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Project title: "Concentration and fragmentation of the private health market in Georgia".

Dear Sir/Madame,

On behalf of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs (MoLHSA) of Georgia, I would like to express our support to the research project proposed by Curatio International Foundation in collaboration with the partners from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicines (UK), and led by Dr. George Gotsadze.

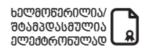
Georgian health care system has evolved through major reforms during last twenty years. Current system represents an example of public purchasing along with mainly private provision that brings its advantages as well as challenges in the system performance. While MoLHSA recognizes the important role, the private sector plays in healthcare provision it is also aware of challenges it brings in terms of growing health care costs, supply induced demand, equity issues in service delivery and the quality of services.

We hope that the findings of this project will help us to better understand the market characteristics, its performance measures and will shed the light on the benefits and challenges imposed by current market structure. All of this will be valuable input informing policy discussions aimed at shaping the private healthcare market for the benefit of Georgian public.

The research project is therefore highly valued for MoLHSA and we are prepared to afford full support during implementation if funders approve this application.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia



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