

NEWS LETTER

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the interested parties about the activities carried out by the organization during August.



WHAT IS THE MISSION OF LDA GEORGIA?

The mission of LDA Georgia is to strengthen local democracy and civil society, support democratic reforms in Georgia and to develop new and innovative approaches to local and national challenges, by co-operating with the local and international stakeholder.

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Training for CSO's/CBO's and active citizens



Within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative", LDA Georgia conducted training on the importance, role, stages, methods and specifics of advocacy for the members of CSOs/CBO's and active citizens in the target municipalities. The following issues were discussed at the training: what is advocacy; types of advocacy; basic elements of advocacy;

identifying the problem of advocacy, the specifics and stages of advocacy. The trainings are being conducted by LDA Georgia within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung;

Job shadowing in Zugdidi municipality

On August 16, 2022, within the framework of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative" project, a job shadowing was organized in Zugdidi municipality.

Representatives of civil society organizations operating in the Imereti region, visited to successful organizations in Zugdidi municipality - "Charity Humanitarian Center Abkhazeti (CHCA)" and "Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)". The study visit was organized by LDA Georgia.



During the visit, the participating organizations were given the opportunity to receive information about the establishment and implementation of civil society organizations operating in the border regions. Also, get acquainted with successful examples. As a result of the activity, the experience of CSO's / CBO's representatives of Imereti region increased in the direction of management and development of the organization.

The circle of contact persons in the form of organizations working in the bordering regions has also increased.

The study visits are being organized within the framework of the project "Civil Society STAR Initiative," with the support of the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

Training for Youth Councils



From July 27 to August 4, the representative of the Imereti Regional Hub - Local Democracy Agency Georgia, together with the members of the Youth Council of Baghdati Municipality, participated in trainings aimed at increasing the competence of the members of the Council.

The trainings were held in three stages. At the first stage, the participants had

the opportunity to study the essence and characteristics of the project, project application forms, budgeting, the importance of community mapping, mapping methodology, identifying problems and highlighting needs, cooperation with local self-government. The second stage of the training was devoted to the development and management of relationships, the role of volunteerism in promoting global citizenship. At the third stage, the participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the principles of active citizenship, human rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the specifics of advocacy and work on an action plan.

6 members of the youth council of Baghdati municipality attended the trainings. Certificates were given to the participants for successfully completing the training. The training was organized by the Education Development and Employment Center (EDEC), within the framework of the European Union (EU) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) funded project "Civil Society STAR Initiative: Sustainable, Transparent and Accountable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for the Development of Georgia".

Informational meetings about the online citizen feedback platform



Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) with the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of Georgia actively continues to increase the quality of citizens' involvement in local self-government through the online citizens' feedback platform.

Based on this, informational meetings were organized in the administrative units of Rokhi of Baghdati municipality and administrative units of Dikhashkho, Zeindari and Shuamta of Vani municipality.

An informational booklet was distributed at the meetings and a practical presentation was made on how to fill in the questionnaire and how the received answers are converted into a quantitative indicator.

The purpose of the online citizens' feedback platform is to evaluate the social, youth, infrastructural programs/services implemented by the municipality from the citizens' side. In addition, the mentioned platform gives the population the opportunity to identify the existing need in the municipality and indicate their opinion/recommendation regarding the ways to solve the problem.