparation of recommendations.

# **LEPL - Public Private Partnership Agency**

Identifying a possible public and private partnership project and offering it to the authorized body, as well as providing assistance to the authorized body and private initiator in identifying a possible public and private cooperation project and implementing relevant procedures;  
  
Evaluation of project concept cards submitted by the authorized body, preparation of notes and development of recommendations if necessary;

Creation and analysis of a unified and comprehensive database of public and private partnership projects;  
  
In order to develop the institutional potential, implementation of appropriate measures for the promotion of raising the level of knowledge of the authorized body in the field of public and private partnership;  
  
Development of instructions and manuals related to the implementation of public and private cooperation projects, including project identification and preparation, private partner selection, project implementation, monitoring and subsequent evaluation to promote effectiveness;  
  
Cooperation with international organizations and financial institutions, improvement of the relevant rating indicators of Georgia in the direction of public and private cooperation;  
   
Development of relevant changes for the improvement of the regulatory legal framework in the field of public and private cooperation and submission to relevant bodies.

# **LEPL – Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia**

Detection and prevention of legalization of illegal income, financing of terrorism and other related criminal facts in Georgia;

Harmonization of Georgian legislation with the standards of the International Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and relevant EU directives;

Enhancing local and international cooperation in the field of legalization of illegal income and prevention of terrorism financing.

# **LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - "Sakpatenti"**

Legal protection of natural and legal persons in the field of intellectual property (invention, utility model, design, new variety of plants, new variety of animals, trademark, designation of origin, geographical indication, integrated circuit topology, scientific, literary works and works of art, copyright and related rights);

Legal provision of measures provided for by legislation on intellectual property objects;

Implementation of specific measures for the development and improvement of the intellectual property protection system in the country;

Determination of policy in the field of intellectual property and its implementation, determination of priority directions and organization of their implementation, determination of priority directions of cooperation with international organizations and foreign countries and organization of fulfillment of international obligations;

Cooperation with relevant state bodies and international organizations of foreign countries;

Promotion of the development of the country's scientific-technological and artistic-creative potential and the creation of a healthy competitive environment for the purpose of legal provision of obtaining the right to intellectual property objects;

Providing information to the public about issues related to intellectual property and implementing various measures;

Examination of the application for intellectual property objects in the manner established by the legislation, issuance of relevant documents and production of registers of intellectual property objects;

Considering the appeals of applicants and third parties regarding objects of intellectual property and making decisions in the appeals chamber at "Sakpatenti";

Preparation of proposals for Georgia's participation in international agreements and treaties related to intellectual property;

Implementation of projects and relevant measures at the local and international level in order to fulfill the functions stipulated by the "Sakpatenti" statute and derived from the legislation;

Publication of materials related to the protection of intellectual property objects, including publication of the official bulletin of industrial property of Georgia;

Implementation of procedures related to international applications;

Preparation of draft laws and other normative acts related to intellectual property;

Preparation and publication of commentaries on legislative acts and international agreements valid in Georgia;

Creation of automated databases of intellectual property objects and ensuring their operation;

Attestation, registration of patent attorneys, creation and production of their register;

Facilitating the activities of governing organizations (communities) on a collective basis for the protection of the property rights of the owners of copyright and related rights, their heirs and other successors;

Promoting the development of copyright and related rights;

Performing scientific-research works in the field of intellectual property, publishing and distributing informational and educational brochures and other materials;

Implementation of other functions stipulated by the legislation of Georgia;

Creating a favorable environment for the development of the system of protection of geographical indications in Georgia;

Promoting the production of competitive, high-quality products in the country;

Presentation of potential geographical indications in the regions of Georgia and promotion of their legal protection;

Participation in the creation of associations of farmers and producers around geographical indications and promoting the establishment of modern forms of branding in their activities.

# **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Georgia**

Support of small and medium-sized enterprises and promotion of export-import for their integration in regional and international markets;

Establishment of partnership relations, integration and close cooperation with chambers of commerce and business associations of different countries;  
  
Organization of business forums, conferences, exhibitions and bilateral meetings with the participation of representatives of Georgian and foreign business circles, as well as promotion of participation of Georgian companies in international exhibitions and organization of roadshows;  
  
Facilitating the establishment of business relations between Georgian and foreign companies, finding partners;

Advocating the interests of Georgian business entities in order to protect their interests and promote entrepreneurial entities;  
  
Promotion of the regional economic development of Georgia by holding meetings, trainings, seminars, forums and presentations with business companies - including in electronic form, as well as providing consultations for the promotion of small and medium-sized businesses and familiarization with problematic issues;  
  
Development of the International Arbitration Center of Georgia for consideration of international commercial and investment disputes;  
  
Promoting the introduction and development of vocational educational programs; Training of production instructors and examiners. Also, promoting the functioning of the Skills Agency, both as a member of the founders' meeting and the supervisory board, as well as in the form of the secretariat of the supervisory board;

Facilitation of bringing companies into compliance with modern requirements, including promotion of digitization;

Promotion of attracting direct foreign investments;

Promotion of Georgian culture outside the country;  
  
Presenting the cultural values of Georgia at various cultural events and promoting the participation of artists in them;  
  
Promotion of raising the international awareness of Georgian art and culture; Celebrating and encouraging the merits of Georgian cultural figures and notable figures of foreign culture for the development of Georgian culture in various ways;

Strengthening partnership relations between culture and business;

Establishing connections by representatives of art fields with institutional and private investors, businessmen who are interested in investment projects in the field of culture;  
  
Establishing partnership relations and close cooperation with cultural chambers of different countries and show business representatives;

Implementation of socio-economic studies.

# **LEPL - State Procurement Agency**

Increasing the effectiveness of implementation of state procurements and monitoring legality;

Complex monitoring of state procurement procedures;

Publicity, objectivity, non-discrimination and transparency in decision-making by purchasing organizations;  
  
In the course of public procurement, the observance of the principles of publicity, transparency, proportional treatment and non-discrimination, the environment of healthy competition, the implementation of the procedures established by the legislation and the relevant reporting;  
  
Proper functioning of the unified electronic system of state procurement, creation of new electronic modules and services, increasing the confidence of both business representatives and civil society organizations in the system;  
  
Perfecting the legislation regulating public procurement, ensuring its compliance with internationally recognized practices, requirements of European directives and best practices;  
  
Intensification, implementation and organization of purchases in the centralized manner of state procurement.

# **Programs to be implemented by spending institutions and their financing**

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| **Title** | **Project of 2023** | **Forecast of 2024** | **Forecast of 2025** | **Forecast of 2026** |
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| **Parliament of Georgia and its organisations** | **77,460.1** | **83,083.2** | **87,169.8** | **91,478.3** |
| Legislative activity | 63,730.4 | 68,733.2 | 72,169.8 | 75,778.3 |
| Library activities | 12,004.4 | 12,500.0 | 13,000.0 | 13,500.0 |
| State regulation of heraldic activities | 595.4 | 650.0 | 700.0 | 800.0 |
| Strengthening of analytical and research activities of the Parliament of Georgia | 1,129.9 | 1,200.0 | 1,300.0 | 1,400.0 |
| **Administration of the President of Georgia** | **9,315.0** | **9,600.0** | **10,000.0** | **10,300.0** |
| **Office of the Business Ombudsman of Georgia** | **775.0** | **850.0** | **950.0** | **1,000.0** |
| **Administration of the Government of Georgia** | **24,000.0** | **25,000.0** | **27,000.0** | **29,000.0** |
| **State Audit Office** | **21,834.9** | **22,375.0** | **22,905.0** | **23,435.0** |
| **Central Election Commission of Georgia** | **55,969.5** | **117,893.0** | **91,693.0** | **42,143.0** |
| Development of electoral environment | 21,594.0 | 23,400.0 | 25,000.0 | 27,300.0 |
| Promotion of electoral institution development and civic education | 1,632.5 | 1,750.0 | 1,950.0 | 2,100.0 |
| Financing of political parties | 12,743.0 | 12,743.0 | 12,743.0 | 12,743.0 |
| Arrangements for conducting elections | 20,000.0 | 80,000.0 | 52,000.0 | 0.0 |
| **Constitutional Court of Georgia** | **5,800.0** | **6,200.0** | **6,800.0** | **7,300.0** |
| **Supreme Court of Georgia** | **16,100.0** | **16,700.0** | **18,000.0** | **19,200.0** |
| **Common courts** | **117,230.0** | **120,230.0** | **125,730.0** | **135,230.0** |
| Development and promotion of the system of common courts | 114,665.0 | 117,200.0 | 122,200.0 | 131,200.0 |
| Training and retraining of judges and court employees | 2,565.0 | 3,030.0 | 3,530.0 | 4,030.0 |
| **Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia** | **7,900.0** | **8,300.0** | **8,700.0** | **9,100.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Abasha, Zugdidi, Martvili, Mestia, Senaki, Chkhorotsku, Tsalenjikha, Khobi and the municipality of the city of Poti** | **1,303.0** | **1,380.0** | **1,450.0** | **1,500.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in Lanchkhuti, Ozurgeti and Chokhatauri municipalities** | **1,060.0** | **1,120.0** | **1,200.0** | **1,250.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Baghdati, Vani, Zestafoni, Terjola, Samtredia, Sachkhere, Tkibuli, Tskaltubo, Chiatura, Kharagauli, Khoni and the municipality of the city of Kutaisi** | **1,250.0** | **1,300.0** | **1,350.0** | **1,400.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in Akhmeta, Gurjaani, Dedoplistskaro, Telavi, Lagodekhi, Sagarejo, Sighnaghi and Kvareli municipalities** | **1,162.0** | **1,190.0** | **1,250.0** | **1,300.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in Dusheti, Tianeti, Mtskheta and Kazbegi municipalities** | **1,060.0** | **1,120.0** | **1,180.0** | **1,250.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Ambrolauri, Lentekhi, Oni and Tsageri** | **1,072.0** | **1,120.0** | **1,180.0** | **1,250.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Adigeni, Aspindza, Akhaltsikhe, Akhalkalaki, Borjomi and Ninotsminda** | **1,002.0** | **1,060.0** | **1,120.0** | **1,200.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Bolnisi, Gardabani, Dmanisi, Tetri Zorka, Marneuli, Tsalka and the municipality of the city of Rustavi** | **1,348.0** | **1,400.0** | **1,450.0** | **1,500.0** |
| **Administration of the State Attorney in the municipalities of Gori, Kaspi, Kareli and Khashuri** | **1,038.0** | **1,100.0** | **1,150.0** | **1,200.0** |
| **State Security Service of Georgia** | **180,000.0** | **190,500.0** | **200,000.0** | **210,000.0** |
| Ensuring state security | 147,650.0 | 155,000.0 | 162,000.0 | 169,800.0 |
| Provision of operational-technical activities | 29,970.0 | 33,000.0 | 35,000.0 | 37,000.0 |
| Training, retraining and qualification improvement of security personnel | 2,380.0 | 2,500.0 | 3,000.0 | 3,200.0 |
| **Prosecutor's Office of Georgia** | **56,530.0** | **61,000.0** | **65,500.0** | **68,000.0** |
| **Office of the Georgian State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality** | **3,700.0** | **3,800.0** | **4,000.0** | **4,200.0** |
| **Ministry of finance of Georgia** | **285,261.7** | **309,418.0** | **320,468.0** | **331,918.0** |
| Management of state finances | 25,430.0 | 28,100.0 | 29,200.0 | 30,500.0 |
| Revenue mobilization and improvement of payer services | 203,084.7 | 223,100.0 | 229,000.0 | 235,000.0 |
| Prevention of economic crime | 38,600.0 | 39,500.0 | 42,400.0 | 45,400.0 |
| Electronic and analytical provision of financial management | 14,427.0 | 14,423.0 | 15,023.0 | 15,523.0 |
| Raising the qualifications of employees in the financial sector | 1,710.0 | 1,995.0 | 2,245.0 | 2,595.0 |
| Supervision of accounting, reporting and auditing | 2,010.0 | 2,300.0 | 2,600.0 | 2,900.0 |
| **Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia** | **668,358.0** | **927,688.0** | **908,506.0** | **782,524.0** |
| Development and implementation of economic policy | 20,300.0 | 25,350.0 | 24,450.0 | 22,300.0 |
| Regulation of technical and construction sphere | 1,940.0 | 2,340.0 | 2,540.0 | 3,040.0 |
| Development of the field of standardization and metrology | 2,551.0 | 2,751.0 | 2,951.0 | 3,151.0 |
| Regulation of market supervision and implementation measures | 1,800.0 | 1,850.0 | 1,900.0 | 1,950.0 |
| Promotion of tourism development | 36,035.0 | 36,231.0 | 36,446.0 | 36,683.0 |
| Management of state property | 38,880.0 | 33,880.0 | 33,880.0 | 33,880.0 |
| Development of entrepreneurship | 267,690.0 | 323,320.0 | 355,320.0 | 358,900.0 |
| *\*Including the new direction of the policy of economic support against the new coronavirus (COVID-19) - support of the construction sector* | *14,300.0* | *15,000.0* | *14,000.0* | *700.0* |
| *\*\*Including the direction of the new policy for the promotion of entrepreneurship* | *182,900.0* | *215,500.0* | *249,200.0* | *254,300.0* |
| Development of innovations and technologies in Georgia | 77,340.0 | 97,580.0 | 97,780.0 | 27,880.0 |
| Regulation and management of the oil and gas sector | 1,220.0 | 1,260.0 | 1,360.0 | 1,460.0 |
| Covering obligations under international agreements in the field of transport and subsidizing transportation costs | 10,000.0 | 10,000.0 | 10,000.0 | 10,000.0 |
| Reimbursement of the cost of natural gas supplied to the population of the highland villages of Kazbegi Municipality and Dusheti Municipality | 12,000.0 | 12,000.0 | 12,000.0 | 12,000.0 |
| Georgian National Innovation Ecosystem Project (WB) | 2,500.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Technical assistance project in support of the Georgian Energy Sector Reform Program (GESRP) (EU-NIF, KfW) | 4,000.0 | 4,148.0 | 2,934.0 | 0.0 |
| Development of power transmission network of systemic importance | 76,500.0 | 195,300.0 | 179,000.0 | 173,500.0 |
| Improving the supply of electricity and natural gas to the population | 3,550.0 | 84,000.0 | 58,000.0 | 4,000.0 |
| Promotion of maritime vocational education | 10,000.0 | 9,700.0 | 9,700.0 | 11,400.0 |
| Development of Anaklia deep water port | 2,850.0 | 3,000.0 | 3,100.0 | 3,200.0 |
| Measures related to the repayment of obligations recognized within the framework of bilateral agreements | 5,600.0 | 3,800.0 | 3,800.0 | 3,800.0 |
| Rehabilitation project of Vardnili and Enguri hydroelectric plants (EBRD, EIB, EU) | 15,000.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Spatial and urban development | 10,000.0 | 7,200.0 | 7,500.0 | 7,800.0 |
| Promoting the development of resorts | 5,755.0 | 6,000.0 | 6,200.0 | 6,500.0 |
| Management and development of the accreditation process | 2,763.0 | 2,800.0 | 3,000.0 | 3,300.0 |
| Mineral management and coordination | 14,308.0 | 17,893.0 | 8,487.0 | 8,832.0 |
| Regulation and management of the field of civil aviation | 6,125.0 | 6,500.0 | 6,800.0 | 7,000.0 |
| Regulation, management and development of maritime transport | 10,130.0 | 11,040.0 | 11,148.0 | 11,258.0 |
| Regulation, management and development of land transport | 23,240.0 | 23,560.0 | 23,920.0 | 24,315.0 |
| Ensuring safe navigation on internal sea waters and territorial sea (waters) of Georgia in the Black Sea | 6,281.0 | 6,185.0 | 6,290.0 | 6,375.0 |
| **Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia** | **3,469,270.0** | **3,717,035.0** | **3,460,740.0** | **2,507,400.0** |
| Development and management of regional and infrastructure development policies | 8,400.0 | 9,000.0 | 9,700.0 | 10,500.0 |
| Road infrastructure improvement measures | 1,894,345.0 | 1,995,160.0 | 1,822,820.0 | 1,133,900.0 |
| Rehabilitation of regional and municipal infrastructure | 558,350.0 | 366,675.0 | 285,420.0 | 119,900.0 |
| Restoration and rehabilitation of water supply infrastructure | 520,000.0 | 712,400.0 | 829,700.0 | 946,800.0 |
| Solid Waste Management Program | 64,575.0 | 77,100.0 | 35,600.0 | 28,300.0 |
| Support for internally displaced persons | 1,300.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Construction-rehabilitation of general education and preschool institutions | 222,300.0 | 356,700.0 | 277,500.0 | 268,000.0 |
| Measures to improve the tourist infrastructure | 200,000.0 | 200,000.0 | 200,000.0 | 0.0 |
| **Ministry of Justice of Georgia** | **715,506.0** | **669,092.0** | **651,792.0** | **666,892.0** |
| Development and management of state policy for legal support of law-making and the country's interests, including the implementation of criminal justice system reform | 62,100.0 | 64,000.0 | 65,000.0 | 67,000.0 |
| Establishment of a penitentiary system corresponding to international standards | 247,400.0 | 257,000.0 | 266,000.0 | 275,000.0 |
| Ensuring the security of the National Archive Fund, the introduction of modern service technologies and the availability of documents | 13,294.0 | 12,200.0 | 11,400.0 | 12,200.0 |
| Training of employees and other interested persons of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia | 5,579.0 | 5,565.0 | 6,065.0 | 6,565.0 |
| Development of e-government | 15,319.0 | 14,300.0 | 14,500.0 | 14,800.0 |
| Crime prevention, development of the probation system and resocialization of former inmates | 16,500.0 | 16,057.0 | 16,957.0 | 17,757.0 |
| Development and accessibility of Justice House services | 60,585.0 | 67,370.0 | 67,720.0 | 68,070.0 |
| Promotion of land registration and development/availability of public registry services | 133,500.0 | 109,100.0 | 79,100.0 | 79,100.0 |
| Land Market Development (WB) | 9,500.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Development and availability of services of the Public Service Development Agency | 105,881.0 | 91,100.0 | 92,450.0 | 93,800.0 |
| Systematization of normative acts and development of translation center | 2,748.0 | 2,400.0 | 2,600.0 | 2,600.0 |
| Ensuring the efficiency of the services of the LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement and their accessibility to all interested persons | 43,100.0 | 30,000.0 | 30,000.0 | 30,000.0 |
| **Ministry of IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia, Labor, Health and Social Affairs** | **6,863,601.0** | **7,189,047.0** | **7,583,284.0** | **8,062,951.0** |
| Management of labor, health and social protection programs for IDPs from occupied territories | 97,814.0 | 101,305.0 | 106,605.0 | 111,805.0 |
| Social protection of the population | 4,878,890.0 | 5,105,000.0 | 5,465,000.0 | 5,755,000.0 |
| *\*Including new direction of pension policy - indexation of pension* | *950,000.0* | *1,200,000.0* | *1,450,000.0* | *1,700,000.0* |
| *\*Including improving the social condition of children and families with children* | *345,000.0* | *410,000.0* | *410,000.0* | *410,000.0* |
| Protecting the health of the population | 1,454,097.0 | 1,581,942.0 | 1,603,035.0 | 1,780,000.0 |
| *\*Incl. co-financing of medical insurance* | *2,250.0* | *2,250.0* | *2,250.0* | *2,250.0* |
| *\*\*Incl. Organ transplantation* | *5,000.0* | *5,000.0* | *5,000.0* | *5,000.0* |
| *\*\*Incl. spinal muscular atrophy* | *6,000.0* | *7,000.0* | *8,000.0* | *10,000.0* |
| *\*\*Incl. continuous glucose monitoring* | *6,570.0* | *6,570.0* | *6,570.0* | *6,570.0* |
| Rehabilitation and equipping of medical facilities | 99,800.0 | 40,000.0 | 40,000.0 | 40,000.0 |
| Labor and Employment System Reform Program | 90,265.0 | 90,800.0 | 92,379.0 | 92,881.0 |
| *\*Including a new direction of the safety policy of working conditions* | *4,000.0* | *4,000.0* | *4,000.0* | *4,000.0* |
| *\*Including a ew direction of employment policy* | *1,500.0* | *1,500.0* | *1,500.0* | *1,500.0* |
| *\*\*\*Including promotion of employment in community works* | *80,000.0* | *80,000.0* | *80,000.0* | *80,000.0* |
| Assistance to internally displaced persons and migrants | 242,735.0 | 270,000.0 | 276,265.0 | 283,265.0 |
| **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia** | **186,820.0** | **188,420.0** | **190,980.0** | **192,980.0** |
| Implementation of foreign policy | 185,816.0 | 187,400.0 | 189,950.0 | 191,450.0 |
| Raising the qualifications of officials in the field of international relations | 1,004.0 | 1,020.0 | 1,030.0 | 1,530.0 |
| **Ministry of Defense of Georgia** | **1,285,183.7** | **1,349,707.0** | **1,432,207.0** | **1,536,607.0** |
| Defense management | 506,576.0 | 520,000.0 | 545,000.0 | 585,000.0 |
| Vocational military education | 76,626.2 | 80,307.0 | 85,307.0 | 90,307.0 |
| Health care and social security | 70,420.0 | 65,500.0 | 68,200.0 | 70,000.0 |
| Management, control, communication and computer systems | 16,500.0 | 19,000.0 | 22,800.0 | 23,500.0 |
| Infrastructure development | 100,000.0 | 110,000.0 | 130,000.0 | 140,000.0 |
| International peacekeeping missions | 2,000.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Scientific research and military industry development | 52,745.5 | 54,900.0 | 55,900.0 | 57,800.0 |
| Development of defense capabilities | 174,440.0 | 210,000.0 | 220,000.0 | 250,000.0 |
| Logistics provision | 285,876.0 | 290,000.0 | 305,000.0 | 320,000.0 |
| **Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia** | **1,380,868.0** | **1,458,953.0** | **1,510,203.0** | **1,560,973.0** |
| Public order and development/enhancement of international cooperation | 852,135.0 | 912,135.0 | 962,725.0 | 1,012,725.0 |
| State border protection | 124,630.0 | 130,000.0 | 130,000.0 | 130,000.0 |
| Increasing the level of protection and security of natural and legal persons (including property), diplomatic missions, national treasures | 188,065.0 | 194,890.0 | 196,040.0 | 196,590.0 |
| Training of highly qualified personnel for law enforcement structures, retraining, digitization of archival funds, scientific and research activities and citizen services | 8,000.0 | 7,920.0 | 7,920.0 | 7,920.0 |
| Providing health care services for the employees of the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the State Security Service of Georgia | 4,537.0 | 5,127.0 | 4,537.0 | 4,537.0 |
| Raising the level of civil security, creating and managing state material reserves | 102,903.0 | 105,809.0 | 105,809.0 | 105,809.0 |
| LEPL- Ensuring the effectiveness of the services of the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and its availability to all interested persons | 75,956.0 | 78,430.0 | 78,530.0 | 78,750.0 |
| Operation of an effective system of emergency and emergency assistance | 24,642.0 | 24,642.0 | 24,642.0 | 24,642.0 |
| **Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia** | **779,557.0** | **688,800.2** | **697,640.0** | **697,870.0** |
| Environment protection and agriculture development program | 20,150.0 | 20,500.0 | 20,500.0 | 21,500.0 |
| Food safety, plant protection and epizootic trustworthiness | 70,780.0 | 74,500.0 | 75,500.0 | 76,500.0 |
| Development of viticulture and winemaking | 69,418.0 | 28,500.0 | 19,000.0 | 19,000.0 |
| Implementation of scientific research activities in the field of agriculture | 5,950.0 | 6,515.0 | 6,815.0 | 7,015.0 |
| Unified agricultural project | 347,270.0 | 313,700.0 | 325,300.0 | 324,400.0 |
| Modernization of reclamation systems | 95,000.0 | 80,000.0 | 80,000.0 | 79,000.0 |
| Environmental supervision | 26,000.0 | 26,000.0 | 26,500.0 | 27,500.0 |
| Establishment and management of the system of protected areas | 45,778.0 | 44,800.0 | 45,200.0 | 45,600.0 |
| Formation and management of forestry system | 55,011.0 | 55,310.0 | 64,065.0 | 64,065.0 |
| Establishment and management of the National Wildlife Agency system | 8,031.0 | 2,160.0 | 2,190.0 | 2,190.0 |
| "Education for sustainable development" promotion program for access to information in the field of environmental protection and agriculture | 1,890.0 | 1,930.0 | 1,970.0 | 2,000.0 |
| Protection of nuclear and radiation safety | 1,425.0 | 1,500.0 | 1,550.0 | 1,550.0 |
| Forecasting, assessment, prevention and monitoring in the field of environmental protection | 19,298.0 | 19,655.2 | 15,120.0 | 15,220.0 |
| Diagnosis of food products, animal and plant diseases | 9,156.0 | 9,130.0 | 9,130.0 | 9,130.0 |
| State program of sustainable land management and land use monitoring | 4,400.0 | 4,600.0 | 4,800.0 | 3,200.0 |
| **Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia** | **2,478,780.7** | **2,627,285.0** | **2,799,690.0** | **2,970,795.0** |
| Developing state policies and managing programs in the fields of education and science | 61,998.9 | 62,840.0 | 67,840.0 | 70,840.0 |
| Preschool and general education | 1,341,238.0 | 1,436,380.0 | 1,590,280.0 | 1,735,880.0 |
| *\*Incl. new directions of general education reform (human capital development reform)* | *382,000.0* | *523,000.0* | *623,000.0* | *723,000.0* |
| Vocational education | 120,320.0 | 138,175.0 | 166,575.0 | 204,975.0 |
| Higher education | 551,463.0 | 554,600.0 | 568,600.0 | 583,200.0 |
| Promotion of science and scientific research | 78,350.8 | 79,690.0 | 80,695.0 | 81,700.0 |
| Inclusive education | 45,625.0 | 48,000.0 | 49,900.0 | 52,000.0 |
| Infrastructure development | 228,985.0 | 230,000.0 | 230,000.0 | 230,000.0 |
| Innovation, Inclusivity and Quality Project - Georgia I2Q (WB) | 17,800.0 | 16,000.0 | 16,000.0 | 2,100.0 |
| Vocational Education I (KfW) | 15,000.0 | 35,000.0 | 10,300.0 | 5,000.0 |
| Modern Skills for Better Employment Sector Development Program - Project (ADB) | 18,000.0 | 26,600.0 | 19,500.0 | 5,100.0 |
| **Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth of Georgia** | **462,446.0** | **493,592.0** | **513,092.0** | **532,692.0** |
| Developing state policies and managing programs in the fields of culture, sports and youth | 9,209.0 | 9,400.0 | 10,000.0 | 10,500.0 |
| Higher education in the field of arts and sports | 26,572.0 | 27,857.0 | 28,857.0 | 29,357.0 |
| Infrastructure development | 48,730.0 | 66,000.0 | 66,400.0 | 67,000.0 |
| Promotion of arts and sports institutions | 12,769.0 | 13,661.0 | 14,161.0 | 14,661.0 |
| Promotion of culture development | 110,659.0 | 118,027.0 | 123,027.0 | 128,027.0 |
| Protection of cultural heritage and improvement of the museum system | 48,026.0 | 48,547.0 | 50,047.0 | 51,047.0 |
| Development and popularization of mass and high achievement sports | 177,118.0 | 180,000.0 | 190,000.0 | 200,000.0 |
| Measures of social protection of culture and sports figures | 23,357.0 | 24,000.0 | 24,000.0 | 25,000.0 |
| Promotion of the youth | 6,006.0 | 6,100.0 | 6,600.0 | 7,100.0 |
| **Intelligence Service of Georgia** | **18,000.0** | **20,000.0** | **22,000.0** | **24,000.0** |
| **LEPL - Civil Service Bureau** | **1,750.0** | **1,900.0** | **2,200.0** | **2,500.0** |
| **LEPL - Legal Aid Service** | **10,400.0** | **11,000.0** | **11,800.0** | **12,500.0** |
| **LEPL - State Department of Veterans Affairs** | **16,300.0** | **18,200.0** | **19,190.0** | **20,190.0** |
| **LEPL – Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia** | **4,300.0** | **3,000.0** | **3,300.0** | **3,500.0** |
| **Personal Data Protection Service** | **5,000.0** | **5,500.0** | **6,000.0** | **6,500.0** |
| **Special State Protection Service of Georgia** | **84,128.0** | **85,495.0** | **86,965.0** | **88,484.0** |
| Ensuring the safety of protected persons and objects | 72,100.0 | 73,000.0 | 74,000.0 | 75,000.0 |
| Maintenance of state facilities | 10,200.0 | 10,600.0 | 11,000.0 | 11,400.0 |
| LEPL Government Special Communications Agency | 1,828.0 | 1,895.0 | 1,965.0 | 2,084.0 |
| **Office of the Public Defender of Georgia** | **9,275.0** | **9,800.0** | **10,300.0** | **10,800.0** |
| **LEPL - Public Broadcaster** | **104,090.0** | **116,860.0** | **123,980.0** | **135,380.0** |
| **LEPL - National Competition Agency of Georgia** | **5,030.0** | **6,030.0** | **6,530.0** | **7,030.0** |
| **Administration of the temporary administrative-territorial unit on the territory of the former South Ossetia Autonomous District - South Ossetia Administration** | **2,830.0** | **3,300.0** | **3,600.0** | **4,000.0** |
| **Patriarchate of Georgia** | **25,000.0** | **25,000.0** | **25,000.0** | **25,000.0** |
| **LEPL – Levan Samkharauli National Forensics Bureau** | **38,100.0** | **38,600.0** | **39,100.0** | **39,600.0** |
| **LEPL - National Statistics Office of Georgia - Geostat** | **21,100.0** | **27,200.0** | **15,700.0** | **16,200.0** |
| Planning and management of statistical works | 8,005.0 | 8,660.0 | 9,200.0 | 9,600.0 |
| State Program of Statistical Works | 5,280.0 | 5,310.0 | 5,700.0 | 5,800.0 |
| General description of population and housing | 7,815.0 | 13,230.0 | 800.0 | 800.0 |
| **LEPL - National Academy of Sciences of Georgia** | **5,015.5** | **5,064.5** | **5,264.5** | **5,264.5** |
| **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Georgia** | **2,618.6** | **2,690.0** | **2,890.0** | **2,990.0** |
| **LEPL - State Agency for Religious Affairs** | **6,450.0** | **6,500.0** | **6,600.0** | **6,700.0** |
| **Special Investigation Service** | **17,000.0** | **18,000.0** | **19,000.0** | **19,500.0** |
| **LEPL - State Language Department** | **1,000.0** | **1,100.0** | **1,300.0** | **1,400.0** |
| **LEPL - Public and Private Partnership Agency** | **500.0** | **600.0** | **700.0** | **700.0** |
| **Office of the National Security Council** | **3,750.0** | **3,900.0** | **4,000.0** | **4,200.0** |
| **LEPL – Pension Agency** | **12,500.0** | **15,000.0** | **15,000.0** | **15,000.0** |
| **N(N)LE - Millennium Foundation** | **841.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - "Geostat"** | **10,500.6** | **11,777.0** | **11,777.0** | **11,777.0** |
| LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - "Geostat" | 10,300.6 | 11,477.0 | 11,477.0 | 11,477.0 |
| N(N)LE – Origin - Georgia | 200.0 | 300.0 | 300.0 | 300.0 |
| **LEPL - State Procurement Agency** | **8,000.0** | **8,000.0** | **8,000.0** | **8,000.0** |
| **LEPL - Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia** | **6,000.0** | **6,000.0** | **6,500.0** | **6,500.0** |

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*\*\*\*Note: new policy directions starting in the mid-term period of 2023-2026.*