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KNOWLEDGE

ACTION

Development

The Story of
Open Society Georgian Foundation

2014

Over the last two decades Georgians have experienced the excitement of gaining national independence, endured the tragedies of the civil war and the drama of occupation, as well as peaceful revolution and not-so-peaceful changes of power. Throughout these turbulent years Open Society Georgia Foundation established itself as a key player in civil society dealing with new challenges to the prospects of democratic development, human rights, legislation or practice, freedom of expression, access to quality health care and education.

These two video documentaries and info graphs tell the story of 20 year work of Open Society Georgia Foundation since 1994.

Freedom to Succeed



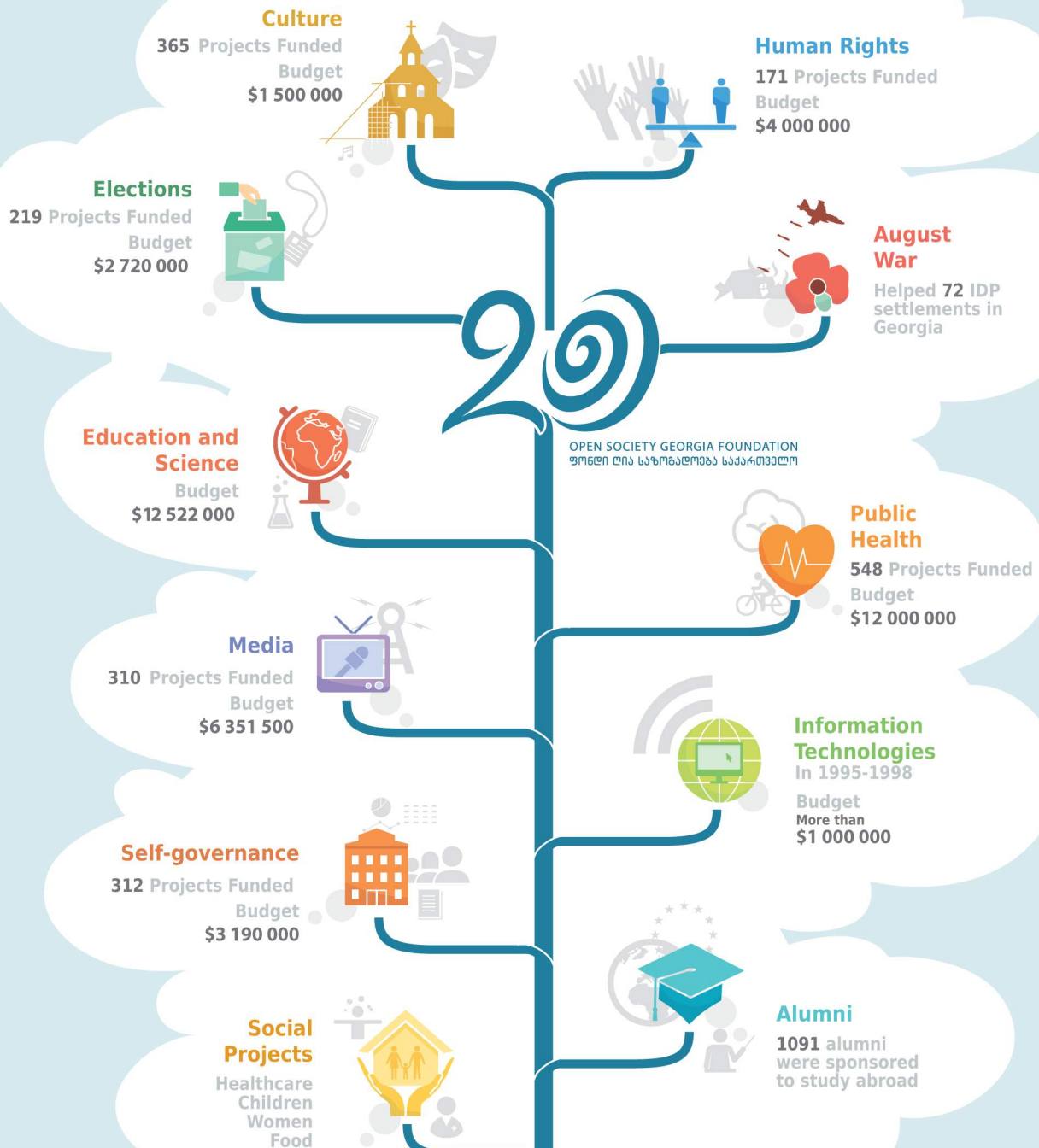
Our Fellows



20 years of Knowledge, Action and Development

Budget

More than **\$80 000 000**





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Human Rights



Education



Social Projects



Culture



Elections



Healthcare



Alumni



Media



Technology



August War



Self-governance

HUMAN RIGHTS

Funded

171 Projects

Budget

\$4 000 000

Reforming Legal Aid System



Free legal aid service was created

Benefiting

more than **10,000** people



Cases of **580** IDPs were sent to the European Court of Human Rights



500 lawyers were trained



Computer software program was created to process legal aid cases

It is used by

10 public agencies

2 universities

5 non-governmental organizations

Professional Training of Law Enforcement Agency Employees



10 learning modules were created for police officers



Up to **300** police officers and **132** prosecutors were trained

Rehabilitation of Torture Victims



More than **500** individuals have been treated



20 non-governmental organizations were trained in advocacy



Up to **1000** people were trained in monitoring and prevention of human rights violations

Strengthening Human Rights Organizations



3 thematic web portals were created
ertad.org
dfwatch.net
humanrights.ge

Research and Publications



105 publications were released

Legislative Acts

24 draft laws were amended:



Legal aid



Personal data protection



Operative-search activities



People with disabilities

Startups

The following non-governmental organizations were founded:



Centre for Legislative Studies





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SELF-GOVERNANCE

Since **1996**

Budget
\$3 190 000

312
Projects Funded

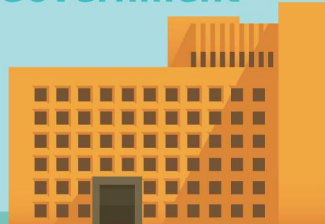
Decentralization



Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure

USAID

Government



Supported Creation and Development of Self-Government Master's program at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

Local Government Accountability



Created self-government web portal www.lsg.ge

2014

Decentralization Reform and Local Self-Government Code



200 local organizations and 36 experts were consulted



Analytical materials prepared by the Foundation in previous years were used



Budget Monitoring Tbilisi, Batumi, Rustavi, Poti, Kutaisi, and 23 municipalities

Publications



Annual Report on Local Democracy Development since 2006



8 guidelines for improving the quality of local services



3 manuals for municipal and regional administrations to improve the quality of citizen participation

78 Projects



51 local non-governmental and community-based organizations were funded

Citizens' Participation in Governance



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Public Healthcare

548

Projects Funded

Budget

\$12 000 000

Education



65
Judges



140
Lawyers



60
Journalists



350 Doctors
Attended Salzburg
Medical Seminars

Releases



Up to 100 Publications



7 Textbooks



200
Doctors

Trained in health
and human rights



100
Prosecutors

Services



Houses for people
with disabilities were opened



Up to 6000 patients
benefited from free
legal aid service



10 international
standard guidelines
were created for doctors



Amendments
to 7 bills
were added



Patients Right Act
was created

Improved Regulations

Hepatitis C



1000 prisoners
received free treatment



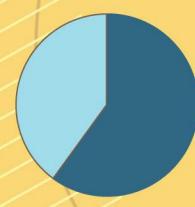
600
people attended
Patients' School



10,000 people received a 60%
decrease in their treatment costs



Hepatitis C Hotline
2-18-12-21



Palliative Care

was established as an independent discipline



Up to 7000 patients
received homecare



3 hospices
were opened



Up to 300
medics were trained



First autism center
was opened



40 patients with mental
health problems were
treated by Act

80 individuals with
substance dependencies
were treated by Kamara

Childcare Reform



Instead of large orphanage houses
with tens of children,



More than 5000 children
were returned to the families



33 family type houses were created
with a maximum of 8 children



More than 1000 children
were placed into foster care



Up to 30 Children Day
Care Centers were opened



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Self-governance

Budget

\$6 351 500

310 Projects Funded

Media



Radios



Newspapers

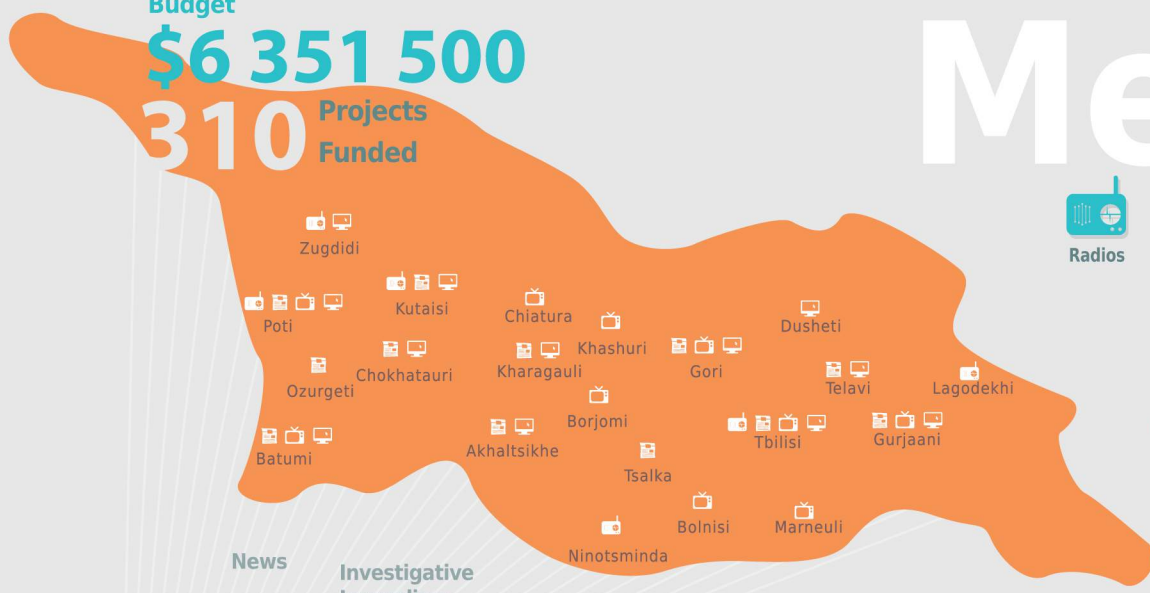


Televisions



Online Media

Up to **50** media outlets provided the public with information on current events



- Analytics
- News
- Investigative Journalism
- Talk Shows

NEW MEDIA OUTLETS WERE CREATED

@netgazeti.ge DEMOCRACY & FREEDOM WATCH

საინფორმაციო ცენტრების ქსელი
NETWORK OF INFORMATION CENTERS

www.ik.ge Kakheti
www.mtm.ge Mtskheta-Mtianeti
www.kn.ge kvemo Kartli

შიდა ქართლი
საინფორმაციო ცენტრი

TS PRESS.GE
თავისუფალი სიყვავილე

ლიბეტი

FOREIGNPRESS

Livepress.ge

Media Advocacy Coalition კოალიციზი მედიის ადვოკატირებისთვის



The coalition worked on the protection of journalists' rights

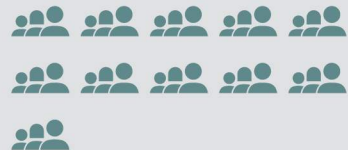


Achieved improvements in media legislation



Is actively involved in the process of the digital switchover

11 organizations are united under the coalition



NEW MEDIA AND INNOVATIONS



First forum on New Media in Georgia



First Social Innovation Camp in the Caucasus



Newspaper websites and online portals were created and improved

www.

PUBLICATIONS



Modern journalism textbooks for students



Media literacy for teachers



Publications on journalistic ethics for media practitioners





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Self-governance

Budget \$12 522 000

EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Education Policy



Draft law on higher education

Civil Society Platform in support of Education Reform

Conceptual document for the strategic development of education

Computer Model for Education System

48 young professionals employed at state universities after receiving education abroad

38 new masters courses in social sciences

Improved curriculum, teaching, and assessment methods were introduced in 9 university departments

4 new master's programs

10 debate clubs at universities

Higher Education



Science



226 Publications: research and academic papers

2530 successful students and scientists were encouraged in the fields of physics, mathematics, biology and chemistry

A concept for doctoral programs was developed and an integrated model for teaching and research was established

Scientific competitions and olympiads for school and university students

Center for Social Sciences

Preschool Education



Interactive Teaching Methods

73 day cares

600 teachers trained in child-centered teaching methodologies

Grade School Education



Cooperation between the public, school models, and interactive teaching methodologies

Encouraging development of critical thinking

36 school debate clubs

Democratic governance models piloted in 31 schools

Educational programs Abroad



International education advising centers in Tbilisi and 4 other regions

Education Abroad was funded for 1091 people



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1091 alumni were sponsored

Center for International Education (CIE) was founded by OSGF and helps Georgian students and professionals to receive international education.

American University in Bulgaria
Undergraduate programs



107 Alumni

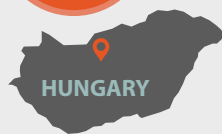


- Business Administration; Economy
- Computer Science; Information Systems
- History and Civilization
- Journalism; Mass Communications
- Mathematics
- Political Science; International Relations

Central European University
Master's and PhD programs



287 Alumni



- Nationalism Studies
- Philosophy; Cognitive Science
- Sociology
- Political Science; Public Policy
- Business; Economy
- International Relations and European Studies
- Environmental Sciences and Policy
- Gender Studies
- Law
- History
- Applied Mathematics
- Medieval studies

Maastricht and Aarhus Universities
Master's programs



21 Alumni



- European Studies
- European Public Policy
- Analysis of Europe

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

University of Oxford
Master's program



11 Alumni



- Social and Humanitarian Disciplines

University of Essex
Master's programs



26 Alumni



- Human Rights (Practice and Theory)
- Human Rights and Cultural Difference
- International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- International Law and Human Rights

The University of Edinburgh
Master's programs



40 Alumni



- Political Studies
- Public Policy
- Comparative Public Policy
- Social Research
- Global Health
- Health Inequalities
- Health Systems
- Social Anthropology

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The University of Warwick
Master's programs



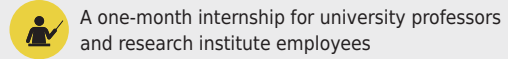
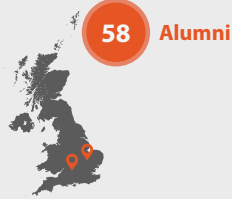
CIE

The London School of Economics and Political Science
Hansard Researchers program



CIE

University of Cambridge and University of Oxford
Internship programs

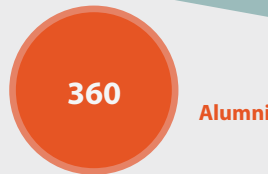
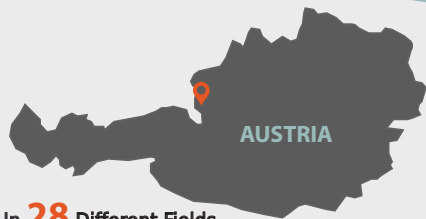


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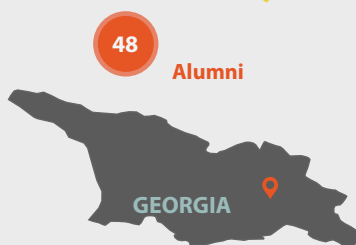
Salzburg Medical Seminars



Program for talented professionals who received education abroad and are interested in continuing academic careers in Georgia

Higher Education Support Program

Tbilisi State University,
Ilia State University,
Tbilisi State Medical University



- Philosophy; Psychology; Anthropology
- Gender Studies
- Economy
- Public Health
- Human Rights and Public Law
- Journalism
- Political Science
- Sociology; Social Work
- International Relations
- History



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Self-governance

Budget:
\$2 720 000
219 Projects Funded

MONITORING OF THE PRE-ELECTION PROCESS

- Political parties financing
- Election campaign funds
- Donations
- Misuse of administrative resources

THE PRE-ELECTION
29 Projects



ELECTION MONITORING

183 Projects

- Prevention of violations
- Violation:
 - **Up to 3000** violations
 - **More than 6000** observers



ELECTION MEDIA CENTER

Since 2008

- Reporting on the election process and violations
- Reporting results of parallel vote tabulation
- 300 total press conferences



THE CAMPAIGN

ქვემოთხატვა

- United 170 media and non-governmental organizations
- Amendments to Law of Georgia on Political Union of Citizens Must Carry and Must Offer principles were launched.
- Abolished 3 years of imprisonment for persons affiliated with political parties
- Fines against individuals and parties were halved



PUBLICATIONS

- **6** publications on party financing
- **27** reports on election assessments
- **2** handbooks for election observers
- Report on financial monitoring service of political parties by the state audit office





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SOCIAL PROJECTS



Community Based Housing for people with disabilities in Gurjaani, Kakheti region



Free Legal Aid for Patients

Palliative care



Active Community Therapy (ACT) - helping patients with mental health problems

Kamara - Psychosocial Aid Center for Individuals with Substance Dependency



Patients' Rights Protection
Hotline 2-10-30-03



School for Hepatitis C infected patients

More than 600 benefited from the school

More than 300 people received free screenings in Adjara

30 penitentiary system physicians trained

Rehabilitation services for victims of torture and inhuman treatment



Computer software program for processing legal aid cases

Free legal aid service



Human Rights



3 thematic web portals
ertad.org
dfwatch.net
humanrights.ge

Early childhood development program for children with special needs



Services for children with autism spectrum disorders

Helping children and adults with leukemia



Art for drug dependent women
Felt, enamel, and other types of art



Strengthening institutional and human capacity
236 organizations participated

Informing citizens about the quality of food products on the market and consumers' rights protection



Web Portal
www.momxmarebeli.ge

Food Hotline
2-19-42-42

Advocating for Food Safety



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

The first Internet
In 1995-1998



250 users joined internet, more than
\$1 000 000 spent

Purchase of computer equipment and free access to Internet for the following organizations

NGOs, Oncological Center, Rustavi 2, Computer Centers for Children, Technical University, Academy of Sciences, News agencies

Free

WWW
server

Tbilisi State University, Technical University, Institute of Foreign Languages, Sulxan Saba and Medical Universities, Academy of Arts, Batumi and Kutaisi Technical Universities, University of Architecture, College of Communications, The school Ritori, Kutaisi Gymnasium, Academy of Sciences and its institutions, Youth Centers in the regions



IT workshops hosting 100 participants monthly

Internet Center
for a Wide Open World
WOW

More than
100 visitors daily



Georgian Web_



Georgian fonts for Microsoft

Georgian characters and alphabetic coding standards

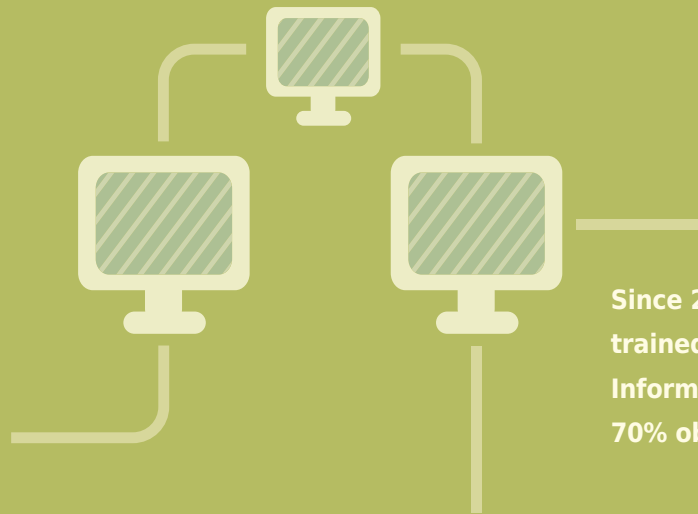
Search engines

The first Georgian websites

Development of Services

Georgian Research
and Educational
Networking Association

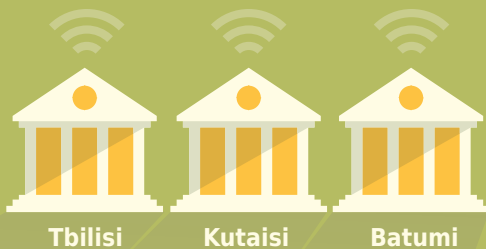
Grena



Since 2004, 200 people were trained annually in the field of Information Technology, of which 70% obtained employment

Actively participated in *Deer Leap Program* to equip public schools with internet access

OSGF spin-off organization provided universities with fiber optic internet access



Tbilisi

Kutaisi

Batumi



2000 schools were connected to Internet

Internal computer networks were set up in 600 schools

400 IT managers were trained

National Parliamentary Library of Georgia

Digital Library

Up to 3000 publications





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CULTURE

Budget

1 500 000 \$

365 Projects Funded

Cultural Heritage

→ Restoration

Restoration of Churches and Frescoes

- ✦ Temple of Skhalta
- ✦ The Virgin Mary Church of Tskhavatis Monastery
- ✦ Alexander Nevsky Church in Abastumani
- ✦ The Virgin Mary Church of Pudznari
- ✦ Kintsvisi Archangel Fresco



→ Archiving of Cultural Heritage

- ✦ Monastery of St. Nino in Bodbe
- ✦ Tedzami Urge Baptist Church
- ✦ David Gareja Monastery wall paintings
- ✦ Frescos of Betania Monastery
- ✦ Dadiani Palace photo gallery
- ✦ Mount Sinai findings photofixation
- ✦ Aspindza Church wall paintings
- ✦ Unknown and lesser-known monuments of medieval Georgian wall paintings



→ Archaeology

Study of Settlements

- ✦ Samshilde, Kutaisi, Trialeti, Gujareti Ravine, Historical Side of Trialeti, Armaztsikhe



→ Digital Archives

- ✦ Photo catalogues
- ✦ Museum Collections
- ✦ Composer Audio Archives
- ✦ Artist Catalogues



→ Museums

- ✦ The National Museum of Georgia
- ✦ Giorgi Leonidze State Museum of Georgian Literature
- ✦ Regional Museums





Actors



Directors



Artists



Musicians



Writers

Professional Development

300 participants

Art

→ Music

- ❖ Folk Music Treasure - Conservatoire Phonograph Fund
- ❖ State Symphony Orchestra Concerts

→ Theatre

- ❖ Rustaveli Theatre
- ❖ Free Theatre
- ❖ Basement Theatre
- ❖ Veriko Anjaparidze One-Actor Theatre
- ❖ Marjanishvili Theatre
- ❖ Opera and Ballet State Theatre

Performances:

The Serpent Woman, Mary Stuart, Don Juan, Hamlet, Dragon, Puppet Performance of "Truth and Lie"

→ Movie

Film Festivals:

- ❖ Peace and Human Rights South Caucasian Documentary Film Festival "Nationality-Human"
- ❖ Ciné-DOC Tbilisi - the first International Documentary Film Festival
- ❖ Margaret Mead Video and Film Festival

→ Contemporary Art

- ❖ Artisterium
- ❖ Artvila Garikula
- ❖ Tbilisi Photo Festival
- ❖ Prague Biennale
- ❖ Artvila Garikula catalogue

→ Exhibitors

- ❖ Total 37



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In August 2008, following the conflict escalation in the region of South Ossetia and the Russian Federation's intervention in Georgia, OSGF reacted instantly with emergency measures

The Foundation helped **72** IDP settlements in Georgia

Community Mobilization

With the leadership of The Foundation, the following organizations provided aid to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):

Aversi Ltd. IVERMEDI Ltd. PSP Ltd. BTA-Bank Ltd. Polietilin M-Group Pace Georgia

Georgian Voices Rugby Supporters League

Taso Foundation Center for International Education Women's Union Rhea

Up to 100 citizens brought donations

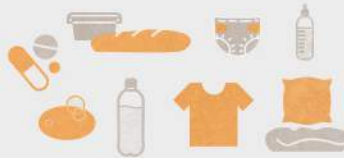


Aid from rural populations



Humanitarian Aid

Allocation of funds by OSGF for IDPs



Volunteer psychologists, psychotherapists, and social workers were mobilized



The Foundation ran a **Hotline** helping people to obtain information about the territories populated by IDPs



Dissemination of Information

During the war, OSGF helped Georgian media to disseminate unbiased information about the people affected by the war



Translated and distributed stories **YouTube**

Provided information to international news agencies



Foreign-language articles were translated and provided to Georgian news agencies



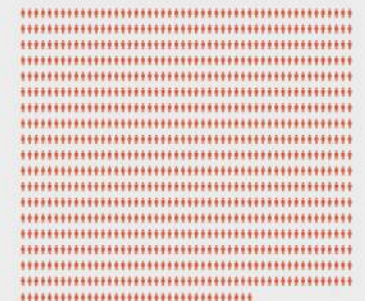
Human Rights

During the war, OSGF recorded human rights violations and issued a report in the ruins of August in collaboration with the following organizations:

Article 42 of the Constitution
 Georgian Young Lawyers' Association
 The Human Rights Center
 The Center for Constitutional Rights.
 The Union Century 21

208 statements were filed to the European Court concerning the rights of

935 people



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