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To the Chief of Party Tetra of Tech ARD / USAID Contractor Mr Levan Samadasvili

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Dear Mr Levan,

I would like to thank you for being given the opportunity of close collaboration with the Georgia Good Governance Initiative (GGI).

The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia started implementation of "Electronic Health Record" system (EHR), in the current year (January, 2019). It aims to support the development of a continuous, effective, patient-oriented, qualitative and integrated healthcare system.

According to the Decree No. 01-1 / N issued by the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, which was enacted on January 15, 2019, inpatient and outpatient medical institutions are obliged to provide information on the health condition of the identified patient's to the "Electronic Health Record "(EHR) system.

Taking into consideration that the functioning of the EHR system implies processing personal data of a large part of the population, including processing personal data of the special category, one of the priority tasks for the Ministry is to regulate the issue of personal data protection and its full compliance with the acting legislation.

In the planning process of the above mentioned system, the Ministry had consultations with Personal Data Protection Inspector 's Office of Georgia, but its full analysis and assessment was not carried out in accordance to the personal data protection legislation.

At this stage, our task is to evaluate EHR system, identify possible weaknesses and bring it in full compliance with Georgian legislation and international standards. Taking into consideration the fact that the Ministry does not have sufficient internal expert resources at this time, it is difficult to carry out this task independently. We believe that qualified systematic assessment has to be carried out and relevant recommendations has to be prepared using external expert / consulting services.

We would like to address you with the request of helping the Ministry in the above mentioned matter.

Yours sincerely,

Minister



Ekaterine Tikaradze