

Chapter V

Article 14. State Budget Priorities and Programs

1. **Affordable and Superior Quality Healthcare and Social Service**

To be defined the priorities of the state budget of Georgia (First Level), including the programs to be implemented (Second Level) and Subprograms (Third and subsequent levels) by the following edition.

Available quality healthcare and social service is the main achievement of human-centered social policy is the priority to be aimed at universal health care program into action. The government of Georgia will retain the universal health care system, which provided saving of many lives and avoided impoverishment of families. Every citizen of Georgia will still be protected from high healthcare expenses. Taking into consideration international best practice, the models of public private cooperation will be viewed, to ensure more contribution of employed people in covering healthcare costs. Primary health care reform will be implemented in the next phase. Primary Health Care financing mechanisms will be improved, as well as the role and importance of the family doctor will be increased, as a result, the expenses of state and population will be decreased. Disease prevention will be the priority for health care policy. From the mode of disease response, the focus will be moved to the disease prevention, as well as timely detection of the disease and prevention of complications. Specialized health care program funding will be continued: all patients will be eligible for hepatitis C elimination program in future as well, the quality of mental health program will be improved on the level of inpatient, outpatient and community based services. Special attention will be paid to maternal and child health – the plan for regionalization of perinatal medical centres will be implemented throughout Georgia; children’s immunization in accordance with national calendar and provision of pregnant and infants with preparations, essential for healthy development, will be continued. Modern and highly effective methods of cancer treatment will be elaborated. The funding of the health care system will be based on the following principles: the standardized universal healthcare package will be improved; to recover the fees of service will be used funding diagnosis-linked groups and global budgets method, which will ensure the costing of the program more efficient and predictable.

Systemic reform will be carried out in order to increase access to medicines, as a result, outpatient medications for vulnerable groups will be widely available. Health care services and the quality of medicines will be provided with adequate state monitoring system and also by the refining legislation of Georgia. Implementation of electronic medical records system will be started all over the country, which will facilitate to improvement of healthcare quality. Conditions of technical regulations of the license, permission and high risk outpatient medical activities will be in compliance with existing challenges. The quality of Health care will be ensured by the medical education system reform, which provides retraining of highly competent medical staff. Medical postgraduate education system will be improved, which, on the one hand, will improve results for successful prevention and treatment process for patients, and on the other hand will decrease the expenses of medical institutions. The main principles of social policies are the following: poverty reduction and poverty overcoming, the social welfare system efficiency, justice and transparency, enhancing employment motivation and promotion. For the improvement of social conditions of the population, social care system will be improved. objective criteria will be provided for operating this system, in

order to eliminate subjective factors. The monitoring system will be stricter. New model of cumulative pension system will be implemented, which will become the guarantee for decent existence in pension age. Cumulative system means cofounding by employee, employer and state budget. The requirements of labor market will be studied and close coordination between the job seekers and employees will be promoted. The state will provide information support to job seekers in terms of choosing profession, training and retraining. The state will actively facilitate engagement of potential employers in vocational retraining process.

1.1 **Social Protection of Population (35 02)**

Realization of social-economic rights of population guaranteed by legislation, relieve material condition of targeted social groups and improve physical and social condition and integration to society of disabled persons (including children), elderly and children without care, socially unprotected, homeless and under risk of abandonment, which is achieved through preventive, rehabilitation, alternative, family strengthening services and supplementary activities;

Improve social condition and integration to society of disabled persons (including children), elderly and children without care, socially unprotected, homeless and under risk of abandonment

Subsistence assistance for households under poverty line; social packages for targeted groups; allowance for IDPs, refugees and persons with humanitarian status; reintegration allowance; pecuniary benefits to support improvement of demographic situation; assistance for maternity and childcare, as well as for adoption of a new-born child; reimbursement of losses due to the damage to health of an employee while fulfilling employment contract requirements

Finance additional support to pensioners/social package beneficiaries residing in high-mountainous settlements in the amount of 20% of pension/social package. Finance additional support for medical personnel – double pension for doctors, amount equal to one pension for nurses. Reimburse 50% of consumed electricity cost to subscribers (to communal services) living in high-mountainous settlements not exceeding cost of 100 kwh.

1.1.1 **Provision of pensions to population (35 02 01)**

Provision of pensions to population of pension age (females 60 years and males 65 years) and state compensation for specific categories (former employees of law enforcement bodies, prosecutor's office and civil aviation, former parliament members, persons with highest diplomatic rank, etc.);

1.1.2 **Social Assistance to Target Groups of Population (35 02 02)**

Subsistence assistance for households under poverty line, social packages for targeted groups, allowance for IDPs, refugees and persons with humanitarian status, reintegration allowance, pecuniary benefits to support improvement of demographic situation, assistance for maternity and childcare, as well as for adoption of a new-born child in order to relieve material condition of target social groups.

Reimbursement of losses due to the damage to health of an employee while fulfilling employment contract requirements.

1.1.3 **Social Rehabilitation and Childcare (35 02 03)**

Improve physical and social condition and support to integration in society of disabled persons, elderly and children without care through use of preventive, rehabilitative,

alternative, family strengthening services and provision of supplementary means.

1.1.4

Social Benefits at High-mountainous Settlements (35 02 04)

Financing of the following benefits is envisaged according to the Law of Georgia on Development of High-mountainous Regions: additional support to pensioners permanently residing in high-mountainous settlements in the amount of 20% of pension; additions for social package beneficiaries in the amount of 20% of the social benefit package; additional support for medical personnel employed at medical institutions located at high-mountainous settlements and founded with state participation and managed by state (double pension for doctors, amount of one pension for nurses). Also, reimbursement of 50% of consumed electricity cost to subscribers (to communal services) living in high-mountainous settlements (not exceeding cost of 100 kwh electricity).

1.2

Population Healthcare (35 03)

Increase financial and geographic accessibility of healthcare services for population; ensure disease prevention, readiness to public health threats and responses;

Planned ambulance, emergency ambulance and in-patient service, planned surgical service, chemo, hormone and radiation therapy; financing childbirth and cesarean services. Provide respective medicine to certain groups of beneficiaries (eg. socially vulnerable, pension age, veterans);

Support to public health, establish healthy lifestyle and prevention of communicable and uncommunicable diseases; immunization, support to early identification of diseases and screening, as well as control dissemination of such communicable diseases as TB, malaria, anicteric hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections;

Provide specialized assistance to citizens with mental health problems; treatment of diabetic patients and provision of medicine; oncohemathologic service for children; provision of dialysis, kidney transplant and medicine for patients with chronic kidney disease; treatment of incurable patients and provision of medicine; provide emergency medical service, medical transportation and ambulance services in rural areas; ensure referral assistance; medical examination of citizens to be recruited to military service;

Finance postgraduate/resident training of doctor candidates from high mountainous and borderline municipalities for priority and in demand doctor specialties.

1.2.1

Universal Public Healthcare (35 03 01)

Increase financial and geographic accessibility of healthcare services for population: planned ambulance, emergency ambulance and in-patient service, planned surgical service, chemo, hormone and radiation therapy; financing childbirth and cesarean services. Provide respective medicine to certain groups of beneficiaries (eg. socially unprotected, pension age, veterans);

1.2.2

Public Health Protection (35 03 02)

In order to support population healthcare, establishment of healthy lifestyle and prevention of communicable and uncommunicable diseases, support to immunization, early identification of diseases and screening, as well as control dissemination of such communicable diseases as TB, malaria, anicteric hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and sexually

transmitted infections and implementation of activities aimed at establishment of healthy lifestyle among population.

1.2.2.1 **Early Identification of Diseases and Screening (35 03 02 01)**

Breast, cervical, colorectal and bowel cancer screening; organized screening of cervical cancer (throughout Gurjaani municipality); prevention of light and medium grade mental development disorder of children 1-6 years, early diagnosis and prevention of mental underdevelopment; diagnosis and monitoring of epilepsy.

1.2.2.2 **Immunization (35 03 02 02)**

In order to protect population and have respective inventory: purchase of vaccines and inoculation material (syringes and safe boxes); purchase of strategic inventory of specific (botulism, diphtheria, tetanus, antivenin) serums and yellow fever vaccines; provide anti rabies treatment means; receipt, storage and issue-distribute specific serums and inoculation material (syringes and safe boxes) in line with “cold chain” principle from center to regions/districts; conduct unplanned immune-prevention in non-immunized and incompletely immunized strata of population under the activities envisaged under prevention of dissemination of measles and global elimination strategy;

1.2.2.3 **Epidemy Supervision (35 03 02 03)**

Conduct epidemy supervision and operation of medical statistical system; epidemy supervision measures taken by municipal public health centers on their territories; prevention and control of malaria and other diseases; epidemy supervision of nosocomial infectious epidemy; plan and implement activities aimed at prevention of seasonal spread of flue (including purchase of flu vaccine); ensure control, identification, appropriate response and prevention of communicable and uncommunicable diseases.

1.2.2.4 **Safe Blood (35 03 02 04)**

Testing donor blood on Hepatitis B and C, HIV/AIDS and syphilis; ensure external quality control and monitoring; conduct national campaign to support and attract donors who would regularly donate blood free of charge; prevent infections transmitted through transfusion.

1.2.2.5 **Prevention of Professional Diseases (35 03 02 05)**

Support to safe work environment.

1.2.2.6 **Management of Infectious Diseases (35 03 02 06)**

Provide in-patient treatment of patients with infectious and parasite diseases.

1.2.2.7 **Management of TB (35 03 02 07)**

Study of all possible cases of TB, ambulance service for the patients (provide anti-TB medicine, treatment under supervision), laboratory management, diagnosis, therapy and surgical service under phtziatric in-patient treatment; treatment of sensitive and resistant forms (including multi-resistant TB treatment with new medicine and monitor the treatment); provide anti TB medicine, including purchase of primary anti-TB medicine; full reimbursement of the cost of services; reduction of TB cases, mortality and dissemination.

1.2.2.8 **Management of HIV/AIDS (35 03 02 08)**

Impede dissemination of HIV/AIDS and ensure accessibility of treatment for patients with HIV/AIDS (the program does not require beneficiary co-financing).

Voluntary consultation and testing against HIV/AIDS; out-patient and in-patient treatment of HIV/AIDS patients; provide anti-retrovirus medicine (including purchase of primary HIV/AIDS medicine).

- 1.2.2.9 **Maternity and Newborn Health (35 03 02 09)**
 In order to increase effective patronage of pregnant and geographic and financial accessibility of high quality medical service: antenatal monitoring; treatment of high risk pregnant and maternity patients; early identification of genetic pathologies; screening of hepatitis B and C, HIV/AIDS and syphilis among pregnant; screening of newborns and babies on Gull's disease, hyperphenylalaninemia and andmucoviscidosis; screening of newborns' hearing; provide medicine for pregnant.
- 1.2.2.10 **Treatment of Substance Abusers (35 03 02 10)**
 Treatment of substance abusers (in-patient de-toxication) and primary rehabilitation, provision of substitute drugs and medical monitoring; in-patient treatment of patients with mental disorders caused by alcohol abuse.
- 1.2.2.11 **Support to Healthcare (35 03 02 11)**
 In order to enhance population awareness regarding health, strengthen control on tobacco consumption; education on healthy eating and enhance awareness regarding excessive alcohol use; support to physical activity; prevention of hepatitis C and population education; promotion and strengthening of healthcare support.
- 1.2.2.12 **Management of Hepatitis C (35 03 02 12)**
 In order to reduce morbidity, mortality and infections caused by hepatitis C, diagnose persons with hepatitis C, including examination necessary before commencement of treatment and examination necessary during treatment process; provide pharmaceutical products required for treatment of hepatitis C (Sofosbuvir, pegylated interferon, ribavirin); logistics of medicine.
- 1.2.3 **Provision of Medical Services to Population in Priority Fields (35 03 03)**
 Provision of specialized assistance to population with mental health problems; treatment of patients with diabetes and provision of medicine; oncohematological service for children; provision of dialysis, kidney transplant and medicine for patients with chronic kidney disease; treatment of incurable patients and provision of medicine; provide emergency medical service, medical transportation and ambulance services in rural areas; ensure referral assistance; medical examination of citizens to be recruited to military service.
- Reduced mortality due to uncommunicable diseases and protection of population from financial risks due to this disease through accessibility of healthcare services (including primary medical services in emergency cases).
- 1.2.3.1 **Psychic Health (35 03 03 01)**
 Ambulance service for children and adolescent;

 Psycho-social rehabilitation;

 Psychiatric crises intervention;

 Community based mobile teams' service;

 In-patient service for children and adolescents;

 Provide shelter to persons with psychical disorders;

 Provide specialized out-patient and in-patient services for population with mental disorders.

- 1.2.3.2 **Management of Diabetes (35 03 03 02)**
 Service to children with diabetes mellitus;

 Specialized ambulance service;

 Provide specific medicine for population with mellitus or insipidus diabetes;

 Prevent possible complications of population with mellitus or insipidus diabetes.
- 1.2.3.3 **Children’s’ Oncohematological Service (35 03 03 03)**
 Out-patient and in-patient services for children under 18 years with oncohematological diseases in order to increase financial accessibility of services for oncohematological patients under 18 years.
- 1.2.3.4 **Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation (35 03 03 04)**
 Provision of hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis;

 Purchase and supply of means, materials and medicine required for hemo and peritoneal dialysis;
 Kidney transplantation;
 Ensure immunosuppressive medicine for persons with transplanted organs;
 Ensure vasomotor approach for hemodialysis patients;
 Maintain and improve health condition of patients with terminal kidney deficiency.
- 1.2.3.5 **Palliative Care for Incurable Patients (35 03 03 05)**
 Out-patient palliative care for incurable patients;
 In-patient palliative care for incurable patients and symphonic treatment;
 Provision of medicine for incurable patients;
- 1.2.3.6 **Treatment of Patients with Rare Diseases and Patients Subject to Constant Substitution Treatment (35 03 03 06)**
 Ambulance examination of under 18 years old children with rare diseases;

 Out-patient service for children under 18 years of age with rare diseases;

 In-patient service for children under 18 years of age with rare diseases subject to constant substitution treatment;

 Out-patient and in-patient treatment of children and adolescents with hemophiliac and other inherited blood clotting diseases;
 Provision of specific medicine for patients with rare diseases
- 1.2.3.7 **Emergency Medical Service and Emergency Transportation (35 03 03 07)**

 Emergency medical service and medical transportation;
 Emergency medical service.
- 1.2.3.8 **Rural Doctor (35 03 03 08)**
 Primary healthcare in rural areas (including purchase of medicine and medical tools, doctor’s case and medical documentation printing services required for ambulance service);

 Provision of out-patient and in-patient services by entities with special financing;

Support and development of ambulance network of Shida Kartli villages;

Additional financial support to certain medical entities with special financing;

Geographic and financial accessibility of primary healthcare services for rural population.

1.2.3.9 **Referral Service (35 03 03 09)**

Render medical assistance to population in cases of natural disasters, emergencies, conflict regions and in other cases defined by the GOG.

1.2.3.10 **Medical Examination of Citizens to be Recruited to Military Service (35 03 03 10)**

Ambulance examination of citizens to be recruited to military service; additional examination of citizens to be recruited to military service.

1.2.4 **Postgraduate Medical Education (35 03 04)**

Identification of the priority doctor specializations that will be financed and define the number of positions for those specialties (quota);

The list of the municipalities from which candidates are financed under the program is defined through administrative-legal act of the Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia;

State Regulation Agency for Medical Activity– LEPL – under the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia is responsible for selection of the candidates on the bases of “Medical Specialties Candidates Selection Regulations”;

Continuous provision of medical services and improved geographic accessibility.

1.3 **Social Service and Medical Assistance (29 03)**

Social and medical assistance to staff of the Ministry of Defense and armed forces and family members, family members of killed military personnel, and civil persons including ambulance and in-patient treatment services, medical rehabilitation and examination of health;

Provision of quality, diverse medical assistance accessible for armed forces, moral-psychological and social support;

Provide lump sum financial assistance for contracted military personnel of Georgia’s military forces under second and next contracts and on the bases of conclusions issued by military commission, as well as provide monetary support for families of killed military personnel for wounded and injured military personnel;

Provision of health insurance for military personnel, civilian persons and their family members;

Replacement of obsolete medical equipment, develop evacuation transport and procure necessary medical inventory.

1.4 **Management of Labor, Health and Social Protection Programs (35 01)**

Develop and implement state policy in the fields of labor, healthcare and social protection, coordination and control of activities. The following are the main directions:

Develop and implement labor, social and healthcare state programs;

Reveal, identify, record, assign and issue benefits to the beneficiaries of social assistance,

pension and other monetary or non-monetary (including those defined under state healthcare programs) programs;

Develop/implement services supporting active labor market policy and employment in the country;

Monitoring of safe and healthy work conditions, prevention of violation of work safety norms;

Preparation/revision of respective standards on work safety and healthcare;

Quality control and safety of medical activity;

Provide social assistance to certain strata of society and develop, approve, control implementation and monitor results of targeted primary healthcare programs;

Develop anti-epidemic and sanitary-hygienic norms and monitor them;

Define doctor, nurse and pharmacy specialties list;

Implement activities to prevent human trafficking (statutory) and family violence;

Management of emergency medical service in Georgia's territorial units.

1.5 **Rehabilitation and Equipment of Medical Institutions (35 04)**

Upgrade state owned healthcare infrastructure, facilities and equipment, ensure minimal standards of diagnosis and treatment at medical institutions, construction, equipment and support to operation of medical entities;

1.6 **LEPL – State Service of Veterans Affairs (54 00)**

Ensure strict legal and social-economic foundation for appropriate living conditions and wellness off war and military veterans and their family members, families of persons who died fighting for Georgia's territorial integrity, freedom and independence, who are considered lost or who died because of the wounds;

Strengthen military traditions in society, appropriate acknowledgement of veterans' efforts and contribution by state and society, revive patriotic spirit in future generations;

Support to complete use and development of potential of veterans in protection of national interests as well as in various areas of life, create appropriate conditions for their social-economic activities;

Constant efforts in praise of heroes and for immortalization of warriors killed during military activities or after war;

Support to development and implementation of state and local targeted programs to provide social-economic support to veterans and their family members.

1.7 **Labor and Employment System Reform Program (35 05)**

Study work safety conditions on labor market; improve labor protection norms and based on this improve labor relations between employers and employees using recommendations;

Registration of job seekers, provide consultations to them, develop services, support to employment of disabled persons, periodic research of labor market and support to temporary employment of job seekers;

Training-retraining of job seekers at authorized, accredited vocational schools;

Develop and establish data collection methodology;

Identify and improve information source on the basis of additional research; continuous research of labor market components; ensure accessibility of labor market data analysis, dissemination of information;

Create safe and healthy work environment.

1.8 **Provision of Healthcare Services for Employees of Ministry of Internal Affairs System (30 04)**

Maintain and strengthen health and physical development of the employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, also provision of medical services for the Ministry employees' family members.

Ensure high military and mobilization readiness of medical units;

Render medical assistance to wounded persons when necessary and organize evacuation in order to minimize losses;

Control of sanitary-hygienic and anti-epidemic measures at the Ministry of Internal Affairs system.

1.9 **NCEPL –Solidarity Fund of Georgia (57 00)**

Mobilization of alternative (non-budgetary) resources and channeling it towards priority needs with participation of society, private sector and state for especially vulnerable persons living in Georgia or for persons on the verge of catastrophic social costs;

Finance social and healthcare projects, including non-recurring and recurring social assistance/projects planning and implementation.

Support to up to 22 years old beneficiaries with oncological diseases through provision of therapy and diagnostic services not covered by state and municipal financing, also, provision of diagnostic and treatment service abroad in case of confirmed medical necessity.

Ensure accessibility of costly medicine for adult population, through co-financing minimum two medicines (Mabthera and Herceptin), which would significantly reduce cost of the expensive medicine for patients.

Participate in co-financing anti-epilepsy medicine, autism abilitation and disabled children rehabilitation services under the component – support to disabled children and children with rare diseases.

2. **Defense, Public Order and Safety**

In order to develop strong and effective system, the government of Georgia will

approve and implement four year's program, which will become strategic plan for implementation of new vision of defense and provide grounds for transformation and modernization of military forces. The implementation of mentioned program will be based on

achievements in military field, successful programs in armed forces, joint NATO – Georgia projects, as well as new visions of reforming military forces, which shall be developed in following directions: Strategy and management, Forces optimization, Forces readiness, Institutional reforms and International engagement.

* Strategy and management – defense planning and management systems to integrate quality improvement and efficient distribution of resources according to the prioritized directions.

* Forces optimization – creating a balanced unity of military capabilities, that will define completing of the country's security tasks;

* Forces readiness – focusing on system development with the following critical factors: personnel, equipment, education, training and sustainability;

* Institutional reforms - Gradual improvement of the control mechanisms of the Ministry of Defense for ensuring effective supporting of the needs of command-and-control systems;

* International engagement – For the purpose of increasing interoperability of forces with NATO and partnership countries, as well as enhance military capabilities, engaging in the international programs and activities.

* With purpose of further improvement of penitentiary system vocational education will become more accessible for more convicts, in the low risk penitentiary institution will be able to get high education; new employment centres will be created for convicts; convicts' psychological rehabilitation will get stronger, including rehabilitation programs for addicted individuals;

* New type of non-custodial sentence – house arrest for adult convict will be implemented, the control of the execution will be carried out through the electronic monitoring; house arrest will be used under the parole process as well;

* New non-custodial preventive measure – pre-trial probation will be implemented, which according to the international standards and recommendations, will significantly reduce the number of pre-trial detention of the accused; - Classification of low, medium and high risk category victims by multidisciplinary group will be continued, that will contribute effectively combating criminal subcultures at the prisons, minimize violence among the inmates and, finally, reduce the risk of further offences;

* New penitentiary facility will be established, which will prepare for release the convicts of low and medium risk;

* The execution of the sentence in accordance with the individual plan will be continued;

* Phased rehabilitation and modernization of penitentiary facilities will be continued;

* The primary health care system and infrastructure development strengthening will be continued. Working to improve penitentiary health care services will be continued;

* The parole procedures will be improved; the lifetime convicts release mechanism will be refined. Serving a sentence mechanism will be improved, due to ill and elderly convicts.

* With purpose to ensure independence of ordinary prosecutor, the system for prosecutors' appointments, disciplinary responsibility, dismissal and promotion will be improved. The

criteria will be elaborated for transparent and unbiased assessment of the prosecutors' performance. The program for retraining improving qualification of prosecutors' will be continued.

* In the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs will be implemented analyses based police system, to ensure maximal efficiency of crime prevention and police operation.

* Criminal police modernization across the country will be continued, the role of technology across the police activity will be increased, which will promote crime prevention, significantly improve the quality of the investigation and will develop the capabilities of police.

* The program of traffic safety will be implemented, which will increase the infantry, passengers' and drivers' safety level and will decrease the number of accidents on the roads. The share of technologies will be significantly increased in the field of traffic administration.

* Border management system reform will be finalized within planned terms, which will ensure modernization of border police, its standardization and unification.

* Unified system for Emergency Management will be finalized, which will ensure effective coordination and rapid response. Special attention will be paid to illegal migration and related risks management, in this term capacity building of the Ministry and improved coordination with other agencies.

* Cooperation will be improved with international police structures, especially with EUROPOL.

* Effective system for management of human resources, will be developed for ensuring proper operation of police system, to base career advancement on objective criteria, merits and qualification.

* work will be continued with increasing access to the services and quality improvement of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as well as strengthening this area and offering offer additional services to citizens.

* Independent and effective operation State Safety Service will be ensured.

2.1

Public order, State Border Protection, and Development/Enhancing of international cooperation (30 01)

Strengthen prevention and investigation functions;

Prevention of crime, swift response to crime, ensure public safety, law and order;

Establish effective system for fighting against organized crime, as well as support to legal and public reaction to organized crime;

Prevention, identification and eradication of illegal activities on the ships at Georgia's state border, coastline, coastal zone, Georgia's maritime space and on the ships under Georgia's jurisdiction in line with Georgia's legislation;

Carry out rescue operations all over Georgia's territory notwithstanding meteorological conditions to save human lives and property;

Protection of Georgia's sovereign right in Georgia's maritime space;

Ensure safety of navigation, control abidance by navigation rules.

2.2

Defense Management and Capabilities (29 01)

Taking into account the national security environment, ensure readiness of the Georgian armed forces to stop possible military aggression and participate in reinforcing the regional and international security.

In view of the threats and challenges confronting Georgia and in order to achieve military goals and objectives defined by national military strategy, maintain current capacity of the armed forces and at the same time equip the armed forces with modern military and special equipment, arms and machinery, to develop capabilities of logistics units and to provide military support.

Plan strategic management activities of the Ministry of Defense in order to support internal and external policy of the country defined at strategic level by the Government and Parliament of Georgia;

Support to diplomatic (civil and military) representations of the Ministry of Defense, organize defense and security conference, implement arms control and verification activities to deepen bilateral and multilateral cooperation;

Implement activities/inspections defined by Vienna Document 2011 under cooperation with OSCE, Conventional Forces in Europe and Open Skies treaties.

2.3

Build the penitentiary system up to the international standards (27 01)

Develop and implement a relevant policy in order to approximate the penitentiary system to the international standards.;

Coordinate relations with various state bodies and organizations, and conclude cooperation agreements and memorandums;

Further develop the infrastructure in the penitentiary facilities and equip it with relevant vehicles/equipment and inventory;

Improve living conditions for the convict/defendant, renew soft furniture and purchase personal hygiene items;

Provide equivalent medical services to those placed in the penitentiary system. Besides, carry out preventive and proactive measures according to the penitentiary health care standard in respect to securing hygiene, and the mental health protection.

Make education accessible to those placed in the penitentiary system through developing vocational and trade programs.

In order to facilitate community reentry of convicts/defendants facilitate their employment and set up an enterprise zone.

Reinforced legal guarantees for the convict/defendant in the penitentiary system through

maintaining the access to appeal procedures envisaged by the Imprisonment Code and increasing the awareness level.

2.3.1 Develop and manage the penitentiary system police and improve living conditions for the convicts/defendants (27 01 01)

In order to improve living conditions for the convicts/defendants: purchase soft future, personal hygiene items and in case of necessity relevant uniforms, maintain quality food service, access to education;

Reinforce the legal guarantees for the convict/defendant in the penitentiary system, maintain accessibility to complaint procedures envisaged by the Imprisonment Code;

Increase awareness of the inmates and fully informing them about their rights (complaints, disciplinary and administrative procedures);

Provide military uniforms and soft inventory to the employees in the penitentiary system;

Support to employment of inmates.

2.3.2 Provide equivalent medical services to the convicts and defendants in the penitentiary system (27 01 02)

Prevention of contagious and non-contagious diseases in the penitentiary system, epidemiological monitoring and surveillance;

Functioning of the primary health care and provision of relevant medical services;

Provide the defendants and convicts with medications and provide specialized medical service inside and outside of the penitentiary facilities; Ensure prevention, diagnostics and treatment of HIV/AIDS, TB, and C Hepatitis; Provide psychiatric assistance for the convicts, and treatment and rehabilitation for drug abusers;

Release the convicts with terminal diseases from sentence;

2.3.3 Improve the infrastructure in the penitentiary system (27 01 03)

In order to improve the current infrastructure and living conditions in the penitentiary system: continue construction of new facility in Village Laituri, Ozurgeti District; commence construction of specialized facility for juvenile convicts/defendants and commence construction of mixed risk penitentiary facility for young convicts/defendants (18-21); carry out rehabilitation-reconstruction works at penitentiary facilities of the Ministry of Corrections; equip certain facilities with relevant machinery and equipment;

Arrange rooms for necessary trade, professional, educational and recreational courses and programs.

2.4 State Security Service of Georgia (31 00)

Protect the constitutional order of Georgia, its sovereignty, territorial integrity and military potential from illegal actions of special services of foreign countries and certain persons;

Detection of replacement of the constitutional order of the state and unconstitutional and

forceful change of the Government and protection against it;

Fight against terrorism;

Fight against transnational organized and international crimes creating threats to the state;

2.5 **Increase the public safety level (30 06)**

Create unified single system of managing emergency situations in order to improve the civil safety level;

Organize activities to prevent emergency situations, to be ready to respond and to eradicate the damage inflicted;

Develop and adopt sub-legislative acts envisaged by the Law of Georgia on Civil Safety;

Construction/rehabilitation of infrastructure, renew/modernize firefighting-emergency specialized vehicle pool and material-technical base.

2.6 **International Operations (29 06)**

Successfully meet the obligations undertaken in front of the Alliance using existing mechanisms and participate in Resolute Support Mission (RSM) and NATO Rapid Response Forces (NRF) in order to ensure international security;

Active cooperation with EU under the agenda of the EU Association Agreement and EU unified security defense policy and participate in the missions conducted in Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) and Ukraine (EEAM Ukraine).

2.7 **Program for investigation supervision, support to the prosecution, and combat against and prevention of crime (26 02)**

Support to investigating and prosecuting corruption crimes committed by legal persons will be developed, prepare manual for investigation of such crimes and prosecution;

Protection of human rights in the course of investigations and prosecution; identify the causes of violation of positive obligation of the state and take into consideration recommendations of international and human rights protection organizations;

conduct effective investigations and prosecution of facts of domestic violence, torture, improper treatment, violation of minority rights in observance of international standards;

Develop the Code of Ethics for employees of the Prosecutor's Service of Georgia (PSG) addressing the challenges conformed by the PSG, eradicate vague norms of the current Code, offenses envisaged by the Code will be further specified;

e-case management system for criminal cases will be further improved, e-management software for HR management tailored to the needs of PSG will be developed, electronic modules for workload of Prosecutors will be implemented;

In order to ensure transparency of PSG activities and accountability to the community effective mechanisms to relate with the mass media will be developed, and the current mechanism used to deliver information to the public will be further developed;

The institute of witness and victim coordinators will be further improved, crime prevention local councils will be set up; enhance PSG's role in crime prevention process

and prepare a strategy in the area;

Prosecutors will be retrained in juvenile criminal cases; the practice of applying coercive measures against juveniles will be adjusted to meet the international standards;

Support to application of implemented legislative updates and fight against crime in order to enhance effectiveness of the PSG's activities, establish international standards in practice, training and enhancement of qualification of prosecutor's office staff;

Implement unified training projects for representatives of prosecutor's office and other investigative bodies/target groups in order to facilitate consistent, coordinated activities and establish unified approaches.

2.8 **Infrastructure Development (29 05)**

Rehabilitation and development of military bases, infrastructure for exercises and trainings, engineering structures and communications.

Improve food provision system, including rehabilitation of facilities, development of water supply system, provision of equipment for canteen and kitchen containers for field canteens.

2.9 **Development of Military Industry (29 07)**

Deepen technical scientific research in energy security, upgrade production bases and bring them in compliance with modern standards, modernize and restore existing weaponry and equipment in the armed forces;

Develop certain fields of industry including mechanical engineering, research and optimization of new technological processes;

Carry out scientific-research activities in military sphere in order to enhance defense capabilities of the country and to develop military-industrial complex;

Increase production capacity and create experimental models to increase export in future.

2.10 **Prevention of economic crime (23 03)**

Combat against financial and economic crimes, improve quality of sound, competitive environment in the country, protect legal economic activities and develop a sound system in office;

Study accumulated experience with regard to selection criteria of the personnel in Georgia and abroad;

Strengthen monitoring at economic borders of Georgia in order to prevent avoidance of taxes, as well as to conduct preventive activities to avoid future crimes;

2.11 **Increase safety of national treasure, diplomatic representations and Patriarch's Office (30 02)**

Improve quality of protection of the objects;

Equip with digital communication and modern security alarm systems.

2.12 **Management, control, communications and computer systems (29 04)**

Sound operation of communications and information security systems for management

and control of Georgian armed forces.

Security of data and information through use of cyber and communication security systems, which ensures avoidance of harmful actions from the opposite side, reduction of negative actions and restoration of all elements in the shortest period of time.

Ensure security of data and information in the field of defense and cooperation with other relevant bodies.

Improve mobile and stationary management and control systems for maintaining unity and continuity of defense operations.

2.13 **Comprehensive probation system (27 02)**

Develop administrative capacities of LEPL National Probation Agency;

Implement rehabilitation programs and get probationers involved in them;

Facilitate implementation of relevant measures in regard of home arrest used as a type of punishment for juveniles.

2.14 **Reimbursement of the service costs of 'cancelled flights' envisaged by the international agreements signed by Georgia (including covering the prior year arrears) (24 09)**

Enhance the integration process of Georgia in the Europe's common airspace;

Facilitate the international anti-terrorist activities within the competences;

Increase the level of security of flights and aviation safety;

Provide air navigation and piloting for the US military aviation;

Ensure fulfillment of conditions under the agreement with the NATO members and the other states participating in the program Partnership for Peace.

2.15 **The Staff of the National Security Council of Georgia (03 01)**

Adopt high level decisions in regard of organizing military development and defense of the country; work out drafts for the structure and number of military forces; coordinate the national security policy within the competencies envisaged by law and ensure participation of the Secretary of the National Security Council.

Draft and make expertise of acts on information and analytical activities for defense, security and military development of the country, prepare informational and analytical materials and provide these materials to the President of Georgia and the members of the Security Council. Prepare drafts of conclusions and decisions of the National Council of Georgia in regard of the activities envisaged by the Georgian law in the area of defense and security of the country.

2.16 **Prevention of crime and Re-socialization of Former Inmates (26 07)**

Support to crime prevention, working with risk groups and implement activities related to initial prevention;

Develop physical, cognitive, intellectual, social and volunteer culture among youth,

support to solving issues of former inmates with regard to physical and mental health, offer trainings/vocational training courses adequate to the labor market and provide reference to potential employers;

Improve institutional framework of diversion-mediation field, provide scarce services through grant programs and further development of the services, popularization of healthy lifestyle among youth in order to achieve initial prevention of crime, develop voluntariness and enhance civil and legal awareness.

2.17

Build up and manage material reserves of the state (30 05)

Conduct state material reserve operations;

Prepare new nomenclature of material values to be stored as state reserve and approve it in accordance with set regulation;

Regularly monitor and control material inventory in state reserve

3.

Regional Development, Infrastructure and Tourism

Improving the infrastructure of regional development is the most significant

prerequisite for the maximum integration into the international transit projects and economic development of the country. Consideration geographic location of Georgia and increasing dynamic of transit traffic, the construction of new highways will be continued in fast pace, existing roads will be reconstructed and road infrastructure will be upgraded and modernized, within the frame of the government's four-point plan. Secondary roads connecting the regions will be constructed all over the country, to facilitate transit of international importance. The project of century – Construction of Anaklia Port -was initiated, which will make just not important influence on improvement of transit potential of Georgia, by increase Georgia's role in the region and makes it logistic Hab. Facilitation for the project implementation of Abyss Port of Anaklia will be continued. Providing quality potable water supply in the 24 hours' mode, is one of the priorities of the Government of Georgia. It will be gradually implemented during following several years. Providing 24 hours' mode water supply by 2020 will be available for additional 360 thousand people. The projects on construction -rehabilitation of water supply – sewage and treatment facilities will be actively continued in several cities and villages. Special attention is paid to construction installation works on water supply systems in Pankisi Gorge and border villages of Kaspi and Kareli municipalities, as a result about 20 thousand of people will benefit from the improved quality of potable water supply. Waste management will be implemented in compliance with European standards, municipal waste collection services will be improved thought of the country; existing landfills will be brought into compliance with the requirements of national legislation and will be closed gradually; new regional sanitary landfills will be arranged taking into consideration European standards; waste separation and treatment systems will be implemented. Within the frame of the internet access project will be provided 8000km infrastructure, as a result of which 800 people will receive internet and more than 90% of the country population will have access to the internet. Improvement of energy security and independence of the country, gradual decrease of dependence on imported energy resources through utilization of local energy resources and diversification of supply sources and routs are main directions of energy policy of the government of Georgia. The government of Georgia continues working on improvement of the power supply. The process of electrification and countering will be continued. In this process the special attention will be paid on rural and mountainous regions remained without electricity. For the purpose of the effective energy policy implementation, the following activities will be conducted:

- Rational utilization of local energy resources to reduce dependence on imports;
- - Promotion of investments in energy sector;
- Infrastructure will be developed for development of the system for safe and stable transmission and distribution of gas and electricity. Development of tourism is the one of the priorities for the government of Georgia. The flow of visitors and tourism revenues grow every year. Tourism is an important driving force for economic growth and, for further development of the prioritized sector, the government of Georgia will implement the following activities:
 - Road infrastructure will be improved and developed, The roads providing access to cultural monuments and other sights will be improved, which will facilitate promoting tourism;
 - Marketing activities on target and potential markets will become more active, which will encourage more foreign tourists and, therefore, more revenue attracting;
 - Protected areas will be expanded and eco-tourism will be promoted, which is one of the wealth of the country;
 - Various types of tourism will be promoted (including medical, sport, wine and other types of tourism);
 - One of the strategic directions of the tourism policy will be to transform Georgia into four seasons tourism country, which will ensure generating new revenues from tourism and its stable distribution through the year;
 - Winter resorts will be developed further in accordance with thoughtful development plan, summer potential of the resorts also will be taken into consideration;
 - Cooperation between public and private sectors will be promoted in regard to development of tourism product and marketing;
 - Implementing development strategies and action plans for the social-economic development of the regions will be actively promoted, which are elaborated for each region. „Regional Development Program for 2015–2017 of Georgia“ is also being implemented. Government of Georgia will elaborate also the Regional development program for 2018-2020 of Georgia, in accordance with the above mentioned approaches, which will be directed to support the balanced economic growth of the country in the regions;
 - Pursuant to the Law on Development of Highland Regions, the government will continue provision of social - economic support to highland areas, promotion of local production, improvement of demographic condition in highland areas and improving welfare level of the people residing there.

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3.1

Road Infrastructure Improvement Activities (25 02)

Due to its geographical location Georgia has acquired the status of transport corridor connecting Europe and Asia. As land transportation accounts for major part of cargo transport one of the most important direction is motor roads. Increased demand on land cargo transportation leads to necessity of reconstruction of existing roads, renewal-modernization of road infrastructure and in some cases construction of new, safe road sections bypassing main towns, which frees up certain territories. This will be basis for tourism development and for construction of new tourism facilities.

Integration of Georgia's road network in international communication system, enhancement of capacity of the country's motor roads, development of motor road corridor and increase competitiveness of international transit, improvement of international and regional motor road links, ensure matching of motor road network development rate with increased economic activity of population, intensive auto mobilization level and increased transport flow level.

- 3.1.1 **Management of Motor Road Programs (25 02 01)**
Implementation of state policy in the field of road infrastructure projects, administration and monitoring of construction-rehabilitation of international and intrastate roads.
- 3.1.2 **Construction and Operation and Maintenance of Roads (25 02 02))**
Rehabilitation of international and intrastate roads;
Periodic repair and rehabilitation, reconstruction-modernization and development of motor roads;
Lightening highways;
Carry out works for natural disaster impact liquidation.
- 3.1.3 **Construction of Highway (25 02 03)**
Construction-rehabilitation of highways enhancement of Georgia's road infrastructure competitiveness in international transportation corridors, ensure increase of vehicle traffic capacity and safe transportation.
- 3.2 **Restoration-rehabilitation of Water Supply Infrastructure (25 04)**
Ensure 24-hour water supply that is ecologically clean, filtrated, free from accidental mix of surface and underground water for population and entities in municipalities;
restoration-rehabilitation of water supply and sewerage systems in big towns and villages of Georgia;
Arrangement of water supply headworks and construction-rehabilitation of waste water cleaning facilities;
Implementation of water supply infrastructure projects at tourism/recreation centers.
- 3.3 **Rehabilitation of Regional and Municipal Infrastructure (25 03)**

Implement various types of infrastructure projects in municipalities and conduct various related procurements; conduct construction-repair rehabilitation works at facilities of state importance (administrative, strategic, military, police and other facilities). Procurement of construction and rehabilitation works and related various services for enterprises under the Ministry management and carrying out respective functions. Implementation of activities for preparation of the projects financed by donors, preparation and analysis of design documentation.
- 3.4 **Buy out-compensation of/for private land for construction of deep water port on Anaklia territory (under the action plan) (24 11)**
Prepare Action Plan for construction of deep water port on Anaklia territory and ensure buy out-compensation of/for private land, which envisages preparation of offers to individual owners of private land and carrying out activities related to signing purchase agreements.
- 3.5 **Development of Electricity Transmission Network (36 03)**
Construction-rehabilitation of high and medium voltage electricity transmission lines;
Rehabilitation of electricity transmission lines with neighboring countries and construction of new lines.
Establish modern technologies at obsolete substations of the system and construction of new substations of various capacities. Arrangement of electricity transmission network appropriate for development of free industrial zone.
- 3.5.1 **Regional Electricity Transmission Development Project (36 03 01)**
Construction of new electricity transmission line, including 500 kv electricity transmission line Tskaltubo-Akhaltikhe-Tortumi (2017-2020) and construction of 250 mw reactor at Zestaponi 500 substation.

3.5.2 **Open Program for Expansion of Georgia's Electricity Transmission Network (36 03 02)**

Construction-rehabilitation of electricity transmission lines.

Enhance energy system's sustainability and supply security, reduce emergency situation risks and number of emergency switch off;

Increase safety of transmission of Khudoni/Enguri power to Turkey and East Georgia (and to Armenia) and enhance capability and reliability of transmission from Russia and Enguri to Turkey/Armenia.

3.5.3 **Construction of 220 kv Akhaltsikhe-Batumi Line (36 03 03)**

Construction of 220 kv double circuit overhead electricity transmission line connecting Akhaltsikhe and Batumi substation;

The following will be achieved under the project:

-construction of 220 kv double circuit electricity transmission line;

-the length of the line is 150 km, the number of poles is about 500;

3.5.4 **North Ring Electricity Transmission Line (State I) (EBRD, KfW) (36 03 04)**

The objective of the activity is to transmit power of Mestia district HPPs, river Nenskara tributaries, Nenskara HPP and Khudoni HPP and to enhance reliability.

3.5.5 **500 kv electricity transmission line Jvari-Tskaltubo (WB) (36 03 05)**

Security of transmission of power from Khudoni-Enguri to East Georgia. Ensure possibility to establish industries and tourist centers in Kutaisi-Tskaltubo region, integration of capacity of Khudoni HPP, Nenskra HPP, Mestia HPPs, Tskhenistskali cascade, Namakhvani HPPs cascade in the network.

3.5.6 **Strengthen Guria electricity transmission lines (KfW) (36 03 06)**

The objective of the activity is to integrate Guria region prospective HPPs in the network, to enhance reliability of supply in Guria region, to enhance reliability of transmission of river Rioni downstream zone (Vartsikhe cascade) HPPs power, to enhance reliability of Batumi region supply.

3.6 **Support to Tourism Development (24 05)**

Popularization of Georgia as four season tourism country on international market;

Development of new tourist products and diversification of existing products (prepare routes, prepare printed-informative material regarding the product);

Development of small tourist infrastructure;

Improve quality of service

3.7 **Solid Waste Management Program (25 05)**

Arrangement, management and closure of non-hazardous waste landfills at municipalities (excluding Tbilisi city and Ajara Autonomous Republic) and arrangement and management of waste loading stations.

Purchase of 146 waste collection vehicles with compactors and 7,195 solid waste containers. Also, provision of technical assistance to improve capabilities of beneficiaries and enhance public awareness regarding sanitary processing of solid waste.

3.8 **Prepare and Manage Policy in Energy Sector (36 01)**

Prepare energy security state policy, monitor implementation of state strategy and state programs and coordinate their implementation;

Prepare state policy for exploration of additional, alternative and renewable energy sources, priority use of energy sources to ensure stable development of the sector.

Support to sustainable development of the country to attract of investments in energy sector of Georgia;

Monitor implementation of existing sharing contracts; coordinate activities of current investors; monitor oil and gas operations; review, agree and monitor implementation of annual working plans and budgets of companies.

Obtain, process and systemize all types of technical information from investors; review compliance with international standards of oil and gas operations; create unified regulation framework for oil and gas operations, oil processing, gas processing and transportation of oil products. Search for potential investors for extraction of hydrocarbons in Georgian section of the Black Sea shelf.

Gasification of the villages without gas supply in various regions of Georgia (Imereti, Kakheti, Shida and Kvemo Kartli, Samegrelo, Racha, Guria and Samtskhe-Javakheti); Reimbursement of consumed gas costs to the beneficiaries identified by the program in respective periods to population of high-mountainous villages in Kazbegi and Dusheti Municipalities;

Develop wind, solar and biomass power stations;

3.8.1

Policy Implementation in Energy Sector (36 01 01)

Prepare energy security state policy, monitor implementation of state strategy and state programs and coordinate their implementation.

Support to attraction of investments of sustainable development of the country and in energy sector of Georgia.

Prepare state policy for exploration of additional, alternative and renewable energy sources, priority use of energy sources and for ensuring stable development of the sector
Monitor implementation of existing sharing contracts; coordinate activities of current investors; monitor oil and gas operations; review, agreement and monitor implementation of annual working plans and budgets of companies.

Obtain, process and systemize all types of technical information from investors; review compliance with international standards of oil and gas operations; create unified regulation framework for oil and gas operations, oil processing, gas processing and transportation of oil products.

Search for potential investors for extraction of hydrocarbons in Georgian section of the Black Sea shelf.

Conduct feasibility study of wind and solar electricity stations and biomass thermos electric power station to start construction afterwards.

3.8.2

Improve Electricity and Natural Air Supply to Population (36 01 02)

Gasification and electrification of villages without gas and electricity in various regions of Georgia.

3.8.3

Reimbursement of natural gas consumption costs for population of high-mountainous villages of Dusheti and Kazbegi municipalities (36 01 03)

Reimbursement of natural gas consumption costs for population permanently residing in high-mountainous villages of Dusheti and Kazbegi municipalities during respective periods for beneficiaries defined under the program

3.9 **Construction-rehabilitation of energy infrastructure (36 02)**

Development-rehabilitation of energy infrastructure;
Rehabilitation of state owned HPPs (Enguri HPP and Vardnili HPP).

3.10 **Development of Innovations and Technologies in Georgia (24 08)**

Development of innovations' infrastructure:

- ✓ Establishment of industry sector innovation laboratories – Fabrication Laboratories (FabLab) throughout Georgia connecting and unifying world technologies, inventors and innovators;
- ✓ Inclusion of FabLabs' technological platform in school and university curricula;
- ✓ Enhance teaching level for STEM courses;
- ✓ Organization of trainings and various events throughout Georgia (including preparation of 40,000 outsource oriented specialists in IT priority fields);

Finance startups;

Develop broadband infrastructure, which envisages provision of Georgia's population with broadband services (internet access with at least 30 mb/s).

3.11 **Development of Innovations Ecosystem (IBRD) (24 13)**

Establishment of innovative ecosystem in Georgia, which includes several components and ensures development of infrastructure for innovations in the country;

Establishment of innovation centers in regions and villages;

Training of qualified staff and preparation of trainers in future professions;

Support to enhancement of competitiveness of startup high-tech companies;

Finance various stages of innovative projects under the grant programs and also finance internetization and computerization program (including computer literacy and development of e-commerce).

3.12 **Prepare and Manage Regions and Infrastructure Development Policy (25 01)**

Work out and implement regional development policy;

Prepare and implement regulatory framework legislative base in order to ensure establishment of institutional mechanisms for preparation-implementation of single state policy for sustainable regional development of the country, to prepare documents for planning regional development of the country and to secure financing;

Prepare decentralization policy;

Prepare proposals with regard to local self-government reform aimed at institutional strengthening of local self-government and ensuring improvement of municipal services;

Support to and coordination of decentralization process in various sectors and fields of public administration;

Continue territorial optimization of municipalities;

Planning-implementation of appropriate activities in high-mountainous regions of Georgia to ensure social-economic progress;

Support to enhancement of municipality capabilities to ensure improvement of social environment and infrastructure at municipalities;

Establishment of continuous learning system for local self-government employees and support to and coordination of the activities aimed at enhancement of qualification of local self-government employees;

Preparation of unified state policy related to development of international and intrastate motor roads, design preparation and scientific-technical progress and implementation of

the policy;
Coordination of particularly important state infrastructure projects;
Coordination of military registration of Georgian citizens, preparation for military service and coordination of recruitment activities.
Identify and solve issues related to arrangement, management and closure of non-hazardous waste landfills at municipalities (excluding Tbilisi city and Ajara Autonomous Republic) and arrangement and management of waste loading stations;
Coordination of liquidation of the damage caused by natural disasters in the regions within the scope.

3.13 **Regulation of Technical and Construction Fields (24 02)**

Approximation of Georgian legislation to the EU legislation;

Development of market oversight system in line with the EU best practice;

Preparation of technical regulations in respective fields in order to eradicate legislative vacuum.

3.14 **Buy out-compensation of/for private land on Marabda-Akhalkalaki-Kartsakhi Section of the Baku-Tbilisi-Karsi Railway (24 10)**

Ensure buy out-compensation of/for private land, which envisages preparation of offers to individual owners of private land and carrying out activities related to signing purchase agreements for construction of Baku-Tbilisi-Karsi railway.

4. **Education, Science and Vocational Training**

Education is one of the significant priorities of the Government of Georgia. such an educational system will be created, which will equip children, youth and adults with the necessary theoretical knowledge, and along with practical skills, also provides in-depth understanding of national and universal values, increase public awareness, which will be a prerequisite for strengthen the country's economic and social development. Over the next 4 years, the government of Georgia will implement system changes in the education field, with purpose of education and science system to become solid foundation for democratic, economic and social development. Continuous education will be ensured. The education system will be focused on the quality, accessibility and inclusion. Effective steps will be taken to ensure leading position of the country education system in the region and become a regional educational center. Improvement of the infrastructure of pre-school education facilities and establishment of new facilities will be continued. Functioning of school readiness groups will be supported on kindergarten and school levels. High quality and universal access to the general education will still remain the priority. In this regard, equal, safe, inclusive, oriented on the student;s success educational enviorenment will be ensured. In order to achieve high quality of general education's high standards, new standards of authorization will be implemented with the focus on high results of teaching and learning. With purpose to improve the education quality, new education plans, curricula and textbooks will be developed, with the focus on high standards and in compliance with modern requirements. Their implementation will be started in I-VI grades from academic year 2017-2018 and then all three phases of general education will be covered gradually. Differentiated approaches of the enhanced teaching in the technical, natural science, social sciences, art, industrial subjects will be introduced in the schools. Integrated national examination system will be developed. The role of modern technologies will be increased in the process of conducting exams. Government of Georgia will take care of increasing the prestige of

teachers' profession. The state will promote career development for teachers, through their continuous professional development. Development of reimbursement system and motivation packages will be continued. With purpose of improvement of teaching-learning process and school's management process, the implementation of large scale programmes for professional

development of teachers and principals will be started from 2017. Free lessons, adjusted to the students' interests, will become essential part of school life. The state will support a variety of student activities and projects, that will assist them with developing their analytical, creative, innovative and creative thinking, teamwork, leadership and entrepreneurial skills, as well as civil and social competencies, will promote healthy life style and sport activities. The role of modern technologies as well as of distant learning will be strengthened in teaching-learning process. Scientific-technological capabilities of the schools will be significantly reinforced. a variety of electronic resources of supporting early learning and teaching materials in the form of games will be prepared. E-learning platform will be formed for Diaspora representatives, to introduce distance learning in geography, history and the Georgian language. Significant investments will be made in development of school infrastructure in accordance with modern standards, including construction of new schools. Since 2017, in parallel with the programmes funded by the state, full rehabilitation of almost 100 public schools selected within the frame of funding Millennium Challenge Compact, will be continued, in results more then 37 thousand pupils will benefit from studying at the international standards schools. The schools will be provided with the laboratories of natural sciences. Besides, within the frame of the programme funded by EU and Council of Europe, in some of schools of Tbilisi will be carried out rehabilitation works, with the focus on improving energy efficiency. The state will provide capacity building programmes for small village schools in highland areas. Dual, or work-based learning approach will be implemented in vocational education system, through public – private partnership. With this approach, program competencies will be shared between the educational institution and employer in order to prepare qualified staff. Consequently, college students will receive theoretical knowledge at the institutions, along with practical skills - at the real work environment from the employers. At the same time, the formation of the approach will be continued, which provides a flexible, modular training. This approach offers taking the comprehensive modular program for youth, while for adults - individual modules will be offered for a relatively shortest period of time, after completion of the education, intensive practice course will be considered. As a result, the competitiveness of students and future employees, as well as the degree of readiness for the labor market will be increased. Based on the surveys of the labor market, state will determine certain priority directions of vocational education areas and ensure the full involvement of employers in professional program development and implementation, as well as in the selection and evaluation processes of students. Vocational education will be focused on children, youth and adult educational needs. In cooperation with private sector, adult education system will be established. Various vocational training and retraining programs will. be launched. At the same time, flexible mechanisms for moving from vocational education to higher education will be created. The education system will become more open and inclusive. Entrepreneurial education along with capacity building, will be priority of private sector, as well as of the enhancing jobs creation. While acquiring professional skills, students will learn entrepreneurship. Thus, knowledgeable staff will be trained, and in addition to employment, will be able to take part in the entrepreneurial activities of the state and the business sector (contests, funding, "start-up" promotions) and start their own business with their profession. National Qualifications Framework and quality assurance model will be introduced in accordance with European approaches, which will facilitate the mobility of students and employees and forming continuing education system. Vocational education institutions will be supported, in regards to the implementation of the joint programs with European and other successful education institutions and prepare staff in compliance with international standards. Infrastructure of vocational education institutions will be developed, and geographical area of the existing institutions will be enhanced under the frame of public-private partnership.

Vocational educational institutions for teachers' professional development will be launched in an orderly system. Study visits abroad will be encouraged. Compensation policy will be based on knowledge, experience and analysis of the results achieved. The new efficient models of funding will be introduced in higher education, particularly focused on strengthening those directions and professions, which are linked to the country's development needs, social life and economic growth and will be identified according to the labour market analysis. Efficient models of quality management for higher education will be introduced in line with international standards. New, results and development oriented standards and procedures for authorization and accreditation will ensure a high quality standard. Priority will be given to the integration of learning and scientific research. Integrated bachelor- master educational programme will be implemented, with purpose of improving the teachers' training system. In public and private higher education institutions, will be introduced teacher training accredited 60-credit educational programs that will be funded by the state and facilitate to recruitment of new staff at schools. Special programs will be supported aiming reintegration into higher education system of Georgian Researchers, successfully acting at the scientific-research centres and Universities in Georgia and Abroad. Government will especially promote increasing the role and meaning of modern technologies in the process of higher education, including enhancing distance learning component. The state will support the internationalization of higher education and sharing the

best international experience. Large scale project "Study in Georgia" will be implemented for attracting foreign students to higher education institutions of Georgia, in purpose of positioning Georgia as regional educational centre. Priority scientific directions will be identified and supported taking into consideration the requirements of strategic development of the country's economy and the needs of society. Scientific cooperation with the centres and universities of other countries and implementation of joint projects will be promoted, as well as exchange programmes enabling to invite foreign scientists to Georgia and send Georgians abroad for scientific researches. Youngsters' participation in science will be encouraged by implementation of targeted programmes.

4.1

General Education (32 02)

Openness of general education and equal accessibility for everyone during lifetime, extension of inclusive education

Inclusion of Georgia in international general education space, ensure financial resources for general education schools, which would enable them to completely fulfill assigned functions-obligations;

Enhance teachers' qualification level and gradual increase of their salaries;

Develop national assessments, national curriculum and establish accreditation system, plan and manage general education process through setting and assessment of teaching quality;

Provide school textbooks for pupils of all grades of public school and for households below poverty line in case of private school, as well as for other categories of pupils defined by law;

Support to transportation process of those pupils who live in such settlements (village, townlet) that do not have schools and the distance between villages is significant, and also

have restricted abilities;

Support to learning Georgian language by ethnically non-Georgian pupils;

Strengthen teaching the English language in order to improve competitiveness of Georgian youth on international arena;

Provide quality psycho-social service for pupils with behavioral and emotional issues and their family members;

Arrange open lessons, excursions and extended meetings to support them in selection of profession and career, to identify their capabilities and skills;

Eradicate violence and improve discipline at general education establishments of Georgia;

Ensure the Internet connection for the public schools in Georgia.

4.1.1

Financing General Education Schools (32 02 01)

Ensure financing for general education schools in line with Georgian legislation, based on financing norm per general education pupil with respective standard voucher, with consideration of the number of pupils defined by national curriculum, the number of pupils with special educational needs, hourly load of teachers, allowance for teachers with respective status defined by scheme, administrative, operation and maintenance costs and school development costs and other costs, which enables schools to completely fulfill their functions-obligations.

4.1.2

Support to Professional Development of Teachers (32 02 02)

Professional development and enhancement of qualification of employees at the Ministry of Education and Science system (general and vocational education); support to introduce and spread modern approaches to teaching-learning across the educational system;

Develop professional standards defining professional knowledge and activities of target groups, approximation to and establishment of international standards and requirements, elevate status of teacher's profession;

Effective support to teacher induction, professional development and career advancement through development of legislative regulation and interventions;

4.1.3

Provision of Safe Education Environment (32 02 03)

Create safe environment at general education institutions, promote healthy lifestyle;

Prevention and eradication of student violence at general education institutions, carrying firearms and cold arms by them, distribution/consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs;

Ensure equal opportunities for every child and youth with regard to general education and development, ensure healthy and safe learning environment;

Provide quality psycho-social service for pupils with behavioral and emotional issues and their family members;

Arrange open sessions (lessons), excursions and extended meetings to support them in selection of profession and career, in order to identify their capabilities and skills;

- 4.1.4 **Promotion of Successful Pupils (32 02 04)**
 Organization of various national and international Olympiads to support intellectual development of the pupils, teaching of national curriculum courses and realization of capabilities of youth in equally competition environment and to represent them at international level;
- Announce various thematic and calendar day commemorating competitions to schools.
- 4.1.5 **Provision of Educational and Living Conditions for Children with Special Needs and Development of Inclusive Education (32 02 05)**
 Provide state overnight or day care services for especially talented pupils where development of beneficiaries with special education needs are taken care of taking into account their individual needs, age and capabilities.
- 4.1.6 **Provide Textbooks for Pupils (32 02 06)**
 Provide school textbooks for pupils of all classes of public school and for households below poverty line in case of private schools, also for other categories of pupils defined by legislation;
- 4.1.7 **Summer Schools (32 02 07)**
 Teaching/support to teaching English language at general education institutions of Georgia;
- Increase motivation of pupils towards IT and STEM in general schools of Georgia;
- Facilitate integration of cultural dialogue and civic integration.
- 4.1.8 **Financial Support to Teachers and Administration-technical Personnel of Occupied Regions (32 02 08)**
 Provide financial support to teachers and administrative-technical personnel of Gali District and Akhagori District schools.
- 4.1.9 **Access to Education for Accused and Convicted Persons (32 02 09)**
 Within the Criminal Justice Reform facilitate reintegration of the defendants/convicts in penitentiary facilities in order to teach the subjects included in the National Curricula;
- 4.1.10 **Establishing and Monitoring of National Curriculum (32 02 10)**
 Take into consideration the modern trends and adapt and harmonize the national curriculum with the national educational institutions;
- Develop a single strategy for reviewing and implementing the national curriculum (develop the framework to develop, introduce and monitor the national curriculum); gradual revision and introduction of the national curriculum;
- Develop an alternative curriculum for pupils with severe mental disorders (in the Georgian language and literature, Mathematics, and National Science);
- Develop required resources for the national curriculum;
 Monitor implementation of the school readiness program;
- Carry out monitoring on implementation of the national curriculum in classrooms in

Georgian and non-Georgian schools: identify difference between the curriculum for the primary, basic and secondary stages and the curriculum implemented in classrooms and based on the analysis identify the needs and work out recommendations for various target groups;

Pilot an alternative curriculum in the Georgian language and literature, and Mathematics at the primary stage;

Introduce the third generation national curriculum in the Georgian and non-Georgian schools;

Offer consultations to the administrations and subject matter teachers in the general education establishments;

Support to the activities of the Preschool Education Consulting and Monitoring Group, developing and introducing the pre-school education development strategic plan.

4.1.11 **Provide Transportation for Public School Pupils (32 02 11)**

Provide transportation for pupils in such settlements (village, townlet) that do not have schools and the distance between villages is significant;

4.1.12 **Support to General Education (32 02 12)**

Enhance opportunity to receive complete general education envisaged by Georgian legislation by pupils living on the territory of occupied Abkhazia, support to enhancement of their competitiveness at the national exams;

Ensure healthy and safe environment for pupils and persons employed at schools, provide timely emergency medical assistance to pupils and persons employed at schools;

Provide class journal for all general education institutions for 2017-2020 school year;

Support to the pupil-oriented teaching process and development of the school environment through funding various school initiatives as well as developing school libraries;

Facilitate maintaining the language and cultural identity of ethnic Georgians residing on the territory of Azerbaijan and maintaining contacts with their historic motherland and support them in studying the Georgian language;

Facilitate boosting motivation of teachers and schools to engage pupils in unofficial educational activities;

Teach the Georgian language to refugees and IDPs or persons seeking a humanitarian status in Georgia in order to ensure their accessibility to the general education;

Facilitate raising awareness of parents of pupils at the secondary educational establishments and increasing their involvement in the lives of pupils.

Enhance opportunity to receive complete general education envisaged by Georgian legislation by pupils living on the territory of occupied Abkhazia, support to enhancement of their competitiveness at the national exams;

Ensure healthy and safe environment for pupils and persons employed at schools, provide timely emergency medical assistance to pupils and persons employed at schools;

Provide class journal for all general education institutions for 2017-2020 school year;

Support to the pupil-oriented teaching process and development of the school environment through funding various school initiatives as well as developing school libraries;

Facilitate maintaining the language and cultural identity of ethnic Georgians residing on the territory of Azerbaijan and maintaining contacts with their historic motherland and support them in studying the Georgian language;

Facilitate boosting motivation of teachers and schools to engage pupils in unofficial educational activities;

Teach the Georgian language to refugees and IDPs or persons seeking a humanitarian status in Georgia in order to ensure their accessibility to the general education;

Facilitate raising awareness of parents of pupils at the secondary educational establishments and increasing their involvement in the lives of pupils.

4.1.13 **Grant Financing of Schools (32 02 13)**

Provide grant financing for public schools to conduct free lessons.

4.1.14 **E-Learning (32 02 14)**

Select electronic educational resources through conducting competitions;

Facilitate e-learning.

4.1.15 **Provide the Internet connection for the institutions engaged in the educational network (32 02 15)**

Update of the single educational and information-communications network typology and improve the speed of the Internet/connection for the institutions engaged in the educational network

4.2 **Higher Education (32 04)**

Facilitate the National Exams and general Master's Degree exams;

Ensure state tuition grant financing for citizens of Georgia and foreign countries who were enrolled in higher education institutions as a result of national exams;

Provide stipends to successful students;

Strengthen international relations through support to teaching citizens of foreign countries, support to cooperation in education;

Support to integration of intellectual and material potential of higher education institutions.

4.2.1 **Organize Examinations (32 04 01)**

Facilitate conduct of final school exams for secondary education establishments and conduct of the national exams, general Master's exam and teachers' exams;

Conduct a grant competition for students which envisages allocation of more grant amount for the students who have a partial grant financing as a result of the competition results;

Ensure conduct of international surveys (assessment);

Ensure international assessment of pupils and students.

4.2.2 **State Tuition, Master's Grants and Promotion of Youth (32 04 02)**

Provide state tuition grant financing for citizens of Georgia and foreign countries who were enrolled in higher education institutions as a result of national exams;

Ensure program funding for the program direction/directions of the accredited educational programs of the accredited higher educational institutions funded by the state;

Provide master's degree grant financing for students enrolled at higher education institutions as a result of general master's examinations;

Provide stipends to successful students;

Strengthen international relations through supporting teaching citizens of foreign countries, support to cooperation in the field of education.

4.2.3 **Support to Higher Education (32 04 03)**

Support to higher education;

Develop the programs to support the development of the state language programs and promote it (including lexicography programs), their implementation and progress monitoring;

Support to development of bilingual academic lexicography;

Implement international survey "Eurostudent" to study social-economic and living conditions of higher education students.

4.2.4 **LEPL – International Education Center (32 04 04)**

Support to receiving education at various priority higher education institutions' master's and PhD programs recognized by foreign country legislation;

Strengthen public and civil sector of the country with highly qualified human resources, by training at various international programs and courses, through improvement of qualification;

Support to participation of Georgia's youth in international academic and youth programs.

4.3 **Development of Infrastructure of Educational and Scientific Institutions**

(32 07)

Improve school infrastructure and establish modern teaching technologies to ensure education quality at Georgia's education system is compatible with international standards;

Provide first grade pupils of public schools and their head teachers with personal computers (Netbooks), and successful youth with computer equipment;

Construction-rehabilitation of educational and scientific institutions' buildings under the Ministry, preparation of detailed design-cost calculations, provide tools and equipment.

4.3.1 Provide Information-Communication Technologies to Educational Institutions and Pupils/Students (32 07 01)

Support to ensure that education quality of Georgia's education system is in line with international standards, improve infrastructure and establish modern technologies in teaching process;

Provide first grade pupils of public schools and their head teachers with children's portable computers and successful youth with various computer equipment;

4.3.2 Development of Infrastructure of Educational and Scientific Institutions (32 07 02)

Construction-rehabilitation of facilities of LEPLs under the Ministry of Education and Science, territorial bodies, educational and scientific-research institutions, preparation of detailed design-cost calculation documentation, provide tools and equipment;

Support to moving from the current operations and maintenance system in schools to a new system.

4.3.2.1 Development of Infrastructure of General Education Institutions (32 07 02 01)

Construction and rehabilitation of general education institutions in various regions of Georgia;

Provide various tools and equipment to general education institutions;

Monitor heating systems installed at public schools during previous years and correct drawbacks.

4.3.2.2 Development of Vocational Institutions Infrastructure (32 07 02 02)

Construction and rehabilitation of vocational institutions in various regions of Georgia in order to increase geographical access to them;

Provide various tools and equipment to vocational institutions;

Construction/rehabilitation/equipment of new and existing vocational institutions to increase geographic accessibility of vocational education.

4.3.2.3 Development of Vocational Institutions Infrastructure (32 07 02 03)

Construction and rehabilitation of higher education and scientific institutions;

Construction and rehabilitation of higher education and scientific institutions;

4.3.2.4 **Development of Infrastructure of LEPLs and Territorial Bodies of the Education System (32 07 02 04)**

Construction-rehabilitation of facilities of LEPLs and territorial bodies of the education system;

Provide tools and equipment to the LEPLs and territorial bodies of the education system;

4.3.2.5 **Support to operations and maintenance system of the public schools (32 07 02 05)**

Support to operations and maintenance system of the public schools;

Capacity development of the entities responsible for maintenance of the public schools;

4.4 **Millennium Challenge Georgia (32 08)**

Improve public school infrastructure and teaching environment in Georgia's regions to improve quality of general education;

Carry out assessment of school teachers and administration representatives trainings and carry out class, national and international assessments;

Carry out class, national and international assessments;

Support to vocational education relevant to local economy and appropriate for market demand

Implement high quality international standard higher education programs in the fields of technology, engineering and mathematics;

4.5 **Support to Science and Scientific Research (32 05)**

Support to integration of intellectual and material potential of scientific-research institutions;

Promotion of mobility of academic personnel and international cooperation as well as international cooperation of young researchers;

Support to implementation of fundamental and applied scientific technological research through grant financing;

Finance learning-research projects of master's degree students and the doctoral educational program;

Support to scientific-research institutions;

Launch different forms of support to scientific researches;

Support to implementation of innovative policy

4.5.1 **Support to Issuance of Scientific Grants and Scientific Research (32 05 01)**

Support to scientific researches;

Support to young researchers;

Support to sciences and scientific researchers studying Georgia and protect and promote the material, cultural and non-material heritage of the country;

Support to the international scientific cooperation and relations;

Support to the scientific informational and technology infrastructure;

Popularization of science in Georgia;

4.5.2 **Scientific Institutions Programs (32 05 02)**

Support to fundamental and applied scientific research, upgrade scientific infrastructure, support to young scientists;

Deepen international cooperation in scientific research;

Conduct scientific forums and conferences in Georgia.

4.5.3 **Support to National Academy Programs (32 05 03)**

Support to development of science in Georgia in line with the World experience;

Conduct scientific meetings in agricultural, agro-engineering, storing and processing of agricultural products, livestock veterinary and forage production, economics and food safety;

Prepare recommendations on the bases of scientific-research work, support to combining research and teaching; deepen international and scientific-technical cooperation.

4.5.4 **Support to Scientists in the Field of Agriculture (32 05 04)**

Identify prioritized directions in scientific researches, and develop skills in scientific personnel based on modern scientific achievements in order to promote scientific and research institutions/entities;

Ensure necessary technical support and relevant conditions for activities of scientific personnel;

Identify innovations in course of researches.

4.5.5 **Popularization of science in Georgia (32 05 05)**

Conduct an annual scientific and innovations festival in order to promote science in Georgia the goal of which is to: promote scientific researches and innovations, highlight

the scientific and innovations potential in the country and introduction of Georgian and foreign researchers for the general community.

4.6 **Military Training and Education (29 02)**

Improve the training and education system for military servants in order to establish modern armed forces.

Improve training and education system for military personnel. High quality training approximated to real combat conditions in line with modern standards for establishment of highly qualified military personnel. Military trainings, courses, develop simulations, military education and primary military training, as well as specialized courses.

Ensure general education and initial military training for Cadets annually. Provide them with living conditions, medical treatment, food, uniforms and learning tools;

Ensure academic education, effective educational and training programs and their implementations, establish partnerships with foreign military and civic educational institutions and increase of qualifications of students/cadets, professors/teachers/instructors, invite instructors from partner countries; improve infrastructure necessary for learning process;

Develop military exercises, training courses, simulation facilities, military education and initial military training, as well as specialized courses.

4.7 **Vocational Education (32 03)**

Meet vocational-educational needs of the population and promote professional development and their professional careers;

Establish single, quality and effective vocational education and training system;

Implement vocational education development strategy 2013-2020 and action plan;

Support to improvement of vocational education quality, enhance accessibility of vocational education;

Training of employees of local self-governance and public school administrations of compact settlements of ethnic minorities in order to improve ethnic minorities knowledge of state language and their professional development;

4.7.1 **Support to Development of Vocational Education (32 03 01)**

Support and coordination of the action plan of the vocational education reform;
Support integration of the vocational education system in European education space;

Support to development of social partnership in vocational education and to the Public-Private partnership;

Orientation towards demand on vocational labor market and increase accessibility to vocational education;

Support to introduction of modular vocational programs;

Support to development of professional education quality;

Eradicate so called 'educational deadlocks' and barriers in the system so that vocational students can continue their studies;

Create educational environment in vocational institutions appropriate to the modern standards and tailored to the needs of students;

Full state funding for vocational students in the educational institutions founded by the state/with the participation of the state;

Establish new vocational institutions and increase geographical scope of the existing vocational institutions in order to increase accessibility to vocational education;

Work out mechanisms for inclusion of persons left out of formal education at vocational education institutions and acknowledgement of informal education;

4.7.2 **Accessibility of professional education for the defendants and the convict and former prisoners (32 03 02)**

Support to acquiring various professions by accused and convicted persons (both adults and juveniles) through vocational educational courses.

Support to various vocational training of former prisoners, their family members or/and diverted persons;

4.7.3 **Educational Management Information System (32 03 03)**

Training of persons employed at local self-government bodies, at enterprises and non-commercial legal entities managed by local self-government, at territorial bodies of executive branch entities and at LEPLs located at compact ethnic minority settlements and high mountainous regions of Georgia, improve their qualification and level of Georgian language knowledge

4.8 **Development and Management of State Policy and Programs in Education and Science (32 01)**

Implement unified state policy in the fields of education and science, coordination and control activities of each unit in the sphere;

Ensure equal opportunity for education for each citizen of Georgia

Create and develop early and pre-school education system, improve general, vocational and higher education systems, implement science development and state language policy;

Harmonization of educational programs with international education, ensure quality of education together with each member of society and educational institutions, constant improvement of education quality and enhance trust to Georgian education locally and internationally;

Improve and ensure functioning of the system for preparation, establishment and development of national assessments and national curriculum;

Approval of textbooks for I-VI and VII-XII grades in order to support national curriculum;

Improve internal and external mechanisms for education quality assurance by educational institutions;

Support integration of the Georgian educational space with the European education space and ensure participation in the Bologna process;

Develop professional standards for the professions identified as a result of labor market research and revise existing professional standards on the bases of updated methodology and international experience;

Develop and pilot implementation of distance learning in the field of vocational education;

Develop framework programs in cooperation with employers;

Launching a new Data Center;

Organize local networks in classrooms of and studies in the public schools;

Ensure VoIP telephone connection of the public schools;

Introduce the information security management system;

Develop the Information Communications Technology Policy in the general education (ICT Policy);

Develop the information management system in the general education establishments (eSchool) – further improve the existing modules, ensure development of new models and their integration in the system;

Organize introduction of electronic journal in the general education establishments;

Modify the information management system in the vocational institutions (eVET) taking into consideration new needs/modular learning;

eUNI – develop information management system in the higher education establishments;

Develop the e-system of evaluation of teachers and support to their introduction;

Modify the electronic registration system and resources for the 1st graders in compliance with the legal requirements;

Develop the information system of data bases of education management;

Provide information support to the education management processes;

Provide thematic trainings to the structural entities under the Ministry of Education and Sciences in order to support introduction of electronic products created by the management system;

Reduce time needed for preparation of management information and enhance reliability;

Improve monitoring and control system of educational institutions and ensure transparency and quality of decisions made;

Establish a system oriented on internal and external mechanisms for education quality and assessment of educational programs compatibility with international standards using the system; Introduce the principle of lifetime learning and facilitate internalization of education. Retrain experts based on demands and support to educational establishments;

Support to receiving uninterrupted education in the Georgia educational space for foreign students, and for Georgian citizens in the international education space;

Develop professional qualifications.

Ensure accessibility of modern information communication technologies in the education system and develop relevant infrastructure;

Create a single information system, introduce/develop e-management system.

4.9

Support to Arts Education System (33 03)

Further develop learning process, curricula and plans, increase qualification of teachers, and facilitate development of students and pupils;

Harmonization of Georgia art educational system in the international art education system and its integration in the international art education system;

Cooperation with art education institutions in other countries, facilitate participation in master-classes and competitions and festivals;

4.10

Library Activities (01 02)

National Library conducted librarian, bibliographic and scientific-research activities, centralized collection and analysis of statistical data, state protection in the field of library, identification of policy for training-retraining appropriate human resources;

Extension of electronic library and diversification of proposed services;

4.11

Training-retraining Highly Qualified Staff for Law Enforcement Bodies, Digitalization of Archive Funds, Scientific-Research Activity and Citizens' Service (30 03)

Implement Master's degree, Bachelor's degree, vocational and special educational programs;

Train and retrain qualified and professional mid-career cadre in the police;

Archive activities;

Train and retrain professional police staff at the mid-career;

Protect the most significant materials stored in the archives of MOIA (Ministry of Internal Affairs) reflecting the most recent history of Georgia but for future scientific research activities as well as for identifying persons or to restore significant events

4.12

Inclusive Education (32 06)

Care for improvement of quality of education of pupils with special educational needs at public schools, ensure appropriate environment for them;

Provide systemic trainings for teachers for pupils with special educational needs, special

teachers, for teachers and other specialist;

Integration and support to socialization of public school pupils, students and socially unprotected, children without care, children with special needs, IDPs, repatriated and ethnic minority representative adolescents, as well as sparking willingness to involve them in civil activity through planning and implementing community activities;

Assessment of pupils with special educational needs by multi-discipline specialists team of inclusive education; provide support and consultations to public schools regarding working with individual curriculum;

Provide special educational services for so called children working and living in streets, arrange Summer Camp for children without a shelter, develop an educational model to ensure accessible and continuous education for the youth not enrolled in the formal education;

Ensure 24 hours or day care services for beneficiaries of special education institutions in which development of beneficiaries with special educational needs will be taken care of based on individual needs, age and abilities.

4.13 **Tbilisi Public Schools Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Increase Project (CEB, E5P) (32 09)**

Rehabilitation, reconstruction and increase energy effectiveness of 25 public schools.

4.14 **LEPL – National Academy of Science(58 00)**

Support to development of science in Georgia in line with the World experience;

Support to fundamental and applied scientific research;

Forecast development of science in Georgia and prepare suggestions on state priorities in line with achievements of the World science.

4.15 **Training of Ministry of Justice System Employees and Development of Teaching Center (26 04)**

Analyze training needs of the staff of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, employees of LEPLs and other organizations with the system of this Ministry and other organizations in order to retrain them;

Organize competition, attestation and qualification tests; develop programs for test assignments, training modules and training courses and their regular renewal, including through purchasing foreign certified programs.

4.16 **Training-Retraining of Judges and Court Staff (09 02)**

Regular provision of training course for justice students (judicial candidates) in order to provide court system with highly qualified staff;

Training of sitting judges and courts staff through regular trainings, seminars, workshops and conferences;

Implement the Strategy Development Document and a respective Action Plan of the High School of Justice prepared in cooperation with EU Council and Georgian experts.

4.17 **Project for Establishing Hydrotechnical Research Laboratory at the Technical University of Georgia, SU (Unicredit Bank) (32 10)**

Establish Hydrotechnical Research Laboratory on the base of the Energy and Hydro Technical Scientific Research Institute existing at the Georgian University of Georgia.

4.18 **Training and Professional Development of Ministry of Correction Staff (27 03)**

Support to undergoing criminal justice reform, fulfillment of the requirements of the European Council and UN standards and improvement of human rights protection through professional training-retraining of penitentiary and probation system personnel;

Ensure qualified staff for the penitentiary and probation system;

Establish institute for testing of the staff employed and persons willing to be employed by the system and conduct testing per requirements, support to selection of staff for the system and improve staff quality;

Update existing training programs and prepare new programs through local resources and involvement of international experts, ensure constant improvement of quality of trainings;

4.19 **Enhancement of Qualification of Persons Employed in Financial Sector (23 05)**

Improve qualification of representatives of the system of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia through facilitating analyzing training needs and implementing training projects envisaged by the plan as well as through organizing programs oriented on professional development;

Support to the system of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia as well as other interested organizations in selecting new cadre and through organizing qualification testing;

Support to the reforms initiated by the Ministry of Finance of Georgia through organizing trainings related to their implementation;

Implement training, educating, workshop and conference types projects for development of the private sector as well as representatives of the organizations funded by the budget;

Develop and implement training programs together with international and foreign organizations in order to increase the professional knowledge, including within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of Netherlands and the training program implemented with the International Monetary Fund.

4.20 **State Regulation of Heraldic Activities (01 03)**

Carry out single state policy with regard to heraldry issues in the country;

Teaching-preparation and conduct of seminars regarding regulations for creation, adoption, approval and use of symbols (flag, emblem) by self-governing towns and municipalities;

Prepare and conduct exhibition of symbols of self-governing towns and municipalities;

4.21 **Improve Public Servants' Qualification in International Relations (28 02)**

Professional development and enhancement of qualification of employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and employees of other bodies in international relations;

Improve the training center (improve qualification of employees, develop new programs and improve existing ones);

Establish close cooperation with the World's leading diplomatic schools and academies in order to share experience;

Enrich library for the employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

4.22 **Support to the Maritime Professional Education (24 12)**

Train qualified staff to be employed in maritime-trade fleet and maritime transport infrastructure;

5. **Macroeconomic Stability and Improvement of Investment Environment**

Consequently, based on the principles of free market, economic policy of the government on one hand will be focused on further development of private sector and solution of problems existing there, which will promote strengthening private sector and generation of jobs in the country, and on the other hand will ensure support to the groups of population, which need this the most, until reaching desirable level of economic development. Inclusive economic growth is a priority of government's economic policy. The main goal of the government of Georgia is the introduction of the model, which, in parallel with economic growth, will reduce poverty and unemployment. The government's economic policy, along with the principles of economic efficiency, is based on social security and justice principles. For ensuring long-term, rapid economic growth, the government's economic policy is to engage the country's economy factors in the maximum circuit. Georgian Government's 4-paragraph plan is focused on business, as the main driver of economic growth, development, maximize the use of human resources potential in the country's development, Infrastructure rapid development and implementation of the principles of open government. Macroeconomic stability – Economic policy of the Government of Georgia is based on the principle of macroeconomic stability, as a foundation of the economic development. Fiscal discipline, low level of unemployment and price stability, Monetary policy independence, gradual decreasing of the current account deficit and maintain stability in the financial sector- all are important factors of long-term economic growth. Georgia is the country of a small, open economy. Accordingly, it can not be isolated from the ongoing situation in the region and the world economy. However, a stable macroeconomic environment is important to mitigate the impacts of negative external shocks. With purpose of macroeconomic stability and effective implementation of the budgetary process: * Permanent process of optimization of expenses will be continued, which will be focused on release of resources and their distribution to priorities. Besides, administrative expenses will be reduced and their future increase in future

will be limited;

- Perfection of programme budget principles will be ensured;
- Transparency of budget will be increased
- The state debt will be maintained against GDP on the level, which will ensure stable credit rating and positive investment image of the country;
- Effective coordination of fiscal and monetary policy will be ensured;
- Temporary measures, envisaged by the legislation will be used for purpose of mobilization of the budget revenues for funding large scale projects, important for the country's development;

- Independence of national bank will be untouched;
- Increase of crediting in GEL will be promoted.

According to the four paragraph plan of Government of Georgia, tax administration will be improved. Seizures of business accounts will never happen without the Court decision. period of audit for companies will be regulated and the use of pre-trial detention for economic crimes will be eliminated, except the extraordinary cases. The above mentioned steps will give businesses more freedom and will create additional potential for economic development. With the regard to improving access to finances, existing programmes for promoting entrepreneurship will be improved, they will be optimized in terms of improving efficiency. With purpose of promotion of effective relations between the government and business, entire space – “Business House” will be established, where all respective agencies will provide services to business based on one stop principle. Consequently, business will spend less time and resources for getting respective resources The regulatory impact assessment (RIA) tool will be widely introduced, which would make it possible to be analyzed each of the business impact of the decision in advance, thus the business will be protected from possible negative influence. In order to support specific business environment, Government will gradually exit from those economic industries, which have ability to be operated and developed independently. Supporting of the competitive industries by the state will be strengthened, in order to ensure the increase of the local and export production potential. With purpose of stimulating economic growth in Georgia, besides improvement of business climate the government of Georgia plans implementation of large scale reforms: Capital market reform – The developed capital market in the country means, ensuring efficient possibility to obtain long-term financial resources for companies, along with bank crediting. Thus, capital market creates competitive environment, not only for crediting, but also for the effective savings distribution. Moreover, if for any reasons, the bank crediting is restricted, the bond market may have a balancing role. The function of the capital market is not only financial resources supply to business. Developed market is additional tool for the placement of population savings. As a result, transparent and developed capital market promotes steady

economic growth and increase population wellbeing. Pension Reform – State is implementing pension reform, which is focused on moving to the private cumulative pension system. This reform is a wider component of the capital market reform, because it facilitates in generating the long-term financial resources. Land reform – Inventarization of the state property will be implemented, which means a nationwide state property registration and collecting in the unified database. This will facilitate the administration and management of state assets process, engage unused assets in turnover, perfection of the land registry and the improvement of information access. Public-private partnership system development - the one of the significant factor of country's economic development and attracting of investment is a public-private partnership. For the last 4 years in collaboration between State and Business a number of important projects were implemented. For further strengthening Public-private partnership system, it is necessary to refine the relevant legislation. Signing EU – Georgia Association Agreement, in particular DCFTA, Georgia gets important opportunities for its economy, in terms of increase of export, attracting investments and improving productivity in the country. The agreement was signed with EFTA; negotiations on free trade were finalized with Chinese People's Republic; negotiations on free trade agreement are underway with Hong -Kong; and the negotiations on expending free trade agreement will be conducted with Turkey. Work for development of liberal trade regimes will be continued with priority countries. Consequently, export potential of Georgian products and diversification will be improved. The priority of the Government of Georgia is supporting founding business ties and partnership enhancing process between Georgia and other foreign countries in order to integrate the country into world liberal markets. The government’s policy will be focused on strengthening economic component of diplomatic representations of Georgia abroad and implementation of the system

of commercial attaches.

5.1 **State Property Management (24 06)**

State property management and administration;

Implement real estate component of the state program Produce in Georgia;

Improve service quality and establish efficient management systems (electronization and systematization of documentary archive) and also, in order to improve accessibility of information on state property disposal implement project Without Leaving Villages;

Implement full fledged project of state property inventory count and create single database for state property. Maintain and ensure protection of state property in order to ensure inclusion of unused assets in economic activities and to ensure their accessibility.

5.2 **Development of Entrepreneurship (24 07)**

Under the Produce in Georgia state program:

- ✓ Development of entrepreneurship in Georgia, support to entrepreneurs, support to establishment of new enterprises/support to extension/upgrade of existing enterprises and increase competitiveness and export potential of private sector through accessibility of financing, real estate and technical assistance;
- ✓ Support to micro and small entrepreneurship in regions;
- ✓ Develop film production in Georgia.

Under the export development and support:

- ✓ Promotion of Georgia's export potential at various international markets;
- ✓ Diversification of export markets;
- ✓ Enhance capabilities of local, export oriented companies through market research and consultations, enhance competitiveness and join European entrepreneurs' network;

Enhance awareness of entrepreneurs regarding DCFTA requirements and provide technical assistance for implementation of the requirements.

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5.3 **Revenue Mobilization and Improvement of Taxpayer Service (23 02)**

Improve legislative bases and customs procedures, develop electronic services to improve services for taxpayers;

Further simplification of tax administration, establish comprehensive control procedures;

Promote of voluntary law abidance;

Arrange service halls in line with modern standards in order to improve service potential and enhance satisfaction of taxpayers, introduce mobile service centers, which would make service even more comfortable;

Support to the process of integration with the EU;

Computerization of management of tax inspection procedures;

Simplification of customs procedures;

Establish systems of data regarding passengers (API-PNR) and cargo selection (WCO CTS) in order to support effective implementation of preliminary data processing and strengthening customs control measures (including identification of violation of tax legislation, suppression and prevention);

Improvement of trade support instruments and execution of customs, sanitary, phytosanitary border control.

5.4

Public Financial Management (23 01)

Improve methodology for better macroeconomic analysis and forecasting and extend its scope, improve long term forecasting, improve models for macroeconomic development scenarios, establishment of fiscal risks management and assessment system; Ensure financing state priorities with appropriate resources;

Prepare mid-term expenditure frameworks and draft annual budgets in order to mobilize and effectively allocate appropriate resources for fulfillment of the state's functions and obligations;

Public finance management and further regulation of fiscal regulations to achieve stable fiscal parameters, in line with the best practice accepted internationally;

Appropriate completion of stages defined by the budget process calendar;

Complete inclusion of accounts of local self-governance units and Legal Entities of Public Law in unified account system of the treasury and the single budget management electronic system;

Further plan public financial management reform to further develop budget process, budget planning and execution (including coordination of preparation of program budget, mid-term expenditure framework, piloting/comprehensive introduction of the methodology for preparation/implementation of investment projects);

Further improvement of tax policy, including better distribution of tax burden among taxpayers, consideration of requests of entrepreneurs to the extent possible, improvement of investment environment, ensure mobilization of appropriate resources to the state budget in the form of tax revenue for further improvement of tax legislation and harmonization with the EU directives under the EU Association Agreement;

5.5

Economic Policy Making and Implementation (24 01)

Prepare and implement such economic policy that will ensure high growth rates to achieve sustainable economic development of the country and inclusive economy;

Organize the process of formation of economic growth policy with involvement of stakeholders;

Identification of significant direction for economic development;

Coordination of small and medium size business development strategy and activities

defined in the respective action plan;

Assessment/analysis of potential and competitiveness of various sectors of economy;

Identification/preparation of regulating legislative base to improve Georgia's position in international ratings and assess impact of the introduced regulations on business environment;

Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) of existing legislation as well as new draft normative acts on business environment; prepare legislative initiatives supporting business environment and prepare respective normative acts;

Maintain macroeconomic stability and improve investment environment;

Analysis of macroeconomic statistical data and prepare respective report;

Develop bilateral, regional and multilateral trade relations, as well as preferential and free trade regimes;

Support to application of the DCFTA with the EU. Support to reduction of technical barriers in trade and compliance of products/services produced in the country with international/European requirements;

Deepen bilateral and multilateral cooperation for economic development of the country;

Deepen economic relations with trade partner countries for integration of Georgia in international economic space;

Analysis of regional and multilateral trade relations and regimes and prepare recommendations for their development;

Analysis of Georgia's international trade in order to support export, identification of new export markets/products and prepare recommendations for improvement of trade balance. Ensure consulting services for draft investment agreements;

Prepare "Green Growth" National Strategy for sustainable development of the country; Create energy efficiency legislative bases in construction, industry and transport fields and support to implementation of resource saving activities, which would ensure rational use of environmental and natural resources with consideration of interest of current and future generations;

Carry out respective activities (obligation to meet requirements of the directive 2010/30/EU beginning December 31, 2018) for approximation of national legislation with the EU legislative acts and international legal instruments and also together with Danish International Development Agency work on the project Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Support in Georgia, which envisages preparation and introduction of energy consumption marking system for household appliances in line with the EU directives;

Arrange Tbilisi Silk Road and provide information on investment projects to the participants of the Forum;

Modification of the existing pension system and introduction of private pension system;

Support to development of liquid capital market in Georgia;

Integration of Georgia in international transport systems and develop country's transport potential;

Prepare National Transport Policy and its action plan, implementation of directives and regulations under the Association Agreement and DCFTA between Georgia and the EU and implement infrastructure projects of regional importance;

Develop Georgia's logistic field under the East-West highway project (the project is being implemented with the World Bank support);

Sign bilateral as well as multilateral governmental agreements with various countries in automobile, sea and civil aviation fields aimed at creation of unified transportation systems among the countries, improvement of infrastructure, establishment of competitive transportation tariffs and simplification of customs procedures;

Study accidents in civil aviation and sea transportation and take preventive measures, and also prepare recommendation;

Ensure preparation of general landscaping scheme of the country, municipalities' landscaping plans, settlements' land use general plans and construction regulation plans and also support to preparation of landscaping plans of Abkhazia and Ajara Autonomous Republics;

Approximation of Georgian legislation to the European norms in the field of construction, translation of the European codes in Georgian language and prepare national annexes to the European codes, agreements for Stages I and II construction permits for recreational territories and agreement of construction experts for objects of special importance;

Ensure uninterrupted operation of electronic communication networks (including broadcasting), emergency-technical management, critical infrastructure and communications in emergency situations;

Reforming post and prepare legislative and normative acts in the field of post service.

5.6 **Electronic and Analytical Support to Financial Management (23 04)**

Creation, development, maintenance and ensure sustainability and reliability of the information-communication infrastructure required for effective operation of the Ministry of Finance (MOF);

Informative and analytical support to the MOF;

Research and analysis of IT products, e-services and services important for the MOF;

Creation, establishment and maintenance of new software;

Support to information and cyber security of the MOF;

Develop components of e-governance and provision of respective state and municipal services;

Integration of the information systems of the MOF in information-communication space of the country.

5.7 **Planning and Management of Statistical Work (47 01)**

Prepare state program for statistical works; planning, management, conduct, dissemination and reporting of statistical surveys; prepare methodological and statistical standards; HR, financial, material-technical and informative-technological support for achieving set goals and objectives;

5.8 **State Statistical Work Programme (47 02)**

Prepare, implement and publish results of the statistical surveys of utmost importance for the country, assessment of the country's export potential and investment micro climate, calculation of consumer and producer price indices, analysis of the events and processes in business sector (also in non-commercial organizations sector), calculation of labor statistics in industrial and non-industrial sectors, private and public sectors, ongoing demographic survey;

Obtain, process and disseminate current statistical data on agriculture;

Establish inequality, employment and unemployment, income and expenses and other indicators for assessment of economic and social condition of population;

Tourism statistics survey;

Survey of energy resources consumption;

Indicators for use of innovative activities and innovative technologies in various sectors.

5.9 **LEPL – Financial Monitoring Service of Georgia (56 00)**

Support to fight against legalization of illegal income in Georgia and suppression of terrorism financing;

Creation of information network, which would ensure information systemization and analysis, creation and maintenance of data recording bases.

5.10 **LEPL – Competition Agency (43 00)**

Support to free entrepreneurship and competition;

Removal of administrative, legal and discriminatory barriers to market entry by state, Autonomous government and/or local self-government bodies in order to support market liberalization;

Compliance with equality principles in activities by economic agents, which envisages:

Impermissibility of abuse of dominant condition;

Impermissibility of contracts, decisions and agreements restricting competition;

Impermissibility of granting exclusive rights by state, Autonomous Republic government and/or local self-government bodies unreasonably restricting competition;

Impermissibility of state support hampering competition;

Ensure public, objective, non-discriminatory and transparent nature of the decisions made by the Competition Agency;

Further improvement of the legislation regulating competitiveness in the country.

5.11 **LEPL – Georgian National Investment Agency (49 00)**

Support to attraction of investment;

Enhance awareness regarding the country's investment opportunities;

Render information service to existing and potential investors and support to their business activities;

Conduct work necessary to attract foreign investments in priority sectors for the country.

5.12 **Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (52 01)**

5.13 **Supervision of Accounting, Reporting and Audit (23 06)**

Supervision of accounting, reporting and audit fields in Georgia;

Creation and management of reliable information system (statements portal and auditors register) containing financial and management data on private entities, which helps stakeholders (investors, creditors, suppliers, banks, regulating bodies, state bodies) in making correct economic decisions.

Ensure preparation of universal policy in the fields of accounting, reporting and audit, annual renewal of international reporting and audit standards, establish financial reporting standards for certain categories of companies and Non-commercial Legal Entities;

Reform and monitor professional education system for accountants and auditors based on the best international practice.

5.14 **Development of Standardization and Metrology Spheres (24 03)**

Extend service area and range of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology;

Renew standards base under Stage II of Comprehensive Institutional Building (CIB) program;

Integration of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology in international and regional organizations;

Implement activities with respect to part of the requirements of the DCFTA and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) to achieve international recognition in the field of metrology and standardization.

5.15 **Population and Livelihood Census (47 03)**

Georgia's census 2014 was conducted, data was processed and results were published in accordance with Program and Action Plan for Census 2014 approved by Georgia's Population Census Coordination Government Commission.

5.16 **Management and Development of Accreditation Process (24 04)**

Development and improvement of accreditation activities;

Conduct accreditation work by entities conducting compliance assessment in the fields regulated by law as well as in voluntary fields in line with internationally accepted requirements.

Offer accreditation directions on the compliance assessment market, namely: working out accreditation scheme for entities conducting qualification examinations and conduct trainings for stakeholders in compliance with international standards ISO/IEC 17043;

Implement project for further approximation of the Accreditation Center with the EU

practice under Comprehensive Institutional Building (CIB) instrument;

Implement final activities aimed at acknowledgement by international and regional accreditation organizations as EA signatory party.

6. **Institutional Development and Legal Support to the Country's Interests**

New “Law on Public Service”, which shall provide respective grounds for implementation of public service reform and “good governance” principles. Gradually will be developed career model of public service, which will ensure recruitment and promotion of the servants in accordance with objective criteria.

Implementation of entire system for policy planning and monitoring will be continued throughout Georgia, which is based on the idea of development of transparent, result focused public engagement principle and accountability. The entire system for policy planning and monitoring will be the foundation for the implementation of UN sustainability goals at the national level, as well as the integration of the national planning documents.

Public administration reform will be continued for the purpose of strengthening public finance management, accountability and local self-governing management capabilities, in order to implement this reform fully and successfully. The Government of Georgia will continue to improve the human rights protection standards in accordance with the principles of the national strategy on human rights.

In order to ensure the development of criminal policy, the criminal justice system reform will be continued with the participation of civil society, in accordance with international standards and best practices.

The state will continue to ensure strict protection of property rights. The process of justice restoration will be continued. Government of Georgia, under the frame of constitution and in accordance with international obligations, will apply to all legal mechanisms, in order to restore violated rights for each individual.

Respective steps will be made to ensure effective coordination of activities for combatting corruption, public engagement, raising public awareness with this regard, implementation and strengthening of anti-corruption mechanisms. The system for monitoring property declaration will be implemented, which will facilitate proper monitoring, in particular verification of accuracy of the data provided in the declarations. Legislation and supervision system regulating right to privacy will be improved and compliant with international standards, development of the mechanisms for internal and external control will be continued, which will ensure high standards for protection of the right to privacy in the course of investigative activities. These changes will be implemented in a way, that a reasonable balance between privacy of the private life and security of the country and people to be ensured. effective measures will be implemented for raising public awareness about the protection of private life and personal.

Effective measures will be also promoted for the realization of the right to equality and prevention of the discrimination on any ground. Georgia, as a recognized leader in the fight against corruption in the region and the co-chair country of Open Government Partnership (OGP), will continue performing in order to make its achievements even more impressive in the field of fight against corruption. For this reason, it will continue to work closely with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), GRECO and other international organizations. The norms regulating accessibility of public information will be improved and new Law on Freedom of information will be elaborated, which will ensure compliance of Georgian legislation and practice with international standards and best practice of other countries, as well as consolidation of information on freedom of information disseminated in different acts into one legislative act and elimination of existing legislative

gaps. The practice of issuance of public information will be improved.

6.1 Legislative Operation (01 01)

Parliament of Georgia, as the highest representative body of the country, implements legislative authority, defines main directions of domestic and foreign policy, controls activities of the Government of Georgia (GOG), fulfills authorities assigned by the constitution, other legislative acts and regulations of the Parliament.

6.2 Measures for Holding Elections (06 02)

Legal, organizational, financial and material-technical support to election activities;
Purchase necessary furniture and fixtures to conduct elections;
Conduct image making-advertising campaign during election period;
Implement educational programs for electorate;
Ensure inclusive election environment;
Facilitate gender balanced and equal opportunity environment;
Enhance qualification of district and precinct election commission members.

6.3 Staff of the State Audit Office (05 01)

Establishment of the SAO as a modern, independent supreme audit body, which conducts its activities in line with international standards and enjoys public confidence;
Introduction of modern, exemplary practice of supreme audit bodies and enhance professional awareness of auditors through knowledge and skills improvement;
Monitoring of external audit possibilities, legislative mandate and implementation of issued recommendations;
Support to legality, target fullness and effectiveness of spending and using public resources other public material values;
Establish IT audit;
Support to improvement of public finance management within its scope.

6.4 Funding of Political Parties and NGO Sector (06 04)

Development of political parties and NGO sector and support to establishment of sound competitive political system in line with- organic law of Georgia on Political Unions of Citizens;
Conduct grant competition on election theme for NGOs and ensure distribution of the budget funds for the grants.

6.5 Improvement of Election Environment (06 01)

Conduct unbiased, transparent elections administered at high level in line with legislation and create all conditions for electorate and other involved parties to freely exercise voting rights;

Institutional strengthening: strengthen independence, professionalism and trustfulness of the election administration, establish effective budget policy and system oriented on continuous organizational and professional development, contribute to development of democratic processes;

Civic and electorate education: enhance level of civil involvement in election processes through implementation of educational programs, support to electorate activity enhancement and informed decision making;

Election environment: Establish maximally inclusive election environment through active participation of the parties involved in election process, support to improvement of

legislation;

Election processes planning, organizational, legal and technical provision for all types of elections.

6.6

State Policy Preparation and Management to Support Legislative Activities and Legal Interests of the Country, including Implementation of Criminal Justice System Reform (26 01)

Develop drafts of legislative and sub-legislative normative acts; coordinate activities of the Parliaments and Ministry in regard of law drafting; study necessity and prospects of developing certain law disciplines, study and analyze laws of foreign states, and study issues in other line Ministries and bodies for law drafting purposes;

Study compliance of the normative acts with the Constitution of Georgia; prepare proposals, conclusions and drafts to ensure compliance of the effective normative acts with higher level normative acts and to eradicate legal collisions;

Prepare legislative initiatives, draft legislative and sub-legislative normative acts in order to develop various prioritized fields (criminal law, juvenile justice, labor law, democratic governance, anticorruption reform, freedom of information, etc.); bring the Georgian legislation with international treaties and the commitments taken by accessing international organizations, etc.;

Support to the rule of law, justice, to defining and implementing the public policy in the democratic governance; conduct legal and sociological studies; make legal expertise of legislative acts and of certain sub-legislative normative acts defined by the laws and establish their compliance with higher hierarchy normative acts;

Develop cooperation policy with foreign countries and international organizations; develop a legal policy and implementation in regard of the following issues: combat against trafficking, combat against drug abuse, implement international humanitarian law at the national level, combat against torture and improper treatment, implement the UN sanctions at the national level; represent Georgia in disputes with regard to the complaints filed against Georgia in the European Court of Human Rights and UN human rights treaty bodies;

Representation of the Ministry of Justice in civil and administrative disputes in Georgia courts; the state representation in foreign courts and courts of arbitration; as well as the state representation in international courts of justice, ECHR and in UN treaty bodies (quasi -court of human rights) in current cases; manage and coordinate illegal international traffic cases of children; execute the decisions delivered by international courts of human rights in regard of Georgia; cooperate with International Criminal Court; Administer activities of Criminal Justice Reform Inter-Agency Coordination Council, provide organizational and analytical support; strengthen the capacities of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Council and further improve the monitoring mechanism; annually update sectoral strategies and action plans of the Criminal Justice Reform; coordinate interagency activities during implementation; prepare annual progress reports; Support to fulfillment of financial agreement terms of budget support program for justice sector reform; prepare report on fulfillment of the terms and submit the report to the EU delegation;

Annual update of national anti-corruption strategy and according to the anti-corruption performance monitoring methodology prepare and publish the progress report of implementing the 2015-2016 action plan of the anti-corruption strategy for the recent six months, as well as 2016 Monitoring Report and evaluation report of progress of 2015-2016 Action Plan. Develop the national anti-corruption strategy implementation action plans

for 2017-2018 and 2019-2020; prepare annual report on activities of the Anti-Corruption Council and submit it to the Government of Georgia; ensure participation of representatives of Georgia in international events planned within the framework of Open Governance Partnership.

6.7 Ensure Protection of the National Archive Fund, Introduction of Modern Technologies in Service Delivery and Access to Documents (26 03)

Add documents in material or/and electronic form to the National Archive Fund, create an e-base of documents of the National Archive Fund and regularly renew it, describe the documents in the National Archive Fund and account for them in a centralized way (incl. in electronic form), ensure relevant conditions to preserve the documents in the National Archive Fund and restore damaged documents;

Transfer the Archive documents to electronic media; transfer/place the documents protected in the local archives in the repaired buildings of the regional Archives;

In order to introduce services oriented on citizens and increase access to documents create and further improve electronic catalogues of electronic systems of registering and managing researchers of the National Archive Fund and recording genealogical data and documents (textual, photo-phono-video documents, maps) of the National Archive Fund; Complete constructing the building of Kutaisi Central Archive and equip it with relevant furniture and fixtures.

6.8 LEPL – Legal Aid Service (53 00)

Defend a victim of domestic violence (if a victim is indigent);

Protect the persons with phyco-social needs in regard of whom the court considers to recognize them as receivers of the support;

Act as a representative in certain civil and administrative cases in administrative bodies (at present only the representation in court is available);

Based on the Juvenile Justice Code to defend not only persons from 14 to 18 who are defendants, convicts and exonerated, but also those who are at age 18 to 21, as well as to defend minors who are recognized as victims and defend witnesses who are under age.

Defend minors in conflict with the law in such administrative offense cases which envisage administrative detention as a penalty;

Ensure legal aid to those asylum seekers in regard of whom the court considers issuing/terminating/cancelling the status of refugee or humanitarian status as well as considers issues of granting asylum;

Carry out relevant work to increase publicity of the Legal Aid Service;

Increase accessibility to legal aid through opening additional offices and expanding attorney services;

Ensure high quality of service though providing adequate remuneration and continuous professional retraining of the employees;

High publicity of the system of legal aid.

6.9 Capacity Building of the Office of Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia (41 01)

Planned and unexpected (unplanned) monitoring of human rights conditions at custodial restrained places;

Work out recommendations on preventing torture or other severe, non-human or humiliating behavior;
 Prepare and submit monitoring reports;
 Publish reports of the Public Defender of Georgia and present at various levels;
 Receive, review and respond to applications/claims regarding possible infringement of human rights;
 Monitoring of the recommendations given, assessment of their implementation; support and increase the number of regional offices of the Public Defender of Georgia;
 Implement educational campaigns in human rights sphere, including preparation of social advertisement and distribution through mass media;
 Carry out educational activities for targeted audience;
 Publish monthly information booklets of Public Defender of Georgia;
 Implement educational campaigns in human rights sphere, including preparation of social advertisement and distribution through mass media;
 Facilitate development of tolerance culture and establishment of equal rights environment;
 Facilitate multilateral dialogue between majority and minority; support to integration of ethnic and religious minorities;
 Monitoring of condition of religious and ethnic minorities, identify and analyze existing trends, prepare recommendations and proposals regarding tolerance and submit them to respective state bodies;
 Monitoring human rights action plan and national integration and tolerance action plan of the Government with involvement of representatives of religious and ethnic minorities;
 Supervise the child's rights condition in the center and regions as well; strengthen monitoring of juvenile penitentiary facilities;
 Monitoring of children's pre-school facilities;
 Supervision of training of juveniles placed under 24-hour state care with an eye on them leaving the care institution;
 Monitoring implementation of national and international acts regarding gender equality in Georgia, review applications/claims regarding gender equality received by the Public Defender's Office and prepare appropriate draft conclusions/recommendations/proposals;
 Generalization activities and experience of state or non-government organizations operating in Georgia or overseas and organize their establishment in Georgia;
 Monitor rights of disabled persons;
 Support to development of effective state policy regarding disabled persons and advocacy for interests of disabled persons;
 Monitor implementation of requirements set by the UN Convention on Rights of Disabled Persons;
 Study and monitor human rights at so called ABL villages;
 Carry out functions defined by the Law of Georgia on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination;
 Monitor human rights and main freedoms in the fields of defense and security

6.10

Development of Accessibility and Services Offered by the Public Service Hall (26 08)

Maintain the high standards of providing state services and further improving them, introduce new products/services and ensure accessibility to them by interested persons;

Accessibility to state services and reduce time spent on administrative procedures; additionally, integrate private and state services, including: services provided by the Architecture Service of Tbilisi City Hall, services provided by National Center of Intellectual property (Sakpatenti): registration of trademarks; registration of geographical origin), etc.;

Construction of a new building of the Public Service Hall of Akhalkalaki; promote the services provided by the Public Service Hall, increase awareness level and export the

concept of the Public Service Hall in interested countries;

Open branch offices of the Public Service Hall in all administrative entities in where the population on average is or exceeds 20000-30000 (Akhmeta, Martvili, Khoni, Lanchkhuti) and make up to 400 services available at once place in these administrative entities.

6.11

Development of Land Market (WB) (26 09)

Systematic registration on the title on a land; 12 pilot areas were selected (12 settlements, 48 000 agricultural land): Karaleti (Gori Municipality), Jimiti (Gurjaani Municipality), Arboshiki (Dedepliskaro Municipality), Akhiloskalo (Dedepliskaro Municipality), Salkhino (Vani Municipality), Manglisi (Tetriskaro Municipality), Zaridzeebi (Tianeti Municipality), Vedidkari (Martvili Municipality), Lakhamula (Mestia Municipality), Saguramo (Mtskheta Municipality), Mzisguli (Sagarejo Municipality), Shuakhevi (Shuakhevi Municipality);

High precision cadaster surveying through using modern technologies; develop relevant methodology and instruction to implement private projects and evaluate the results; and work out relevant methodology and recommendation to implement Land Registration National Program.

6.12

Development of e-Governance (26 05)

Supporting single window principle, as well as ensuring effective and secure data exchange of state organizations and private sector information by compatibility of their information, information systems and technologies. Ensure a relevant level of security in process of information and data exchange (periodic audit of information security, testing information security penetration (stability), fix a network sensor to detect computer incidents and manage it, regulate the cyber security issue, detect, prevent and manage results of computer incidents by the National Incidence Assistance Group to assist in incidents;

Integrate ground and air shipments besides container shipments in the intentional trade support system and integrate it with international systems with profiles similar to the national system;

Besides access to e-services, increase access for civil society and the business community to public, structured information. Open data on the Georgian portal (data.gov.ge) and publish the open data with relevant metadata;

In order to ensure effective operation of the Agency, an office building for administrative office shall be built and equipped with relevant equipment and furniture/fixtures, and arrange the server area, conference and training rooms, besides, arrange demonstration space for e-services and work rooms for employees.

6.13

Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector (51 00)

Prepare normative acts and recommendations for establishment of European standard for processing personal data, work out and improve inspection methodology, improve control on overseas data transfer. Represent Georgia with the European Commission and EU within its scope;

Supervision of legality of personal data processing by law enforcement bodies to prevent crimes in the country, protect law and order while conducting investigation and detective activities;

Control covered investigation activities and activities on the data banks of law enforcement bodies, including through two stage covered listening and recording electronic system;

Review applications regarding data protection and respond to them, as well as consult public and private persons regarding data protection related issues and inspection of data processing lawfulness at public and private entities;

Maintain and publish a register of catalogue of file systems (digital bases of personal data) of public and private organizations;

Inform public regarding significant events related to data protection situation;

Participate in lawmaking activities in order to improve data processing legislation and implement Association Agreement Action Plan;

Organize trainings for authorized representatives of public and private entities.

6.14

LEPL – Public Service Bureau (50 00)

Work out unified state policy for public sector and support to coordination of respective activities

Implement the normative acts proceeding from the Law of Georgia on Public Service within the Public Service Reform;

Facilitate implementation of the results and recommendations of the analysis horizontal and vertical functions of public entities and take necessary measures to introduce the classification system for public positions;

Support to prepare the reform of remuneration in public sector;

Ensure certification at least once every 6 months and update the bank of relevant tests;

Training in performance evaluation of representatives of HR management units in the Public Service Bureau and those filling in managerial positions;

Ensure timely filing of property declarations by high officials and ensure public accessibility, create monitoring system for property declarations;

Coordination and control of internship program in public sector;

Training of public sector employees in HR management, ethics and whistleblower institute related issues.

Analysis of situation in the public sector and execution of normative acts.

6.15

Facilitation of Development of Elections Institution and Civic Education (06 03)

Prepare educational programs and implement them for the parties involved in elections;

Close cooperation with local and international organizations;

Certification of election administration officials;

Fulfill the functions set by the organic law of Georgia on Political Unions of Citizens.

6.16

LEPL – Insurance State Supervision Service of Georgia (48 00)

Implement state policy in the field of insurance;

Support to financial stability of insurance market;

Harmonize the insurance laws of Georgia with the EU Directives;

Develop standards on mandatory insurance;

Protect the consumers' rights within its competence.

6.17

Administrations of State Representative-Governors (11 00 - 19 00)

Develop development strategies and priority documents by the administrations of the state Governor in coordination with state authorities and develop proposals in order to develop local infrastructure and to highlight tourist potential.

Monitor the process of recruiting in mandatory military service and activities of the local self-government bodies;

6.18

Development of Common Public Information Technologies (26 06)

Introduce modern information and communications technologies in the activities of the state authorities, reduce the expenses spent on it, and facilitate smooth functioning of the state via using IT and communication means;

The program envisages provision of complete set of IT services to public bodies, including: network provision, e-mail service, online communication, tele-video conference, software for time and task management, implementation of unified security policy, protection from undesirable or malicious e-mails, software and viruses, creation of unified IT support call center for public bodies and incident management, digital phone service, maintenance service for computing equipment of public entities on the spot, etc.

Appropriate research will be conducted and specific innovative business decisions be tailored to client's business processes within the program for automation of processes in public sector and for switch to e-governance; the cloud technology developed will be developed both in the directions of software as well as its calculating capacities and scale; ensure use of the cloud infrastructure (IaaS-) for interested organizations.

7

State Support to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Migrants and Support to their Re-integration

The government will continue effective policy for providing living space for IDPs. Construction of multi apartment residential houses will be continued for IDPs, apartments will be procured from developers in Tbilisi and other big cities. Besides, houses for IDPs will be procured within frame of the project "House in village". More than 24 000 internally displaced families, who were granted with living space, their landlord partnerships will be provided also with condominiums (attics, basements and other spaces). Redemption of those residential spaces from private owners will be continued, which are occupied by IDPs. At the same time, the working process is undergoing, on the one hand, with donors, and on the other hand, with investors, in order to build new living space for IDPs at both rural and urban areas under the frame of public-private partnership. Promotion by the government of small entrepreneurship and IDPs cooperation will be significantly strengthened. The process of legalization of residential houses and land parcels for eco migrant families will be continued. It is planned to procure houses for almost 1000 eco migrants throughout the country.

With purpose of improvement of demographic condition, different social programmes will be strengthened. Different directions of elderly policy will be promoted. The role of different social workers will be increased in the regard to families having social problems.

7.1 **Maintenance and Improvement of Living Conditions for Refugees at their Settlements (34 02)**

Carry out IDPs settlement activities in line with Action Plan 2015-2016 of the State Strategy for IDPs-refugees, transfer living space (purchase, construction, rehabilitation) to their private ownership;

Purchase services related to construction-rehabilitation works Tbilisi and other regions of Georgia for durable housing of IDPs;

Study settlements of IDPs in severe condition and their rehabilitation, come up with accurate count of IDPs, refugees and persons with humanitarian status and finance administrative expenses on the bases of appropriate legal act;

Provide monetary support to IDPs in line with the regulation defined by the Ministry (including monthly social benefits for IDP families for living space rent);

Provide electricity, sewerage, natural air and water supply systems connections to rehabilitated and newly constructed buildings for durable housing of IDPs on the bases of appropriate legal act;

Co-finance works to be carried out at facilities owned by IDPs on the bases of appropriate legal act in order to improve living conditions of IDPs-refugees;

Procure security service for the buildings (constructed, rehabilitated) for durable housing of IDPs till IDPs are settled in those buildings;

7.2 **Development of Public Policy in Support of IDPS and Migrants; Program Management (34 01)**

Prepare and implement respective policy to support IDPs, refugees and migrants, coordination with various state bodies and organizations, purchase of residential houses for eco-migrants and provide temporary accommodation for refugees and persons with humanitarian status, support to migrants who returned to homeland in re-integration;

Implement "State Strategy for Repatriation of IDPs Exiled from Soviet Republic of Georgia in 40s of the XX Century by former Soviet Union"; carry out actions aimed at restoration of legal ownership rights on property located on uncontrolled territories;

Enhance awareness of refugees and persons with humanitarian status regarding Georgian language, culture, history and legislation.

7.3 **Office of the State Minister of Reconciliation and Civic Equality (21 00)**

Support to operation of the Staff of the State Minister, which aims at:

Implement peace policy for re-integration reasons;

Restore trust among persons residing on both sides of Administrative Boundary Line (ABL) of Georgia; support and coordinate humanitarian, social-economic and trust restoration projects at occupied territories in order to prepare grounds for their reconciliation and de-occupation; implement action plan of inclusion strategy.

Support integration of ethnic minorities in society, accessibility of education, mass media and information for them, increase level of knowledge of state language and maintain-develop cultural heritage; implement action plan of inclusion strategy for reintegration

reasons.

Coordination of civil equality and integration policy, which aims at support to comprehensive integration of ethnic minorities in all aspects of life; accessibility of education, mass-media and information for them, improve knowledge of state language and maintain-develop cultural heritage; implement action plan of civil equality and inclusion strategy

7.4

Livelihood for IDPs (34 03)

Prepare and implement policy for improvement of social-economic conditions of refugees; Finance agricultural and/or self-employment oriented social projects for IDPs who are provided with durable housing;

Support to acceptance of refugees at state vocational education institutions and provide accommodation/transportation to accepted socially unprotected refugees;

Enhance awareness of refugees regarding state programs aimed at creation/improvement of livelihood;

Ensure inclusion of refugees in Agro-insurance state program and offer to them additional subsidies;

8.

Culture, Religion, Youth Support and Sport

State funding allocations for culture development is growing annually. According to the EU Association Agreement, The Ministry of Culture and Protection of Monuments of Georgia elaborated and the government approved “Strategy of Culture, 2025”, which defines vision, goals and objectives of the state in the field of culture. Georgia is the first among Eastern Partnership countries, which became the member of EU Programme “Creative Europe”.

The legislation related to culture and protection of monuments will be improved; Cultural Heritage Code will be elaborated, that will create the proper legal basis for the protection of cultural heritage; Searching and diversifying for alternative ways of financing cultural sector will be continued.

Accessibility of the culture will be improved for broad society, especially for population residing in regions, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities; infrastructural projects will be implemented for maintenance of cultural heritage. Culture will be promoted in broad society. Media potential will be used for promotion and development of culture and creative sector.

Internationalization of the Georgian culture and Georgian artists' participation in the significant international activities for country popularization will be promoted. cross-cultural dialogue deepening and partnerships projects at the institutional, organizational and individual levels will be supported.

The development of art education will be facilitated, qualification of the specialists of the sector will be improved.

Promoting various fields of Art will be ensured in the general education institutions.

Combined football and rugby pitches will be constructed in accordance with international standards; new sport places will be built in regional centres; effective model will be developed for management of sport infrastructure, which will be based on cooperation

between public and private sector.

Funding of football clubs and programmes of different levels will be continued during following four years; transfer of football teams in private ownership, children's and women's football, as well as age teams (including national team) will be promoted.

Sport tourism strategy will be elaborated in coordination with national sport federations, which together with promotion of the country will precondition effective use of existing sport infrastructure.

8.1 **Supportive Measures for the Development of Sports (39 02)**

Develop types of sports with massive and high achievements in Georgia, develop sport infrastructure and its rehabilitation; create all necessary conditions for national, various age and female teams;

Training of the national team of the country and participation in international sports events (World and European championships, tournaments, World and Olympic games, international tournaments, learning-training meetings);

Conduct Georgia's championships, tournaments, prepare high class sports reserve and sportsmen, popularization and promotion of sport;

Train Georgian teams for obtaining as many licenses for Olympic and Paralympic games as possible and ensure participation of Georgian sportsmen in the Olympic games; develop infrastructure adapted for parasportsmen;

Training candidate team members of Georgia's cadet and junior teams;

Compile information showing success of Georgian sport, record, maintain-protect and promote it;

Implement high and vocational education programs, promotion of the Europe's education model, train competitive specialists;

Introduce modern standards for football management and establish competitive football market.

8.2 **Development and Promotion of Arts Within and Beyond Georgia (33 02)**

Development and promotion of Georgian art in Georgia and overseas, ensure unconstrained, equal access of the processes undergoing in arts sphere for citizens;

Prepare action plan of long-term strategy of Georgian culture policy;

Support to development of creative potential in Georgia and support to art fields development;

Deepen international cultural relations with the EU member and other partner countries, cooperation with funds and organizations;

Arrange/support international, theater, musical, cinema and literature festivals;

Arrange/support exhibitions, competitions, publications, new staging, tours and anniversary celebrations;

8.3 **Facilitated Broadcasting (42 01)**

roduce and broadcast TV programs, films and sport events as well as civil-political

programs with consideration of public interest

8.4 **Protection of Cultural Heritage and Improvement of Museum System (33 04)**

Integration of the country's museum system in international museum space, its approximation to modern standards and settlement of problematic aspects;

Creation of appropriate conditions for comprehensive operation of museums: improve infrastructure, take preventive measures for protection of cultural heritage located at museums, carry out activities aimed at promotion of museums, establish international standard management system to increase visitors to income of the museums;

Fulfill obligations related to international conventions and UNESCO;
Present culture of ethnic minorities, integration of disabled persons in cultural life of the country;

Protection of certain cultural heritage specimens of Georgia's architectural complexes and conduct-develop international and bilateral relations to introduce international standards, share experience and enhance qualification;

Prepare management plan for the World heritage monuments;

Conduct inventory count of intangible cultural heritage subjects/monuments, work out protection and systemization mechanisms;

Carry out respective activities to approximate legislation with the UNESCO "Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection" Convention;

Data input to cultural heritage single database in order to create single information system/space of Georgia's cultural heritage;

Stop works on cultural heritage monuments being carried out without permit, support to development of cultural tourism and creation of attractive environment for the above.

8.4.1 **Support to Museums (33 04 01)**

Support to the museums under the Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia and support to respective projects;

Implement main priorities with regard to museum activities defined by Culture Strategy - 2025;

Establishment of museum as a public space, improvement of legislative base regarding museums;

Improvement of museums' management system, material bases and technical equipment;

Organize activities in various directions in order to enhance public awareness regarding museums;

Present culture of ethnic minorities;

Integration of disabled persons in cultural life of the country;

8.4.2

Protection of Cultural Heritage (33 04 02)

Safeguard and rehabilitation of cultural heritage monuments; study-conservation of archeological sites; arrange-develop infrastructure of cultural heritage monuments;

Conduct-develop international and bilateral relations to introduce international standards, share experience and enhance qualification;

Prepare management plan for the World heritage monuments;

Data input to cultural heritage single database in order to create single information system/space of Georgia's cultural heritage;

Carry out respective activities to harmonize legislation with the UNESCO "Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection" Convention;

Conduct inventory count of intangible cultural heritage subjects/monuments, work out protection and systemization mechanisms;

Stop works on cultural heritage monuments being carried out without permit;

Rehabilitation-revitalization of museums/museum-reserves and renew exhibits;

Restoration, recording, inventory count and passportization of exhibits;

Promotion of cultural heritage and introduction of educational programs;

Protection and rehabilitation of Georgia's architectural complexes (historical settlements and towns), certain cultural heritage specimen;

Creation of effective mechanisms for control, preventive conservation and risk aversion regarding condition of cultural heritage monuments;

Support to development of cultural tourism at museums and museum-reserves and creation of attractive environment for the above.

Fulfill obligations under UNESCO;

Intensify art and art processes related public activities in regions. Support to disabled persons and ethnic minorities.

Develop infrastructure of the field of culture, conduct construction-rehabilitation works, prepare design documents, upgrade and complete material-technical base.

8.5

Grant Financing for Religious Education (45 01)

In order to raise youth with Christian values more than 70 educational-cultural and charity organizations (specifically theological academies and seminaries, school-

gymnasiums, houses of mothers and children, boarding schools for orphans and homeless children, rehabilitation and adaptation center for children with hearing deficiency, vocational college and handicraft schools) will be financed in various regions of Georgia (including high-mountainous regions).

8.6 Social Security of Celebrated Sportsmen (39 03)

Support to leading sportsmen and coaches, teams supporting personnel, Olympic champions and prize-winners, winners of chess Olympics, veteran sportsmen and sport workers living in Georgia and improvement of their living conditions.

8.7 LEPL – State Agency for Religious Matters (55 00)

Research of situation with regard to religion in Georgia and submit relevant information to the GOG;

Prepare list of issues of religious groups and prepare recommendations and proposals regarding education in the field of religion;

Establish relations and cooperation with similar organizations of various countries.

8.8 Development of Policy Paper and Program Management in Arts, Culture and Protection of Monuments (33 01)

Work out single policy in the fields of culture, cultural heritage and arts, planning and coordination of its implementation, including in the museums field;

Prepare action plan envisaged by Culture Strategy – 2025 document;

Formulate/implement investment strategy of the Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia;

Support to protection, study and promotion of cultural values;

Adaptation and harmonization of culture policy in the country with similar international practice

8.9 Public Support Measures in the Youth Affairs (39 04)

Cooperate with youth structures of various countries, state support and promotion of children and youth unions, support to informal education, organize effective use of free time, reveal, form and improve intellectual, spiritual and physical potential of Georgia's youth;

Support to youth initiative groups with potentially profitable business ideas;

Take care of mental, physical, moral, esthetic and social-emotional development of children and youth, support to various categories of socially vulnerable children, support to establishment of profile centers, clubs and studios of adolescents, implement big scale creative-cognitive and rest-recovery programs for children and youth;

Conduct creative-cognitive and rest-recovery activities, involve Georgian youth in various activities, promote healthy lifestyle, deepen knowledge and improve skills of youth in various directions;

Ensure active rest of Georgian and foreign youth under the Camp of Future program, improve infrastructure of the camps;

Arrangement of cultural-creative, cognitive and entertainment activities under the Youth Festival Program, involvement of Georgian youth in various activities, promotion of

healthy lifestyle, improvement of youth's knowledge and skills in various directions.

8.10

Development and Management of Public Policy on Sports and Youth (39 01)

Work out unified policy related to physical training, sport and youth, planning and coordination of its implementation;

Create appropriate conditions for development of sport and identification of main directions;

Uninterrupted implementation of the Ministry of Sport and Youth programs;

Define status of professional and amateur sports clubs and organizations;

Implement measures aimed at eradication of use of prohibited stimulating substances (doping) in sport;

Support to investment and charitable activities in relation to sport and youth;

State support to young scientists, sportsmen and artists, design programs in scientific-educational field under its competencies and implement them together with respective bodies;

9.

International Relations and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Foundation for peaceful and sustainable development is ensuring security, stability and prosperity. Goal of the government of Georgia is continue the process of building the modern, stable, developed, democratic European state and raise its quality. The best way to achieve this goal, is the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration. Key foreign political priority of the Government of Georgia is inviolability of internationally recognized borders and strengthening of the sovereignty, deoccupation of the country and restoration of its territorial integrity, which is possible only through peaceful means. In order to prevent Human Rights and Security violations on the occupied territories of Georgia, as well as to ensure their protection, the international efforts will be mobilized. The work will be continued for promotion of full implementation of the only international mechanism available to date in Georgia – EUMM mandate on occupied territories- in order to support its implementation. The government of Georgia, in the frame of the non-recognition policy of the Georgian occupied territories, will ensure to provide to the international community objective information about the ongoing situation on these territories and avoid the potential risks of recognition. In the frame of peaceful conflict resolution policy, special attention will be paid to the reconciliation of the war and occupied lines-divided communities and confidence-building between them, through direct dialogue, encouraging reconciliation process, specific confidence-building projects, responding the humanitarian needs of conflict-affected population, public diplomacy and supporting the partnership based on common interests. One of the Foreign policy priorities is to represent Georgia on the international arena, as the stable, safe country and regional Leader in the sphere of democratic development and successful reforms. Active promotion of the reforms implemented by Georgia abroad is planned for formation of positive image of the country worldwide and sharing experience with other countries.

Active cultural diplomacy shall be performed, for representing Georgia as the country with the oldest history and diverse culture. The government's policy will be focused on promotion of more engagement of Georgia in international cultural life. The effort will be made in bilateral as well as in multilateral format, in regard to development of international cultural and humanitarian cooperation and promotion of joint international projects. Establishment of contacts and cooperation of Georgia with other countries will be continued. Active cooperation with UNESCO will continue through potential development and supporting popularization of the cultural and intellectual potential, promoting the world heritage

monuments, as one of the factors contributing to the development of tourism in the country, supporting new monuments nomination process. Cooperation with UNESCO will be continued also for resolving issues regarding world heritage monuments of Georgia. It is utmost important for the country to preserve national identity and cultural uniqueness of the Georgian diaspora abroad, which, in turn, will contribute in strengthening positive image of the country and its promoting worldwide. The government will actively participate in resolution of particular social issues, concerning Georgian diaspora. Effective legal and consultation mechanisms as well as on spot support will be provided to the representatives of diaspora. The government of Georgia will continue strategic cooperation with USA, as its key partner. In terms of implementation of key foreign political objectives of Georgia, the most important will be deepening of cooperation with European countries and focus on strategic partnership. The Government of Georgia will continue its work for effective presentation in Europe of the results of reforms implemented in Georgia and promotion of Georgia's European and Euro Atlantic integration. Close cooperation with Eastern countries in the trade and economic, transport and energy sectors is of utmost importance for Georgia, as for the historically developed "Silk Road" and transit country between Europe and Asia. Multilateral diplomacy - The key direction of the foreign policy is active cooperation with international organizations as well as with their existing institutions, including increasing the role of the international organizations in the providing successfully ongoing democratic reforms to ensure human rights , as well as peaceful resolution of the Russian-Georgian conflict, confidence building at the war-torn population, create the human rights mechanisms and security at the Georgia's occupied regions. Strategic communication - In order to achieve foreign policy priorities, active strategic communication about the Government's recent steps is very important, in order to maintain the strong support of the population towards country's foreign policy. Direct and immediate contacts with citizens will be continued through digital diplomacy and proactively informing the internal and external audiences about the performed activities of the Government of

Georgia. Cooperation with civil society will be continued, which will enable the successful implementation of the Association Agreement between Georgia and the EU, to consolidate the public opinion about European integration of the country, as well as mobilization of existing knowledge and experience.

9.1

Implementation of Foreign Policy (28 01)

Strengthen Georgia's sovereignty and support to complete restoration of territorial integrity; prevention of escalation of the conflict with involvement of international community and implementation of peaceful de-occupation policy of the country;
Strengthen the policy of not acknowledging Georgia's occupied regions;
Ensure security and human rights protection in occupied regions of Georgia;
Support to safe and dignified return of IDPs and refugees;
Support to restoration of trust and deepening of relations between population divided by war and occupation lines;
Political association and economic integration of Georgia with the EU;

Deepen cooperation with European countries and ensure their support to Georgia's political objectives;

Implement projects envisaged under the United States (US) – Georgia Strategic Partnership Charter and strengthen the USA's role in support to the process of Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty;

Maintain and actualization of topics related to Georgia with international organizations (UN, OSCE, EU).

Develop and deepen bilateral and regional cooperation with the countries of Central Asia; Support to Georgian products entry to new markets, support and stimulate attraction of investments to the country's economy, tourism development; Multilateral cooperation in transport and energy spheres and development of the country's transit potential; prevent overseas relations and activities of businesses in Georgia's occupied territories and also prevent illegal activities and contacts by businesses of foreign countries in the Georgia's occupied territories;

Strengthen inter-region cooperation and implement specific projects under the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC); improvement of international ratings. Effective service provision for Georgian citizens abroad and render appropriate support in urgent situations, improve activities aimed at protection of their lawful rights and interests;

Protection of rights and legal interests of Georgian citizens and legal entities abroad;

Support to presentation of Georgian culture and intellectual potential overseas; protect Georgian citizens' rights abroad, create beneficial conditions for them and enhance social security level.

9.1.1

Planning and Management of Foreign Policy (28 01 01)

Establish diplomatic relations with the remaining members of the UN;
Uninterrupted functioning of working groups under Geneva international negotiations and conduct discussions on main issues of the agenda;
Intensification of the EU and NATO integration process;

Active participation of Georgia in activities planned under the EU East Partnership during 2017; implementation of the Georgia-EU AA and update of the association agenda; intensification of political dialogue between Georgia and the EU; deepen cooperation under the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) of the EU;

Acknowledgement of Georgia's progress towards Euro-Atlantic integration by the allies at the next NATO summit; support to implementation of the NATO-Georgia Substantial Package; conduct political consultations with NATO member countries; appropriate presentation of reforms envisaged by annual national program.

Further development and intensification of bilateral and multilateral relations in order to implement foreign policy priorities;

Deepen cooperation with international organizations (UN, OECD, European Commission) in order to strengthen democracy and protection of human rights in Georgia, to strengthen their role in peaceful solving of the conflict;

Cooperation with international organizations for implementation of projects aimed at restoration of trust between societies divided by war; active participation of Georgia in work carried out by international organizations and conduct respective election campaigns to increase representation; conduct various events related to international organizations in order to enhance awareness towards Georgia.
Prevent illegal activities and contacts by businesses of foreign countries in the Georgia's

occupied territories;

Further deepen relations with the United States (US) under Strategic Partnership Charter with regard to democracy and governance, security and defense, economy, trade and energy, as well as relation between people and cultural exchange; successful implementation of projects planned under Strategic Partnership Charter in all four directions and plan new projects; increase US support and assistance; effective communication between Georgia's and USA's executive and legislative branches of government on implemented reforms and other important issues; close relations with representatives USA's legislative and executive branches, also with business circles, mass media, NGO sector and research organizations; continue work under the high level trade and investment dialogue, including future signing of free trade agreement; intensive work to strengthen USA's support in various formats of cooperation.

Export support; support to attraction of foreign investments; support to tourism development and promotion; bilateral and multilateral cooperation in transport and energy spheres and development of the transit potential of the country; deepen bilateral economic relations through arrangement of inter-governmental commissions; deepen and extend cooperation with international organizations and financial institutions (WTO, OECD, WIPO, ILO, IMO, WMO, WHO, WCO, ICAO, ITU, ITC, BSEC, UNECE, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNIDO, ESCAP, ECOSOC, FAO, IFAD, UNWTO, EBRD, IMF, ADB, AIIB).

Represent Georgia objectively and positively on international arena, through demonstration of complete potential of the country to the world; represent Georgia on international arena as a country of rich and diverse culture, which is integral part of the European cultural space; support to more involvement of Georgia in international cultural life; take efforts to develop cultural and humanitarian cooperation in bilateral as well as multilateral formats and to support implementation of joint international projects; financing and implementation of small budget projects by ministries; celebrate Georgia-Germany Year 2017; support to creation of joint projects for protection, restoration/conservation of Georgian cultural heritage monuments abroad; active cooperation with UNESCO. Participation in management and supporting bodies of UNESCO, as well as in work carried out by committees; cooperation with Francophonie, CPLP and other international organizations; implementation of the projects in priority spheres of education, culture and science financed by UNESCO; cooperation with the World Heritage Center of UNESCO (UNESCO WHC). Support to solving issues related to Georgia's world heritage monuments. Promotion of Georgia's world heritage monuments, as one of the factors facilitating tourism development in the country and support to nomination of new monuments; work with UNESCO and other international organizations on active involvement in issues related to protection of cultural heritage on Georgia's occupied territories.

Smooth and effective operation of consulate services abroad; improve legislative base and deepen bilateral and multilateral cooperation related to consulate sphere; increase consulate activities' implementation/coverage; extend free movement area abroad for Georgia's citizens.

9.1.2 **Fulfill Financial Obligations towards International Organizations (28 01 02)**

Fulfill financial obligations towards international organizations so that Georgia is able to fully participate in operations of international organizations, which would enable the country to push own interests and issues in international format.

9.1.3 **Translation and Attestation of International Agreements and other**

Documents (28 01 03)

Translation/attestation of Georgia's international agreements and other official documents; improve qualification and experience of translators; periodically conduct workshops and trainings for translators;

9.2

Office of the State Minister of Georgia on Europe and Euro-Atlantic Integration (20 00)

Coordination and monitoring of implementation of the Action Plan 2017 of Georgia-EU AA and the Association agenda;
Coordination of activities of Georgia-EU AA economic and sectoral cooperation committee;
Coordination of cooperation under EU East Partnership initiative;
Coordination of cooperation under EU Mobility Partnership initiative
Act as secretariat of governmental commission of Georgia for EU integration;
Provide information to EU member states regarding processes undergoing in Georgia;
Coordination of activities of the Commission NATO-Georgia;
Prepare Georgia's Annual National Program 2017, monitor its implementation and prepare self-assessment document;
Ensure activities of the State Commission for Coordination of Georgia's Integration to NATO;
Prepare for 2017 NATO's Brussels summit;
Provide information to NATO and the EU member states regarding the processes undergoing in Georgia;
Provide information to the public regarding dynamics of Georgia's integration to European and Euro-Atlantic structures;
Coordination and monitoring of Governmental strategy and Action Plan 2017 on communication and information regarding Euro integration issues 2014-2017.

10.

Agriculture

The Government of Georgia will continue active agriculture policy, aiming its improvement of competitiveness based on the principles of sustainable development, as well as at stable increase of production of high quality products, ensuring food security, food safety and rural development

Supporting development of cooperation in agricultural sector will be strategic priority of agricultural policy of the Government of Georgia. The main attention will be paid to implement measures focused on cooperative capacities.

Farmers' Register and geoinformational system of land-tenures will be created for rational management of agricultural land fund, farm land market development and causal use of farmers lands. Special attention will be paid to the research of degraded soils and the measures for their restoration and improvement.

Entire rural development policy will be elaborated, with the focus on improvement of living standard and economic activeness in rural areas.

The state will promote implementation of post-harvest technologies, as well as development of storing, sorting, packing, processing and distribution sectors, that will

ensure the integration of the entire cycle of components for added value.

The project of agricultural insurance will be improved, which will facilitate the protection of the farmers' interests.

Ameliorated (irrigated and drained) land areas will be increased. Irrigation and drainage systems will be developed and improved. Tariff methodology will be approved. Modern irrigative system introduction will be supported and unions of water-supply will be established.

Particular attention will be paid to the increasing the knowledge of employees in the field of agriculture, to the development of research and scientific works focused on agrobusiness and elaborating relevant extension packages. Flexible system of modern extension will be formed. Work will be continued in the regard to the farmers' access to finances.

Significant projects will be implemented for improving access to agricultural equipment.

Key indicators will be defined and respective methodology will be elaborated with purpose of providing monitoring of food safety of the country.

Elaboration of effective, flexible system of state control over food/feed safety, veterinary and plant protection fields will be elaborated and improved further.

Food safety, veterinary and phyto sanitary fields will be approximated with respective EU legislation, envisaged by DCFTA plan, which will be implemented within the terms provided by Association agreement, which will ensure protection of the human life and health, consumers' interests, animal health and well being, plants wellness, as well as establishing European standard on the domestic market and increasing export potential of agro products. This will play the important role in the development of economy, and the image of the reliable trade partner of the country will be strengthened.

Respective activities will be implemented for development of bio agricultural farms and implementation of climate wise agricultural practice in the country.

Data gathering, disseminating and applied coordinated statistical system will be improved. Information system of agricultural market will be refined.

Significant attention will be paid to promotion of agricultural products on local and international markets.

10.1 **Common Agro Project (37 05)**

Provide cheap and accessible cash resources to primary agricultural product processing and storage-selling chains;

Support to development of insurance in agro sector;

Support to establishment of nurseries and perennial plant orchards;

Rehabilitation of abandoned tea plantations in private and public ownership;

Co-finance agricultural products processing and storage enterprises.

10.1.1 **Management of Agricultural Projects (37 05 01)**

Management and effective implementation of planned and current projects under unified agroproject program.

10.1.2 **Concessional Agro-credits (37 05 02)**

Provide cheap and accessible cash resources to primary agricultural product processing

and storage-selling chains;

Loans (leasing) will be issued to the beneficiaries participating in the project through financial institutions and NCLE – Agricultural Projects Management Agency will co-finance interest payments of the loans (leasing) and in some cases will participate in providing collateral for the loans as well as in buy out of the land plots provided as collateral. The project beneficiary can be a citizen of Georgia and a legal entity registered according to Georgian legislation. Funds will be used for loans (leasing) issued in 2013-2016 and to be issued in 2017.

The purpose of the loan (leasing) is to finance working capital and fixed assets of primary and processing in agriculture.

10.1.3 **Payment of Loans and Leasing for Agricultural Equipment (37 05 03))**

Payment of 2017 liabilities for agricultural equipment leasing and loan agreements in line with GoG decree #36 dated January 18, 2012 on “Payment to the Account of NCLE – Agriculture Development Fund” and GoG decree #2587 dated December 27, 2011 on “Use of Money Deposited to the Partnership Fund under Japanese Grant Program 2KR”.

10.1.4 **Agro-insurance Liabilities (37 05 04)**

Develop insurance market in agro-sector, facilitate agricultural activities, increase competitiveness, maintaining income level of farmers and reduction of risks. Insurance of agricultural plants is carried out by insurance companies and Project Management Agency will co-finance insurance premiums.

10.1.5 **Plant the Future (37 05 05)**

Development of fruit production through support to modern technology nurseries and establishment of perennial orchards.

Arrangement of the orchards and nurseries will be co-financed

10.1.6 **Georgian Tea (37 05 06)**

Use potential of Georgia’s existing tea plantations, support to effective cooperation and production of high quality tea (including bio tea). Rehabilitation costs for existing public and private tea plantations will be co-financed as well as tea processing equipment for agricultural cooperatives.

10.1.7 **Co-financing Agricultural Products Processing Enterprises (37 05 07)**

Support to establishment of new processing and storage enterprises in the field of agriculture.

The project consists of 2 components: 1. Co-financing of agricultural products processing enterprises; 2. Co-financing of agricultural products storage enterprises. Co-financing of the processing and storage enterprises is possible using 3 sources: a) co-financing from the Agency – 40% of the projects total costs, but not exceeding USD 250,000 (equivalent in GEL);

b) preferential credit/leasing - 50% of the projects total costs, but not exceeding USD 500,000 (equivalent in GEL);

c) Co-financing by the beneficiary – minimum 10% of the project cost, by depositing cash as the enterprise’s capital.

The project envisages also special conditions for 12 municipalities.

10.1.8 **Agro-credit (EIB) (37 05 08)**

The program envisages lending long term (12 years) credit resources to financial institutions with the same conditions for the purpose of providing loans to enterprises involved in the value chain of fruit trees, vegetables, wine and other annual and perennial plants. Lending to the financial institutions with the same conditions ensures

receipt of low interest targeted loans by ultimate beneficiaries.

10.2 **Modernization of Irrigation Systems and Facilitated Development of Agriculture Sector (37 07)**

Rehabilitation of water reservoirs, irrigation and drainage systems;
Operation and maintenance of amelioration infrastructure and provision with amelioration equipment;
Arrangement of demonstration land plots and training of farmers;
Issue grants for primary production and agro-business development;
Implementation of land restoration works.

10.2.1 **Rehabilitation of Amelioration Systems and Purchase of Equipment (37 07 01)**

Rehabilitation of water reservoirs, irrigation and drainage systems in different regions of Georgia, also rehabilitation of collector network in the area covered by the irrigation systems;
Conduct respective engineering study, design preparation, supervision and expertize.
Purchase special equipment, transportation means, machinery-mechanisms and supplementary means to ensure operation and maintenance.
Subsidize Ltd Georgian Amelioration for operation and maintenance of irrigation and drainage systems infrastructure, for electricity expenses required for mechanical pumping station and hydro-junctures operation, for operation and maintenance of transportation means and other machinery-mechanisms and also for financing other current expenses necessary for operation of the company.

10.2.2 **Operation and Maintenance of Amelioration Infrastructure (37 07 02)**

Subsidize Ltd Georgian Amelioration for operation and maintenance of irrigation and drainage systems infrastructure, for electricity expenses required for mechanical pumping stations operation, for operation and maintenance of transportation means and other machinery-mechanisms.

10.2.3 **Improvement of Irrigation and Drainage Systems (WB) (37 07 03)**

Complete rehabilitation of three irrigation systems (main canal of Zeda Ru irrigation system, right main canal of Kvemo Samgori irrigation system and Tbisi-Kumisi irrigation system) (headworks, main canals, tier one and tier two distribution canals and internal reticulation networks).

Three-year financial audit of Ltd Georgian Amelioration conducted by an international audit company. Complete inventory count and evaluation of the company assets.

Provide modern equipment to Ltd Georgian Amelioration (GPS, water meters, office equipment).

10.2.4 **Agriculture Modernization, Market access and Resilience project (GEF, IFAD) (37 07 04)**

Rehabilitation of internal reticulation network of irrigation systems, land restoration works (eg. bank reinforcement, dykes, bridges, etc.), arrangement of demo land plots equipped with modern technology and practical trainings of farmers.

Issue small grants to farmers (maximum amount USD 15,000 equivalent in Georgian Lari) and big grants for agro-business (maximum amount of USD 75,000 equivalent in Georgian Lari).

10.2.5 **Rehabilitation of Zemo Samgori Irrigation System (ORIO) (37 07 05)**

Restoration-rehabilitation of Lilo Martkopi canal

First stage of the project – design and study

Second stage of the project – infrastructure works (beginning 2018)

10.3 Development of Viticulture and Wine-Making (37 03)

Arrange international and local tasting, competitions, exhibitions and press-tours for Georgian wine-products, including various representative cultural events; write-publish articles for specialized foreign magazines on Georgian viticulture-winery;

Produce advertisements and carry out actions necessary for promotion of Georgian wine;

Conduct laboratory research on the samples of the batches of to be certified and/or certified alcoholic beverages to compare;

Establish viticulture register; record area of vineyards;

Support to the study of grape stones and grape wood discovered on Georgian territory through molecular genetics and ampelography methods and participation in archeological digs to discover grape stones;

Provide subsidies to support in selling of grape harvest by physical persons involved in viticulture.

10.4

Food Safety, Plant Protection and Epizootic Trustworthiness (37 02)

Arrange international and local tasting, competitions, exhibitions and press-tours for Georgian wine-products, including various representative cultural events; write-publish articles for specialized foreign magazines on Georgian viticulture-winery;

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10.5

Agriculture Development Program (37 01)

Develop and implement state policy in agrarian sector of the country and carry out reforms;

Identification of priority direction in agrarian sector and develop respective programs;

Management and administration of the activities implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture;

Promotion of Georgian agro-food products

10.5.1

Develop and Manage Agriculture Development Policy (37 01 01)

Define priority directions of the agriculture sector and prepare respective programs;

Develop amelioration sphere, prepare unified policy for rational use of land, soil conservation, restoration-improvement of fertility;

Develop agriculture development strategy and sectoral action plan;

Ensure harmonization of agriculture regulating legal acts with the EU legislation;

Manage and administer activities implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture;

10.5.2 **Management and Administration of Agriculture Development Program in Regions (37 01 02)**

The Ministry's support to implementation of unified agriculture development policy in regions, regularly provide information to population regarding the Ministry's programs, provide consultations to interested persons regarding the field related issues, organize trainings.

10.5.3 **Promotion of Georgian Agro-Food Products (37 01 03)**

Arrange exhibition-tasting of Georgian agro-food products in the country and abroad as well, with representative, cultural and advertisement activities undergoing in parallel.

10.6 **Implementation of Scientific Research Studies in Agriculture (37 04)**

Enhance awareness of persons employed in agrarian sphere towards use of modern agro-technologies;
Creation of micro-selection groups of agricultural animals, birds, fish and useful insects prevalent in Georgia.
Obtain, restore, conserve genetic fund of annual and perennial plants, and create collections and rootstocks.
Develop primary seed-farming of annual crops;
Establish seed and seedling certification system in line with international standards;
Support to establishment of bio-agroindustry;
Assess risk in food safety sphere;
Research-develop fruit and vegetable storage capability and fresh storage technologies.
Study soil conditions in various regions to restore-improve soil fertility and conduct relevant measures;

10.7 **Supporting Measures of Agro-Industrial Cooperatives (37 06)**

Provide fixed assets to honey producing agricultural cooperatives (bee hives, filter, etc.)
Hand over modern equipment necessary for milk production to milk producing agricultural cooperatives;
Hand over machinery and equipment necessary for grape receipt-processing to viticulture agricultural cooperatives;
Construction of honey producing factory, its equipment and rent it out to an agricultural cooperative;
Support to promotion products produced by cooperatives;
Promote inclusion of women and vulnerable groups;
Introduce international standards.

11. **Court System**

Over the next 4 years human rights institutional mechanisms in Georgia will be strengthened.

Strong, qualified and independent judiciary is a cornerstone of the country's development. The action of government will be focused on improvement of confidence in the court system. Rising trust of each citizen and private sector towards Georgian justice, is first priority of the government.

Third wave of justice system reform will be continued and finalized, which will complete the court system reform for ensuring independence of Court on institutional

level as well as independence and impartiality of individual judges. Disciplinary case procedures and rule of judges appointment will be refined as a result of the implementation of the third stage of the judicial system reform. Cases will be randomly, electronically distributed. Reform of the Supreme Council of Justice of Georgia will be implemented. The reform of high school of Justice will be implemented with purpose of improving the judges' qualification and their professional retraining. In first half of 2017, electronic system for case distribution will be piloted in one of the big courts of Georgia. In summer of 2016, based on changes made to criminal procedural legislation, territorial jurisdiction of jury trial will be distributed throughout the country.

Commercial collages and chambers will be established in common court system, which will be specialized on considering commercial and tax cases. The quality and speed of justice for the commercial and tax disputes will be significantly improved, as a result of the reform, mediation will be supported through legal and institutional mechanisms, as establishing and development of an alternative mean for settlement disputes, which from its side will support in improving investment climate, increasing the volume of direct foreign investments and advancing economy.

11.1

Court System (07 00 - 10 00)

Gradually filling in vacant judge positions. Respectively organize qualification exams and competitions, assign judges after taking training course at High School of Justice;

Repair/reconstruction of court buildings;

Ensure reimbursement of all costs related to fulfillment of their functions to juries and jury candidates as defined by legislation;

Ensure health insurance for judges;

Maintain transparency and publicity of Supreme Court and Constitutional Court of Georgia;

11.2

National Forensic Examination Centre Named After Levan Samkharauli, Legal Entity of Private Law (46 00)

Conduct certain expertise and survey in line with regulations set by legislation using qualified experts and issue appropriate conclusions on whole territory of Georgia.

12.

Environment Protection and Management of Natural Resources

Along with economic development, environment protection, maintaining its sustainability and rational use of natural resources is a significant challenge and one of the priorities of the government of Georgia.

The government will continue implementation of reforms, ensuring a sustainable and healthy environment:

In accordance with requirements of EU-Georgia Association Agreement, gradual implementation of modern environmental principles and standards will be continued.

Georgia will continue to meet the obligations taken in regards to the bilateral and multilateral environment agreement and fulfill sustainable development goals of the environmental aspects, as well as promoting the principles of the green economy;

Environmental management will be improved, taking into consideration modern approaches.

Environmental impact assessment system, will be developed based on transparent procedures. The list of the activities, subject to environmental risk assessment will be refined. The feasibility of the planned activities will be assessed at the very first stage of the project development, which will protect investor from ineffective spendings. Public participation in the decision-making process will be more effective. The strategic environmental assessment will be conducted in country spatial arrangement and urban development plans, as well as plans and programs in a variety of sectors, which will give the country ability to consider health care and environment protection in the development planning stage of various important sectors;

With purpose of prevention and elimination (compensation) of damage to environment, effective system for environmental responsibility will be developed.

The issue related to exploring and extracting minerals will be put in order, to stimulate the interest of private sector in this field; ecological aspects will be taken into consideration in licensing process; the state will be able to use-utilize the resources effectively.

New regulations will be introduced in regards to the protection-preserve of biodiversity and for the purpose of sustainable use of biological resources, including hunting and fishing areas;

The state will ensure the promotion of expansion of protected areas and ecotourism.

With purpose of implementation and promotion of sustainable forest management practice, effective mechanisms will be established for taking care, protection and restoration of forests, that will support in maintaining and improving the quantitative and qualitative indicators;

Hydrometeorology observation network will be developed, modelling capacities will be strengthened and national early response system will be implemented.

According to the commitments accepted by Paris Agreement on Climate Change, effective steps will be made for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the country;

Air, water and soil quality monitoring and evaluation system will be developed, in order to improve air quality; qualitative norms for liquid fuel will be defined and emission accounting system will be improved.

Transferring into Integrated water resources management system will be continued, which is based on the basin management European principles.

The quality of Nuclear and radiation safety will be improved, new system for management of radioactive waste will be developed, ensuring protection of population management of radioactive waste will be developed, ensuring protection of population and environment from possible harmful impact of radiation; chemicals management and control mechanisms will be improved;

The activities for promotion of environmental education and environmental awareness will be continued and expanded.

12.1

Establishment and Management of the Protected Areas System (38 03)

Extend protected areas, protection and restoration of natural ecosystems, landscapes and living organisms in order to maintain ecological balance;

Protection of diversity of the gene pool of “Red Listed” and endangered wild animals and conservation of biodiversity;

Protection of unique and rare organic and inorganic natural formations in order to maintain them;

Conduct pathology surveys at protected areas, restore damaged areas and purchase appropriate chemicals to fight against pests;

Expedite prevention of fires at protected areas using necessary equipment;

Define qualitative indicators of pastures at the protected areas and their use, forest inventory;

Conduct promotional activities to popularize protected areas in Georgia, develop ecotourism and attract tourists;

Conduct necessary activities to enhance ecological education of society, enhance environmental awareness of certain groups and to improve their behavior;

Ensure favorable conditions in natural and historical-cultural environments for recreation, promotion of healthy living and tourism;

Support traditional agricultural activities and the protection, restoration and development of folk arts in order to preserve Georgia’s unique historical-cultural environment;

Ensure long term financial sustainability of Georgia’s protected areas through implementation of the following two components: achieve sufficient and forecastable level of income of the system of protected areas and increase capabilities and effectiveness of management of the protected areas.

12.2

Establishment and Management of Forestry System (38 04)

Develop forestry sector development strategic plan in order to establish viable forest management system and gradual implementation of the activities envisaged by the National Forestry Concept;

Improve legislative and methodological basis in the forestry sphere;

Implement appropriate actions aimed at institutional development of the Forestry Agency in order to achieve effective management and physical protection of forests;

Ensure management and improvement of electronic management system for wood resources;

Ensure continuous teaching and improvement of qualification of the agency employees;

Carry out forestry road arrangement works to use new areas for logging; clean forest from fallen plants and dispose of the remnants in accordance with defined regulation;

Ensure meeting population demand on wood resources (including wood for heating);

Develop Agency's service types, including provision of population and budget organization with timber;

Identify appropriate areas for logging and conduct forestry activities; carry out forest maintenance and reinstatement work;

Arrange temporary nurseries at forest sections in order to grow seedlings and ensure forestation activities in the sections;

Conduct forest pathology research and carry out measures aimed at fighting pests-diseases on the bases of the conclusions;

Identify fire hazardous forest sections and conduct respective preventive firefighting measures, including arrangement of mineralized lanes, purchase primary firefighting and fire extinguishing means and appropriate equipment;

Conduct forest inventory, develop forest management plans and establish effective system for receiving data regarding condition of forests, analysis and planning forestry activities;

Correct forest fund outside contours on the bases of the forest inventory in order to avoid forest fragmentation.

12.3

Environmental Surveillance (38 02)

Improvement of state environment control system, which ensures compliance with requirements of legislation in environment and natural resources fields, and prevention, identification and stopping of environment pollution and illegal use of natural resources;

Create illegal activities effective deterring conditions and achieve appropriate level of voluntary law abidance by the subjects of the regulation.

Training-recruitment of employees working in emergency regime.

12.4

Development, Regulation and Management of Environmental Policy (38 01)

Develop and implement state policy on environment protection and ecological security of population, improve legislative basis;

Prepare national statement on condition of environment and provide software for project management in order to improve environmental management;

Improve the list of activities subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in order to harmonize with international commitments; reflect it in national legislation screening and scoping procedures;

Introduce strategic environmental assessment system; introduce transboundary procedures; introduce principles of public administrative office work, in line with Aarhus convention'

Study of planned activities and issue substantiated environmental decision when making decision regarding issuing EIA;

Prepare national legislation in line with the EU requirements and international conventions with regard to waste and chemical substance management, protection of atmospheric air, water resource management, bio-diversity protection;

State management of waste, chemical substances, water, atmospheric air, biodiversity; implement measures for fighting against soil degradation;

Create single database of animals on the basis of recording and assessment of condition of animals conducted under biodiversity monitoring (including species 'Red listed' in Georgia);

Assess condition of animal species outside the 'Red list', define species eligible to be hunted and establish more effective measures of protection;

Conduct information campaigns and events in the field of environment protection, strengthen cooperation with state, NGO, business and international sectors;

Ensure accessibility of information for stakeholders through various types of media.

12.5

Protection of Nuclear and Radioactive Security (38 07)

Conduct state regulation and control in accordance with the state policy and strategy in the field of nuclear and radiation security;

Create and maintain register, broken down by entities, of radioactive material, ionizing radiation generators, radioactive waste, their owner organizations and professional doses;

Management of radioactive waste;

Monitoring and control of radiation condition of environment in Georgia;

Response to nuclear and radiation accidents, incidents, illegal flow of nuclear and radioactive substances, radioactive alarm at checkpoints, customs and transport terminals;

Prepare annual report on radiation condition in the country to be submitted to the GOG;

Authorization of nuclear and radiation activities;

State control of nuclear and radiation activities through inspection.

12.6

Program for the Support of Access to Environmental Information and Education (38 06)

Ensure publicity of environment protection information for certain target groups;

Ensure support to involvement of public in environment protection decision-making process through improving access to appropriate information;

Environmental education for sustainable development – ensure coordination of Georgia’s National Strategy and Action Plan;

Ensure organization of training, re-training and qualification improvement for appropriate specialist;

Create environment protection data system to systemize data, increase accessibility and simplify and ensure flexible mechanism for compiling environment protection information and analytical reports and their submission to the public.

12.7

Establishment and Management of National Nursery Systems (38 05)

Grow high quality coniferous and deciduous plants for restoration of the state forest fund;

Use of traditional method (open field) as well as container method (greenhouse) for growing seedlings of forest trees;

Support to propagation of plant species of the Red List of Georgia;

Activities aimed at maintenance and propagation of vulnerable ornitophauna and ichthyofauna species of the Red List of Georgia;

Grow high quality seedlings for restoration/planting of wind protection lanes on one hand for solving issues related to land erosion and exhaustion and on the other hand for prevention of various natural events;

Production of nut fruits, specifically of engrafted walnut and almond.