

January 9, 2020

Honorable Minister
Ms. Ekaterine Tikaradze
Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs
Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs
of Georgia
Republic of Georgia

Dear Honorable Minister,

On behalf of the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI), I would like to invite the Republic of Georgia to collaborate on an effort to showcase Georgia's leadership in driving improvements in primary health care measurement and performance.

Established in 2015, the PHCPI works to catalyze primary health care improvement, beginning with better measurement. Founded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank Group, and the World Health Organization, in partnership with Ariadne Labs and Results for Development, the initiative seeks to support countries' own efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through the development of measurement tools and strategies for primary health care system improvement. Among these tools is the Primary Health Care (PHC) Vital Signs Profile, a snapshot of a country's PHC system which can help identify challenges and point to pathways for system improvement.

In each country, one of the founding partners of the initiative commits to working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop the Vital Signs Profile (VSP).

PHCPI would be pleased to support your Ministry in a collaborative effort to further develop a VSP for Georgia. If you agree, World Bank's PHCPI team would provide Georgia with:

- Analytical support of available data, for the creation of the VSP and other in-depth analyses related to the performance of PHC in Georgia;
- Access to world renowned experts who can support the design of strategies to further improve PHC in the country; and,
- A platform for exchange of experiences and ideas with other countries that have joined PHCPI and are also committed to improving PHC.

In partnering with PHCPI, we invite you to:

- co-create and collaborate on the development of the VSP, which will be released to the public, following your authorization;
- commit to updating the Profile as additional data becomes available;
- use the profile to identify and pursue concrete improvements in Georgia's PHC system in the coming years; and,
- join a network of PHCPI partner countries that are sharing lessons learned on PHC measurement and improvement.

We hope you will confirm your interest in partnering with PHCPI, and invite you to appoint a technical liaison to PHCPI from your Ministry. If you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at btitter@improvingphc.org or +1 (202) 714-7047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth Titter", written in a dark ink.

Beth Titter
Executive Director
Primary Health Care Performance Initiative