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Tbilisi, Georgia

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

Dear Minister Tikaradze,

I am writing in connection with your letter (#:01/013530) to USAID project Good Governance Initiative (GGI) in Georgia dated July 24, 2019.

USAID GGI has good record of cooperation with the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia including comprehensive assessment of patient's portal and development of concept document and terms of reference. We do hope that this cooperation will continue and gain new impetus under your leadership.

We have been following developments in connection with Electronic Health Record system of the Ministry and pleased to note that it is currently up and running.

Along with other key elements of the system, personal data protection deserves particular attention since it is directly linked with fundamental rights and freedoms of persons that are related to that data. Therefore we commend your determination to identify possible glitches and weaknesses of EHR system in connection with personal data protection and spare no efforts to effectively address them.

USAID GGI has been involved in number of activities related to the personal data protection, most specifically we have been providing support to Civil Service Bureau to strengthen its personal data management capacity including through personal data audits of E-Systems and development of relevant recommendations. Therefore your request to provide systemic assessment of EHR system from the personal data protection angle and develop recommendations for improvement falls into the scope of our activities.

Nevertheless, we still need to go through active negotiation process with the Ministry to discuss and agree on every detail of our possible support and receive final approval from the USAID.

In order to move things forward, we would highly appreciate if you could designate your staffer to liaise with us on this particular matter.

Ms. Mariam Gorgadze, Deputy Chief of Party will be the main point of contact from USAID GGI (*email: mgorgadze@ggi.ge; phone: 577725312*).

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to working with you and your staff to further advance our cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mikheil Darchiashvili
Acting Chief of Party
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