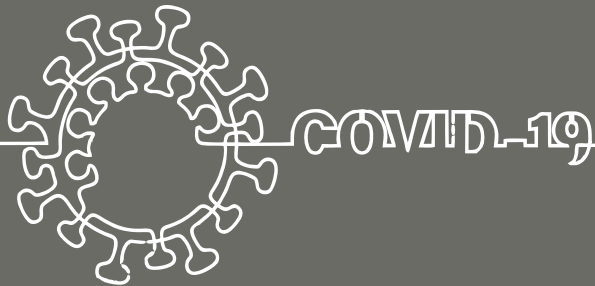




# MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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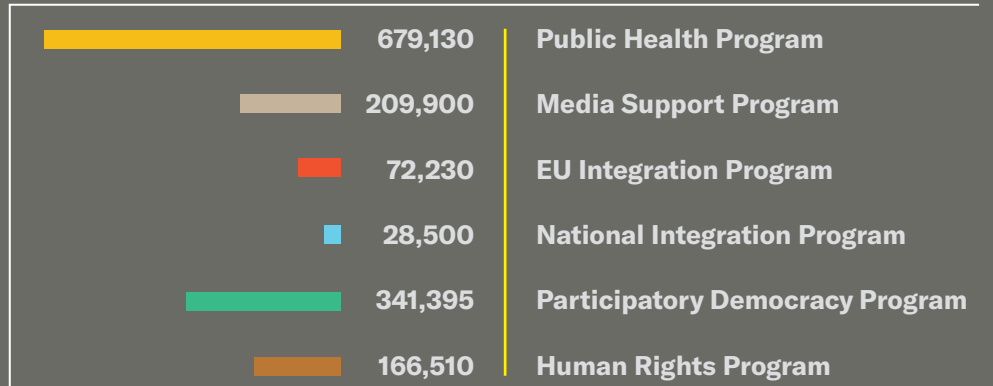
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-  Domestic Violence



## COVID-19 FUNDING

# 1,497,665 USD

### FUNDING BY PROGRAMS



### BENEFICIARIES

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| MINORITIES                   | INFORMAL WORKERS      |
| SINGLE ELDERLY               | HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  |
| SINGLE MOTHERS               | JOURNALISTS           |
| VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | HEALTHCARE WORKERS    |
| PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES    | FORMER PRISONER WOMEN |
| PALLIATIVE CARE PATIENTS     |                       |

*Note: Some of the projects listed below will start in December 2020*



## ACCESS TO INFORMATION



Increasing access to verified information about Covid-19 through support to seventeen local TV channels and Radios in the regions



Raising awareness on COVID 19 among ethnic minorities by supporting local community radios: Radio Nor in Ninotsminda, Community Radio in Marneuli, Radio Bolneli in Bolnisi



Raising awareness about COVID-19 and government aid programs among ethnic minorities through disseminating translated informational materials in Azeri and Armenian languages; Informing Roma community about municipal services, supporting the hotline and Roma Community information center on Covid-19



Information videos adapted to needs of blind individuals and people with autism about protection from Covid-19

**Supported through:**

*Media Program, National Integration Program, Public Health Program*



## MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT



24/7 online counseling for parents in isolation to manage behavior of children with down syndrome

**Over 2500 consultations**



Psychological support and home care counseling through hotline for palliative care patients

**Over 100 patients**



Crisis psychological assistance hotline and distance counseling during quarantine and isolation

**Up to 3000 online consultations, 1700 phone consultations**



Psycho-social educational platform to help individuals deal with stress and mental health challenges



Informing, educating and supporting people with mental disabilities



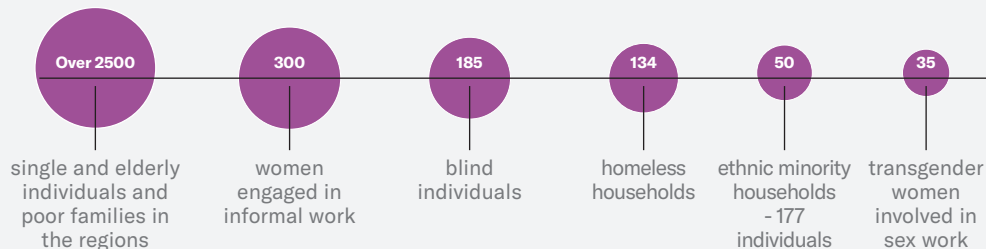
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## DIRECT AID FOR ECONOMICALLY MOST VULNERABLE



Food, medicines and hygiene supplies and vouchers for



Supporting voluntary platform Ertianoba (Unity) to provide humanitarian aid to up to **7000** vulnerable individuals with special focus on single mothers, elderly and the disabled

Volunteers **2000** → Beneficiaries Up to **7000**



Covid-19 Protection Equipment to hospices for children and adults



Supporting home for elderly in Khoni for better care and servicing **140 beneficiaries**



Supporting young Azeri activists to assist over **400** ethnic Azeris with filling in registration forms in Georgian language and submitting request in government's financial aid program



Free Legal aid to individuals failing to fulfill financial liabilities to microfinance organizations due to economic crisis caused by lockdown **Over 750 consultations**



Emergency supply of masks, face shields and non-contact thermometers to OSGF partner media outlets



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## EMPOWERING ECONOMICALLY MOST VULNERABLE



Certified training in homecare services for women have had lost their jobs and returned to the home country due to the COVID-19 pandemic

**60 women**



Promoting the employment of people with psycho-social needs in a difficult socio-economic situation amid a pandemic of the COVID-19, by purchasing a translation program and engaging in translation activities



Funding women's business initiatives in villages

**15 grants**



Providing multi - rehabilitation services to homeless former prisoner and probationer women, including housing, adequate living conditions as well as promoting vocational education and ground for future employment





## WORKERS' RIGHTS



Free legal assistance to workers on labor rights  
**Over 1500 consultations**



Strategic litigation aimed at ensuring accountability for violations of labor rights during the pandemic  
**over 10 cases**



The policy proposal providing the Government of Georgia with recommendations regarding the temporary social protection measures for traditional and informal workers.



Food vouchers for **300 women** in informal economy



Awareness raising about the essential workers and ensuring media coverage on the impact of the pandemic on workers' rights.



## WORKERS' RIGHTS



The report on labor relations and social protection during the pandemic, analyzing various instances of labor rights violations and legislative and institutional flaws that made those violations possible. The report offers a number of recommendations concerning specific legal reforms.



Monitoring the effectiveness of labor inspection and supporting its efforts to supervise workplaces amid the pandemic.



Advocacy campaign on setting minimum wage for nurses (to be launched in late 2020).



The multi-dimensional policy proposal on extending social protection to workers in informal economy (to be published in 2021).



The research into the labor conditions of social workers (to be published in 2021).



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*Participatory Democracy Program*





## PREVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE IN LOCKDOWN



Legal counseling and strategic litigation for victims of human rights violations during state of emergency and lockdown

**Up to 400 consultations**



Legal protection of victims of human rights violations during the curfew, eliminating deficiencies and promoting adjustment in the regulatory framework of the state of emergency and crisis in accordance with the constitutional standards



Assessing an impact of Covid-19 on Georgian Democracy through deep and comprehensive analysis of policy and practice



Promoting drug policy reform during Pandemic through developing Online infrastructure for thematic research and education in Georgia

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*Human Rights Program, Public Health Program*

## SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND INSTITUTIONS



Preventing and dealing with Covid-19 in Palliative Care Institutions- Guideline for Palliative care institutions



Trainings and guidelines for health care workers and critical medicine specialists for effective prevention and control of the infection and management of critical patients with respiratory system complications

**822 Trained Health professionals from 60 hospitals**



COVID-19 Response Plan for long-term care homes for the disabled people



Covid-19 Response plan and training for long-term residential settings for patients with chronic medical conditions and disabilities

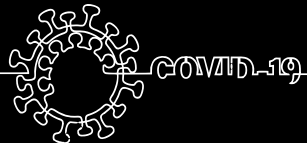
**For staff of 6 residential settings**



Response plan for managing mental health outpatient services during pandemic



Providing medical equipment to Saberio Hospital, the village in Gali municipality in breakaway Abkhazia





## PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION



Serological study determining the immune response and its resistance among the COVID-19 patients in Georgia. The study will include **250 adults** (100 newly diagnosed and 150 recovering COVID-19 patients)



Training of newly recruited community health workers in contact tracing to prevent the spread of infection  
**150 workers**



Providing access to water and sanitation for people with disabilities and the elderly in Samegrelo region  
**145 beneficiaries**



Supporting women in Pankisi gorge to produce reusable masks for free distribution among local population and other ethnic minorities living in Kakheti region



Emergency readiness and infectious diseases action plans for in-patient mental services



Emergency supply of masks, face shields and non-contact thermometers to OSGF partner media outlets in the capital and the regions



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Internet access and Chromebooks for school students from socially vulnerable families in Kakheti region

**Over 150 school students**



Granting Internet Access to high mountainous village of Samtskhe-Javakheti Municipality.

**Over 50 households**



Personal mentoring program for students in **20** villages of Kakheti to help have access to online education



Supporting improvement of Online education process through supporting Internet cafés in Khakheti and developing Online education course for school students



Creation of model for Online education and social inclusion of children with special education needs



Impact analysis of the pandemic regarding the access to Education for the children with special needs



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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Social and psychological support to victims of domestic violence in time of quarantine and isolation



Mobile application- Safe You for victims of domestic violence to provide urgent aid to women in need



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