

Contracting Authority: European Union Monitoring Mission in
Georgia

The EU Confidence Building Facility

ANNEX A.2 – Full application form

FULL APPLICATION FORM

1 General information

Name of the Applicant	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Labour Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (MoIDPsLHSA) (Lead applicant) Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia (Co-applicant)
Title of the Action	COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM
Location of the Action	Georgia, Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
Duration of the Action	Four months

2 The Action

2.1.1. Description including expected Results

An outbreak of COVID-19 caused by the 2019 novel COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) has been spreading rapidly across the world since December 2019, following the diagnosis of the initial cases in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

The first cases of the COVID-19 in Georgia were confirmed on February 26, 2020. As of April 27, 2020, the total number of infected people had risen to 496 with 149 recoveries and 6 deaths.¹ Critical restrictions are imposed on movement in line with social distancing practices that are emerging worldwide. Following the announcement of the state of emergency, all educational institutions and many public venues, including gyms, museums, and theatres, malls, bars and restaurants were closed. Strict transportation restrictions were introduced, including the suspension of air and rail traffic, as well as border closures with neighbouring countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Russia. Additional quarantine measures have followed, including curfew from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am; prohibition of meetings of more than 10 people, public events and other mass events, schools and universities shift to online and distance-learning methods.² The Government decided to make all medical care related to COVID-19 free of charge.

¹ Prevention of Coronavirus Spread in Georgia <https://stopcov.gov.ge/en>

² As part of preventative measures, to prevent spread of the virus in the country, special checkpoints have been set up in Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Poti, Zugdidi and Gori cities of the country to screen people and carry out better control of the situation.

COVID-19 poses serious social and economic challenges to the country and represents a severe risk of losing important gains in the fight against poverty. The lockdown and closure of all non-essential business activities, especially if sustained over time, are expected to slow down the production, increase layoffs, and reduce labour income especially for private sector workers with significant adverse impacts on employment and poverty.

In January 2020, the government adopted Decree #164 on “Approval of Measures to Prevent the Possible Spread of the New Coronavirus in Georgia and Approval of an Emergency Response Plan for Cases Caused by COVID-19” (amended on April 1, 2020, with the GoG Decree #625) and established a national multi-sectoral committee. Under the Operational Response Plan, approved by the GoG, each line ministry and government entity has clearly defined roles and responsibilities at every stage of COVID-19 response.

The government has also scaled up its communication efforts by establishing a unified hotline and an informational platform (StopCov.ge is a web site available in five languages with all necessary governmental links and related information).

In Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia four medical facilities are involved in the fight against coronavirus:

- ✓ Gudauta district hospital
- ✓ Sanitation and epidemiology laboratory
- ✓ Sokhumi republican hospital
- ✓ Gali central district hospital

International donor assistance is vital for the preparedness and response of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia against Coronavirus.

The main goal of the grant program is to strengthen readiness and response against the pandemic of Covid19 in the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia. The Ministry of IDPs Labour Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, would by this project

- ✓ enable the medical facilities on the ground to undertake novel coronavirus laboratory testing as required to monitor the outbreak and for individual patient care
- ✓ support hospitals in coping with increased demand and providing assistance in strengthening emergency response capacity of hospitals and public health services.

The set goal will be achieved through the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPEs), laboratory tests to four inpatient medical facilities on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia.

These measures will help

- ✓ Meet healthcare needs to fight COVID19;
- ✓ Reduce the scale of the COVID19 pandemic;
- ✓ Minimize morbidity and mortality caused by COVID19 (treating patients).

In addition to strengthening the readiness and response against the pandemic, the action is anticipated to have a positive impact on confidence building in between health professionals across the Abkhaz ABL, and will build upon relationships cultivated during meetings between healthcare professionals held in February and March 2020.

2.1.2. Methodology (max 1 page)

Describe:

The recipient of the grant is the Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.

Within the framework of the grant, PPEs and laboratory tests will be procured and handed over to four medical facilities located on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia through the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia.

The procurement will be carried out by the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, within the framework of the legislation in the country.

The Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia are responsible for (1) transportation of the equipment across the administrative boundary line and (2) it reaching the medical facilities identified above. The EUMM-managed hotline could be a useful instrument in facilitating the transfer.

2.1.3. Indicative action plan for implementing the action

Activity	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Implementer
<i>Purchase of PPEs and laboratory tests</i>	X	X					Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia
Delivery of purchased personal protective equipment and laboratory tests to mixed medical institutions located in the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia			X	X			Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia

2.1.4. Sustainability of the Action (max 0,5 page)

Within the framework of the grant, PPEs and laboratory tests will be procured and handed over to four medical facilities: Gudauta district hospital (s.c. "COVID treatment clinic"); sanitation and epidemiology laboratory (The main facility for diagnosing coronavirus); Sokhumi republican hospital (the largest hospital in the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia); Gali central district hospital (municipality inhabited by ethnic Georgians).

Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 is critical to tracking the virus, understanding epidemiology, informing case management, and to suppressing transmission. Providing medical facilities with coronavirus tests will help in timely detection of positive cases of covid-19, establishing contacts, and proper management of covid-19 positive patients. Personal protective equipment reduces the risk of infection for medical personnel.

The grant project will help to medical facilities, health workers, and other key stakeholders on the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia to develop, implement and monitor an effective preparedness and response system for the pandemic. Furthermore, it will provide an opportunity for confidence-building between communities and between medical professionals on both sides of the administrative boundary line.

2.1.5. Risks of the Action (max 0,5 page)

Assessing the risks of implementing a grant project is critical. Ministry of IDPs from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia does not have information on the physical infrastructure and infection control measures of the medical facilities where personal protective equipment and laboratory tests provided by the grant project will be used.

No epidemiologically reliable information is available on the extent of coronavirus spread in the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia. The situation is also complicated in the context of people entering from the Russian Federation, where the incidence of the virus is high.

The economic risk for implementation of the project is low, as the project does not require co-financing from the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia.

Social risk for the project includes actions that affect the communities around them. Implementing the project will be important for different social groups. The spread of coronavirus in medical facilities can also be a concern as they can affect absenteeism and worker morale.

Risks in four (*physical, environmental, economic and social*) of the five categories are not rated Substantial. The most important risk is the readiness of authorities in control to allow the transfer of the assistance. The applicants ensure that such readiness is in place.

In order to enable the transfer of the medical equipment, the EUMM facilitated hotline may be utilized for communication; an alternative would be to utilise the good offices of the UN.

2.1.5. Logical Framework

See Annex C (attached)

2.1.6. Budget, amount requested from the Contracting Authority and other expected sources of funding

The budget of the grant project is 52,444.90 Euro (see Annex B)

2.2. Experience

Name of the Organisation MoIDPsLHSA				
Project Title Biennial Collaborative Agreement Between MoIDPsLHSA and WHO/Euro		Lead Applicant Y	Co-Applicant Y/N	Affiliated Ent Y/N
Location Georgia	Cost of Action 1,062,000 USD	Donors World Health Organization/Euro	Amount from Donors	Dates (from-to) 2020-2021
Result of the Action Health emergency preparedness strengthened; Health emergencies rapidly detected and responded; Improved access to quality essential health services and ect.				

Name of the Organisation MoIDPsLHSA				
Project Title Strengthening of Public Health in Georgia		Lead Applicant Y	Co-Applicant Y/N	Affiliated Ent Y/N
Location Georgia	Cost of Action	Donors US CDC	Amount from Donors	Dates (from-to) 2019-2023
Result of the Action Improvement in the use of advanced technologies for detection and confirmation of emerging and re-emerging infectious disease pathogens; Improved environment to respond rapidly and decisively to disease outbreaks and prevent future outbreaks wherever possible				

Name of the Organisation				
Project Title Hep C elimination		Lead Applicant Y	Co-Applicant Y/N	Affiliated Ent Y/N
Location Georgia	Cost of Action	Donors Company “Gilead”, USA	Amount from Donors	Dates (from-to) 2015-2020
Result of the Action Promoting the elimination process of hepatitis by providing modern medicines				

3 The Applicant

Contact details of the Applicant	144 Tsereteli ave., Tbilisi, Georgia
Country and date of registration	Georgia, 1991
National registration number	202486559
Legal Entity File number (if available)	
Legal Status	Governmental body

4 Declaration

4.1. Declaration by the Applicant (full application)

The applicant, represented by the undersigned, being the authorised signatory of the applicant, in the context of the present call for proposals, hereby declares that:

1. the applicant has the sources of financing specified in the budget document;
2. the applicant has sufficient financial capacity to carry out the proposed action;
3. the applicant has the professional competences and qualifications to carry out the action;
4. the applicant is directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the action, not acting as an intermediary;
5. the applicant is in a position to deliver immediately, upon request, any supporting documents of the action;
6. if recommended to be awarded a grant, the applicant accepts the contractual conditions as laid down in the standard grant contract annexed to this application form.

These are the sources and amounts of European Union funding received or applied for the action or part of the action or for its functioning during the same financial year as well as any other funding received or applied for the same action: List source and amount and indicate status (i.e. applied for or awarded).

The applicant is fully aware of the obligation to inform without delay the Contracting Authority to which this application is submitted if the same application for funding made to other European Commission departments or European Union institutions has been approved by them after the submission of this grant application.

We acknowledge that if we participate in spite of being in any of the situations listed in Section 2.3.3.1 of the Practical Guide or if the declarations or information provided prove to be false, we may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions in the form of exclusion and financial penalties representing 2 % to 10 % of the total estimated value of the grant being awarded and

that this information may be published on the Commission website in accordance with the conditions set in Section 2.3.4 of the Practical Guide.

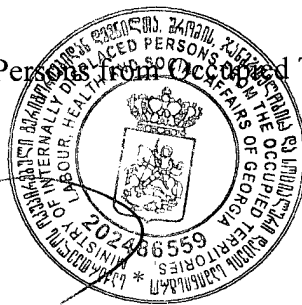
We are aware that, for the purposes of safeguarding the EU's financial interests, our personal data may be transferred to internal audit services, to the Early Detection and Exclusion System, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel or to the European Anti-Fraud Office

Lead applicant

Name: Ekaterine Tikaradze

Position: Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Labour Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Signature:



Date and place:

Mandate (for co-applicant(s))

The co-applicant(s) authorise the lead applicant *Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Labour Health and Social Affairs of Georgia* to submit on their behalf the present application form and to sign on their behalf the standard grant contract with EUMM ('contracting authority'), as well as, to represent the co-applicant in all matters concerning this grant contract.

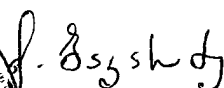
I have read and approved the contents of the proposal submitted to the contracting authority. I undertake to comply with the principles of good partnership practice.

Co-applicant

Name: Ketevan Bakaradze

Position: Minister of Health and Social Affairs of Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia

Signature:



Date and place:

