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PREFACE

In 2005, the Open Society Georgia Foundation continued to carry out its efforts while adhering to the framework of the program strategy adopted the previous year. Supporting the institutions of the rule of law and respect for human rights, the development of the civil sector and the independent media, and the involvement of civil society in the regulation of Georgia's conflicts – with an emphasis on the building of trust between the conflicting sides – remained the top priorities for the OSGF. Supporting Georgia's decision to continue integrating itself into European and Euro-Atlantic structures and encouraging civil organizations to participate in this integration process was also a priority for the OSGF in 2005.

The foundation continued to support a wide array of issues and spheres, notably women's initiatives and the fight against trafficking and family violence; education and public healthcare reform; arts and culture; and an increased familiarity with and proliferation of modern Information Technology at all levels of Georgian society, including the state government. The foundation's primary task in 2005 was to continue its support for post-revolutionary democratic changes and reforms by helping effective governing mechanisms to bolster themselves by incorporating a wide-ranging and active civil participation.

In this regard, various projects have been launched and continued during the period reviewed by this report. The Law Program, for example, played a crucial role in the establishment of a nationally accepted system of free legal aid by means of its grant component as well as through its internal operational activities. Civic participation in the lawmaking process was also supported within the framework of the same program. The reform of the law enforcement system was also supported by the Law Program, particularly through the introduction and popularization of the model of community prosecution. Two international conferences focusing on the issues of police and military reform were also held within the framework of this project.

A research project – “Integrity System Mapping in Georgia” was carried out under the rubric of the Public Administration and Local Self Governance Program, and aimed at studying the levels of stability and effectiveness of state anti-corruption institutions, and at determining their level of cooperation. In the framework of the same program, an in-house project – “Building E-Transparency in Georgia” – was launched

with the aim of developing government accountability mechanisms. To this end, a study of the state of legal and technical readiness with regard to the use of the relevant electronic technology has been conducted and appropriate recommendations are being worked out and promoted.

The Economic Development Program continued to work on creating a small and medium-sized business-friendly environment in Georgia's conflict zones as well as regions settled primarily by ethnic minorities. The program launched the in-house project “Unemployment Re-Training and Self-Employment Program” in partnership with the OSGF Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program in 2005. This project is designed to create alternative models of employment for those who have been laid off by the state.

The Integration Program started to fully function in 2005. Based on experience gained through the overall framework of past activities implemented in the conflict zones by the foundation, the program continued to work on building trust between the conflicting parties. At the same time, the program also continued to support the ongoing civil integration of ethnic and religious minorities, as well as the involvement of NGOs in the elaboration of the mechanisms of Georgia's European integration. In this regard, with the cooperation of the Heinrich Boll and Eurasia Foundations, the program has ensured the support and participation of numerous Georgian NGOs in the drafting a number of recommendations under the rubric of the European Neighborhood Policy Action Plan Civil Society Participation. The recommendation package developed within this project was submitted both to the delegation of the European Commission in Tbilisi as well as to the Georgian government.

The foundation's in-house project “Revenue Watch Program” was also implemented in 2005. In the framework of this project, reports on the levels of transparency of incomes received from the extractive and energy transport industries were monitored and made available to the public. On the basis of this project, the NGO coalition “For Transparency of Public Finances” was established.

Other OSGF programs, including Mass Media Support, The Woman's Program, Public Health, Information, Arts and Culture, continued to work on the strategies they have adopted in the past. At the same time, the “East-East” network program, geared to foster and

support cooperation between NGOs operating in Central and Eastern Europe and in former-Soviet countries, operated within the foundation. The International Student Advising Center and the Regional Academic Fellowship Program dedicated to helping both students and teachers improve their qualifications by placing them at universities worldwide, continued their activities.

In May 2005 OSGF celebrated its tenth year and Open Society Institute founder Mr. George Soros attended the anniversary proceedings. Mr. Soros met with civil society representatives as well as with foundation employees. During this meeting, the idea was born that, considering the significant changes that Georgia has undergone since the revolution of 2003, the structure and work of the foundation must be adapted accordingly. As a result, it was decided that, if further investigation determines that there is well-founded reason, the OSGF administration and executive board should work out a new strategy for 2006-2008 and to appropriately reform the structure of the foundation.

The basic concept for the foundation's reform was elaborated during the summer of 2005, and a new strategy and structure was approved by the executive board in September 2005. At the same time, OSGF petitioned the Open Society Institute to enable it to continue working in accordance with its new priorities and structure until the end of 2005. The implementation of the reforms started officially from November 2005.

The actual basis for the reforms is the conclusion reached by the OSGF leadership that the country's ongoing, radical transformation process—accompanied by significant, rapid changes in both the governmental pyramid and in civil organizations – demand a quick and practical response. Furthermore, the foundation's finances are not sufficient to enable it to make effective efforts in all directions and it is therefore essential that the organizational priorities be reestablished without delay. Consequently, it was decided that along with grant competitions, more attention will be paid to working through negotiated grants and in-house projects. It was also decided that more attention

should be paid to supporting the capacity building of young governmental structures.

According to this new concept, the active support of the structural and cultural transformations required for the building of an open society is the foundation's primary mission, and the programs developed and supported by the foundation should link directly to this mission. Therefore, it has become desirable to consolidate programs and further concretize their tasks.

Since November 2005, the Information, Translation, and Arts and Culture programs have been closed. The Law Program, the Public Administration and Local Self Governance Program, and the Revenue Watch Program merged to become the Rule of Law and Public Administration Program. This program is also responsible for supporting the introduction of new Information Technology in the frameworks of strategically important projects. The former Integration Program is now the Integration and Civic Education Program, which also incorporated the aspects of the now defunct Translation and the Arts and Culture Programs which related to liberal education and research focusing on civil and political culture. The Civil Society and Mass Media Support Program was created on the bases of the old Mass Media Support Program. Along with supporting various independent media outlets, this new program is responsible for dealing with and helping to solve any new problems encountered by civil organizations. The Women's, Public Health, and Economic Development Programs were retained in their previous forms under the new structure, but more attention is being paid to their cooperation with the foundation's new structural branches. For example, with the cooperation of the Rule of Law and Public Administration Program and the Economic Development Public Health Program, and with the support of the Open Society Institute's networking programs, the new Law and Health cross-program direction was conceived and added.

Finally, at the end of 2005, the International Student Advising Center became an independent organization, The Center for International Education.



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PROGRAMS

LAW PROGRAM

The primary objectives of the Law Program were to support the establishment of the rule of law; to increase public participation in official decision-making processes with the goal of helping greater society realize the significant role it plays in the development of the country; the establishment of new human rights protection mechanisms and guarantees; to support ongoing reforms within the judiciary, law enforcement agencies; and to increase the transparency of these institutions.

The Law Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- The establishment of public control mechanisms;
- The reform of the legal aid system in Georgia;
- The improvement of public awareness and advocacy.

The Law Program together with OSGF was supported by the OSI Human Rights and Good Governance Network Program and that support was directed at the co-funding of certain projects.

In November 2005 the Law Program became a part of the Rule of Law and Public Administration Program (RLPA) and from that time on has functioned as a RLPA “Rule of Law stream.” The RLPA, along with the Law Program, unifies the Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program as well as the Georgia Revenue Watch Program.

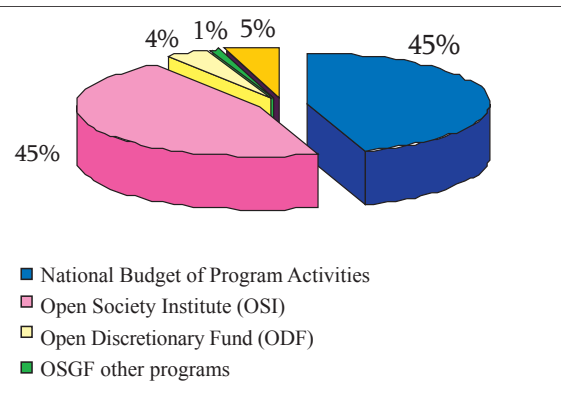
Program Activities

“Democratic Choice for Georgia” Union	Improving the work of independent utility commissions <i>The increase of the effectiveness of the work done by independent utility commissions; the decrease of the number of customer rights’ violations; the raising of the public awareness of customer interests protection; the support of timely court hearings of customer rights suits.</i>	\$ 25 634
Imereti region anti-corruption and customer rights protection association “Sachino”	Public monitoring of state institutions of higher education in Kutaisi <i>The implementation of a public monitoring mechanism at state institutions of higher education in the city of Kutaisi. The promotion of the protection of students’ and lecturers’ interests and the decrease of the level of corruption in the state educational system.</i>	\$ 16 993
Civil Society Institute	Civil society and the legislative process <i>The establishment of mechanisms of public control; the ensuring of the transparency of legislative processes, and the involvement of the public in these processes; the lobbying of public interests and the increase of the participation of civil society in parliamentary hearings.</i>	\$ 14 030
Initiative Group	Disbursing aid to natural disaster victims in Dusheti <i>A study of the accuracy of the records of losses suffered by victims of natural disaster and an evaluation of how appropriately state and humanitarian aid was distributed to disaster victims in the Dusheti region. Study results will be broadcast via local TV.</i>	\$ 2 288

ALPE Foundation	Police civil supervising boards <i>The improvement of the effectiveness of the civil monitoring boards which work with municipal police in Tbilisi, Gori, Batumi, Zugdidi, and Telavi, and the establishment of an effective and fair system of civil supervising with regard to the activities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.</i>	\$ 8 004
Georgian Young Lawyers' Association	Telders International Law Moot Court Competition <i>The participation of a well-prepared group of students from the TSU Law Department in the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition.</i>	\$ 7 412
Initiative Group	Creating a research center focusing on religious issues <i>The establishment of a religious issues research center that promotes tolerance and the free expression of religion by filling the informational vacuum that has traditionally surrounded these issues.</i>	\$ 7 595
NGO "Justice Training Center"	Registry of Georgian non-profits <i>The creation of a complete, searchable database of non-profit groups in Georgia and the publishing of, for the first time, a comprehensive non-profit registry.</i>	\$ 3 000
Initiative Group	Defense issues conference <i>The organization of a conference where all the major stakeholders in the spheres of national military strategy, defense policy priorities, military spending, and legal and human rights in the armed forces will be represented.</i>	\$ 6 170
Police Academy of Georgia	Supporting the Georgian Police Academy <i>The implementation of the Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute (COLPI) training modules and the handover of technical equipment to the Police Academy of Georgia.</i>	\$ 1 930
OSGF Law Program In-House Project	Reforming Georgia's legal aid system <i>The support of the government in establishing a sustainable legal aid system that ensures real access to justice for vulnerable social groups throughout Georgia.</i>	\$ 19 958
Public Attorney Service	Creation of a public attorney service <i>The establishment of two public attorney territorial offices which will provide legal services for vulnerable groups, promote mechanisms which will ensure the high quality of the services provided by legal aid attorneys, and assign accountability.</i>	\$ 58 498
OSGF Law Program In-House Project	"Culture of Legality" <i>The preparation and publication of newspaper inserts focusing on anticorruption issues and the "Questions to Government" rubric. The facilitation of meetings between school students and public figures – members of parliament, ministers, judges, and civil society representatives – during which ongoing reforms in the country are discussed.</i>	\$ 6 000

OSGF Law Program In-House Project	Establishing a community prosecution model in Georgia <i>The implementation of a “community prosecution model” which will improve the accountability, transparency and effectiveness of the prosecutor’s office and protect public interests.</i>	\$ 23 330
OSGF Law Program In-House Project	International conference: “Police Reform in the 21st Century: Values, Systems and Challenges” <i>The conduction of a conference in cooperation with the Open Society Justice Initiative and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia. Conference aim: to compile a detailed reform scheme and to share international experience in police reform.</i>	\$ 29 091
Round-tables, study visits, and the Legal Aid and Police Reform conferences were organized in cooperation with the Open Society Justice Initiative and the Open Society Institute Human Rights and Good Governance Program.		\$ 103 828
		TOTAL: \$ 333 761

National Budget of Program Activities:		157 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	160 506
	OSGF other programs:	2 660
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	13 595
	Third party:	0
Total amount spent on program activities:		333 761
Administrative budget:		16 976



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

The primary objectives of the Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program were: to support the decentralization process; and to assist in the development of local government bodies. The program also focused on supporting public service reform.

The Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- The implementation of the decentralization strategy;
- The promotion of civil participation in decision-making processes;
- The retraining of former public servants and the promoting of the employment program;
- The advance of reforms in public administration.

In November 2005 the Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program became part of “The Rule of Law and Public Administration Program” (RLPA) and since then it has functioned as a part of the RLPA “Public Administration and Local Self-Governance” stream.

Program Activities

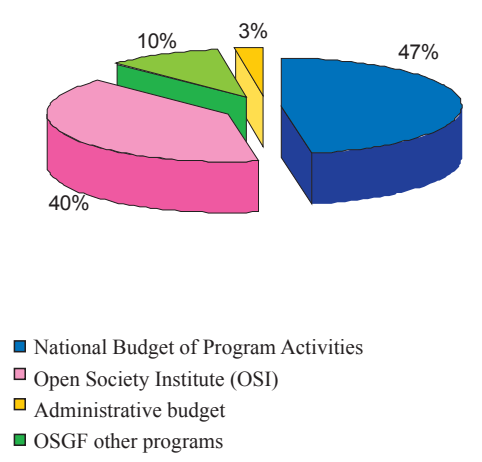
OSGF, Open Society Institute Information Program, and Local Governance Initiative joint In-House Project	Building E-Transparency in Georgia <i>The increase of the transparency and accountability of government structures through use of the ICT and the Internet; the reduction of corruption; activities focused on legal, policy design, capacity building and networking actions.</i>	\$ 200 000
Initiative Group	Training for public servants <i>The preparation and conduction of a series of trainings for city hall and council members, city and regional services employees, regional council heads and other relevant employees.</i>	\$ 8 215
Youth Center for Civic Education	Supporting decentralization <i>The elaboration of a complete legislative package of changes on the devolution of central authorities upon local government in the sphere of culture; the training of local specialists in the relevant field.</i>	\$ 12 858
Civil Development Institute	Campaigning to improve healthcare and social security system funding in Tbilisi <i>The monitoring of the healthcare and social security program carried out by the Tbilisi local government in 2005 and the launching of a campaign to increase public awareness in these areas; the development of recommendations designed to maximize the effectiveness of healthcare and social security programs in the 2006 budget.</i>	\$ 14 130
Civic Development Agency	“100 Eyes, 100 Ears” <i>The support of an anti-corrupt climate in the city of Rustavi through: 1) the dissemination of anti-corruption propaganda through the creation and distribution of informational leaflets; 2) the reactivation of an anti-corruption patrol staffed with the representatives of local NGOs, journalists, students, ethnic minorities and state bodies.</i>	\$ 14 970

Union “Partnership for Local Governance Improvement”	“Clean City”	\$ 14 988
	<i>The reorganization and decentralization of the Tbilisi sanitation system by monitoring the work of the Tbilisi Councils’ cleaning service. The elaboration of a more effective system by carrying out a comparative analysis of the existing and the alternative models to determine which is the best. The development of a proactive lobby for the implementation of the model which is revealed to be the best.</i>	
Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti Councils Association	Providing transparency tools to local government bodies	\$ 12 033
	<i>The assistance of the local government bodies of the Ambrolauri region by: providing advice on how to compile, review, and control the execution of a budget; the overseeing of the drafting of an improvement strategy; the putting of office work to rights; the organization of a seminar for local government leaders on how to cooperate with civil society.</i>	
Radio Program	“Law for People”	\$ 9 056
	<i>The informing of the public of current and to-be-pursued reforms in the spheres of local self-governance and public service by preparing radio programs on these issues.</i>	
Initiative Group “Info”	Promoting transparency in Kutaisi	\$ 14 994
	<i>The use of special stands and web sites to inform local citizens and NGOs of resolutions made by the Kutaisi City Council and Administration.</i>	
Adult Education Association of Georgia	Training of Adult Education Organizers/Trainers	\$ 3 500
	<i>The carrying out of a five-day training program for adult education trainers/organizers from 10 regions of Georgia.</i>	
Horizonti Foundation	Co-funding of the professional training in evaluation issues	\$ 2 722
	<i>The provision of professional training on evaluation issues organized under the aegis of the Global Evaluators Associations Union. Specifically: Disbursement for trainers’ travel expenses, honorariums, and welcoming costs.</i>	
OSGF Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program and Economic Development Program joint In-House Project	Unemployed re-training and self-employment program	\$ 35 000
	<i>The selection and training of 100 former public employees on how to set up an NGO, elaborate projects, and start up a private business.</i>	
The Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development	Integrity system mapping in Georgia	\$ 18 630
	<i>The use of integrity system mapping to evaluate institutional sustainability and to develop recommendations with the aim of eradicating the existing institutional shortcomings of, and fostering an anti-corruption policy for, the government of Georgia; the insurance of transparency in the administrative system .</i>	

OSGF Rule of Law and Public Administration Program In-House Project	Conference: “Natural Disaster and Ecomigrants in Georgia” <i>Organization of the conference “Natural Disaster and Ecomigrants in Georgia” and photo contest “Disaster and Ecomigrants” in Batumi; humanitarian aid to the population that suffered disaster in the mountainous regions of Adjara.</i>	\$ 9 704
Liberty Institute	Education Reform in Georgia <i>The raising of education reform effectiveness in secondary schools of Georgia through creating local self-governance mechanisms.</i>	\$ 154 000
Selection and monitoring expenses for the approved projects		\$ 3 977
		TOTAL: \$528 777

In 2005, the Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program continued the administration of the following two in-house projects that were initially financed from the 2004 budget: 1. “Support of the involvement of NGOs in drafting the Election Code of Georgia”; 2. “Elaboration and implementation of local government body transparency mechanisms.”

National Budget of Program Activities:		323 187
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	275 000
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	0
	Third party:	0
Funds rendered to other programs:		69 410
Total amount spent on program activities:		528 777
Administrative budget:		17 813



GEORGIA REVENUE WATCH PROGRAM (Economic Development Program In-House Project)

The primary objective of the program was to achieve a high degree of transparency in the revenue streams associated with the operation of the country's extractive industries, as well as with the operation of energy transit through Georgia.

The program had four major priorities in 2005:

- The facilitation of civil involvement in revenue monitoring;
- The strengthening of government accountability;
- The initiation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Georgia.

At the end of 2005 the program had accomplished the following objectives:

The establishment of a coalition of civil society organizations “For Transparency of Public Finances” the preparation of a background report “Extractive industry and energy transit in Georgia – analysis of the level of revenue transparency”.

In November 2005 the “Georgia Revenue Watch Program” in-house project was joined to the Rule of Law and Public Administration Program to form the special Budgetary Transparency and Civic Participation Direction. Consequently the program's future work will be carried out within the Budget Transparency and Participation Direction of the Rule of Law and Public Administration Program.

Program Activities

OSGF Revenue Watch Program In-House Project	The public watch of revenues from the extractive and energy transit industries <i>The facilitation of the transparency of revenues from the extractive industry in Georgia, as well as from the transit of energy resources through the country; involvement of the public in monitoring and analysis of the above mentioned revenues; the raising of the accountability level of the government.</i>	\$ 37 710
Georgian Young Lawyers' Association	Public Oversight of BTC Pipeline Company Grant Program <i>The public monitoring of the grant contract between the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline company and the Government of Georgia.</i>	\$ 24 750
OSGF Revenue Watch Program In-House Project	Support project of the Coalition “For Transparency of Public Finances” board <i>Support of the Board of NGOs Coalition “For Transparency of Public Finances”.</i>	\$ 5 180

Economic Policy
Research Center

Public Oversight of the Millennium Challenge Georgia
Program

\$ 36 894

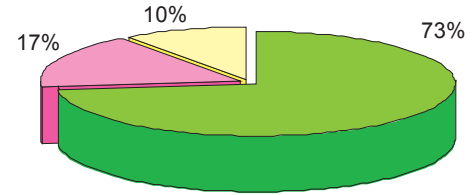
The public monitoring of the Millennium Challenge Georgia Program.

Project administrative expenses

\$ 568

TOTAL: \$105 102

National Budget of Program Activities:		0
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	17 710
	OSGF other programs:	76 824
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	10 568
	Third party:	0
Total amount spent on program activities:		105 102
Administrative budget:		0



- Open Society Institute (OSI)
- Open Discretionary Fund (ODF)
- OSGF other programs

MASS MEDIA SUPPORT PROGRAM

The central aim of the OSGF Mass Media Support Program was to promote the development of independent media and high-quality journalism in Georgia. At the same time the program focuses on the democratic reform processes that promote the establishment of an enduring, supportive environment that fosters the political and economic development of an independent media.

The Mass Media Support Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- The support of an independent regional media;
- The support of the professional development of journalists;
- The support of the anti-corruption/investigative activities of journalists;
- The support the civic integration of ethnic minorities.

In addition to these priority areas, the MMS Program contributed to the establishment and development of the Public Broadcasting and Media Council of Georgia.

In November 2005 after the structural reorganization of the foundation, the new “Civil Society and Media Support Program” was created on the bases of the old Mass Media Support Program. The support of civil society development became, along with the support of media development, one of the new program’s main directions.

Program Activities

Media Council	Supporting the activity of the Media Council <i>The establishment of the Media Council as an acting organization.</i>	\$ 10 695
Dynamic Psychology for Development and Democracy	Journalists for an appropriate and transparent local budget <i>The education of the public regarding appropriate budgetary spending and local budget transparency.</i>	\$ 2 292
Elene Mebagishvili	Christmas charity event on Shardeni Street <i>The organization of a Christmas charity event in support of disadvantaged children.</i>	\$ 516
Newspaper Batumelebi	Development assistance <i>The purchase of a new office for “Newspaper Batumelebi.”</i>	\$ 60 000
Kukhalashvili Eka	Publications on Telecriticism <i>Competition for the best series of publications on Telecriticism (the project took third prize of the competition).</i>	\$ 2 000
Lamara Shakulashvili	Probation period for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month probation period for a journalist from the newspaper “Khalkhis Gazeti” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “24 Hours”</i>	\$ 750

Lasha Bugadze	Publications on Telecticism <i>Competition for the best series of publications on Telecriticism (the project took second prize of the competition).</i>	\$ 2 500
Nino Dalakishvili	Investigative journalism <i>Competition for the best articles on investigative journalism (the project took first prize of the competition).</i>	\$ 1 000
Maia Metskhvarishvili	Investigative journalism <i>Competition for the best articles on investigative journalism (the project took third prize of the competition)</i>	\$ 250
Lela Dumbadze	Investigative journalism <i>Competition for the best articles on investigative journalism (the project took third prize of the competition).</i>	\$ 250
Tedo Jorbenadze	Investigative journalism <i>Competition for the best articles on investigative journalism (the project took second prize of the competition).</i>	\$ 700
International organization “Tskarostvali”	Language learning for professional skills <i>The provision of professional development support for Kvemo Kartli Region media representatives by teaching Georgian and English to non-Georgian speaking journalists.</i>	\$ 11 988
Tsaulina Malazonia	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for journalist from the newspaper “Samkhretis Karibche” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “24 Hours”.</i>	\$ 750
Irma Jokiladze	Internship period for regional journalists in central medi <i>The provision of a one-month internship for journalist from the TV – Radio Department of Adjara to gain experience at the broadcasting company “Rustavi 2”.</i>	\$ 1 000
Shota Gurabanidze	Probation for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month probation period for the leader of Adjara State Radio’s musical programs to gain experience in the Tbilisi office of “Radio Liberty”.</i>	\$ 750
Natela Kirtskhalia	Internship period for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a news reporter from the TV-Radio Department of Adjara to gain experience at the broadcasting company “Rustavi 2”.</i>	\$ 1000

Tamar Mameishvili	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a journalist from “Newspaper Batumelebi” to gain experience in at the editorial office of the newspaper “24 Hours”.</i>	\$ 750
Nato Tsiskarishvili	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a journalist from the newspaper “Kakhetis Khma” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “Kviris Palitra”.</i>	\$ 750
Gela Mtvlishvili	Internship for regional journalist in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a journalist from the Kakheti regional newspaper “Imedi” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “Rezonansi”.</i>	\$ 750
Maia Mosiashvili	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a regional journalist to gain experience at the broadcasting company “Rustavi-2”.</i>	\$ 1 000
Paata Tsnobiladze	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month probation period for a correspondent from the newspaper “P.S.” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “24 Hours”.</i>	\$ 750
Nino Janelidze	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a correspondent from the newspaper “P.S.” to gain experience in the editorial office of the newspaper “Akhali Versia”.</i>	\$ 750
Koka Kvirkvelia	Internship for regional journalists in central media <i>The provision of a one-month internship for a journalist from the TV-radio company “Odishi” to gain experience at radio “Fortuna”.</i>	\$ 750
The Union - “Tbilisi School of Political Science”	Visit of Harvard University Professor Richard Pipes to the Tbilisi School of Political Science <i>The provision of simultaneous translation during Professor Pipes’ visit to the Tbilisi School of Political Science.</i>	\$ 830
Eliso Chapidze	TV and Society <i>The creation of a medium through which members of society in general can communicate with TV journalists.</i>	\$ 1 920
Nestan Tsetskhladze	Monitoring Regional Media <i>Working on the creation of a media market in the Adjara Region.</i>	\$ 2 501

Nino Kakabadze	Telecriticism <i>The criticism of Georgian television programs, TV journalists and their reports, as a main factor in their development.</i>	\$ 2 500
Ketevan Sadgobelashvili	Fifth time TV (telecriticism) <i>A review of the Georgian market, the broadcasting policies of specific TV companies, programming, broadcasts, and the professionalism of reporters.</i>	\$ 3 000
Shakhida Tulaganova	Proposal for the assessment of news operations at the First Channel <i>Research into the functioning of public television's news department/the preparation of recommendations by BBC reporter Shakhida Tulaganova</i>	\$ 2 400
The Union "Studio Reporter"	"Against Censorship" <i>The production of documentary films in the sphere of investigative journalism.</i>	\$ 14 400
Initiative Group/Institute of Social Research	Opinion poll gauging public expectations of public broadcasting programming <i>Research into public opinion of the Georgian tele-media market in order to determine the niche of public TV.</i>	\$ 25 900
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's	Civil Society and Media Support Program Support for civil society development <i>Support for the institutional-organizational development of local, non-governmental organizations (project consists of both education and grant components).</i>	\$ 73 918
Economic Corruption Monitoring Center	"The State Property Privatization Process and the Monitoring of the Results" <i>The monitoring of the privatization process; investigative journalism.</i>	\$ 19 090
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's Mass Media Support Program	Network Media Program Annual Conference <i>Program Coordinator and Deputy Director business trip – Annual Conference of OSI Network Media Program.</i>	\$ 3 149
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's Mass Media Support Program	Translations (Foundation anniversary) <i>Translation materials in connection with the Foundation's anniversary (program activity).</i>	\$ 411
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's Mass Media Support Program	Conference in Brussels <i>Executive Director and Executive Board Chairman business trip to Brussels (program activity).</i>	\$ 1 747
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's Mass Media Support Program	Quarterly foundation newsletter <i>Publication of the foundation's quarterly newsletter.</i>	\$ 7 390

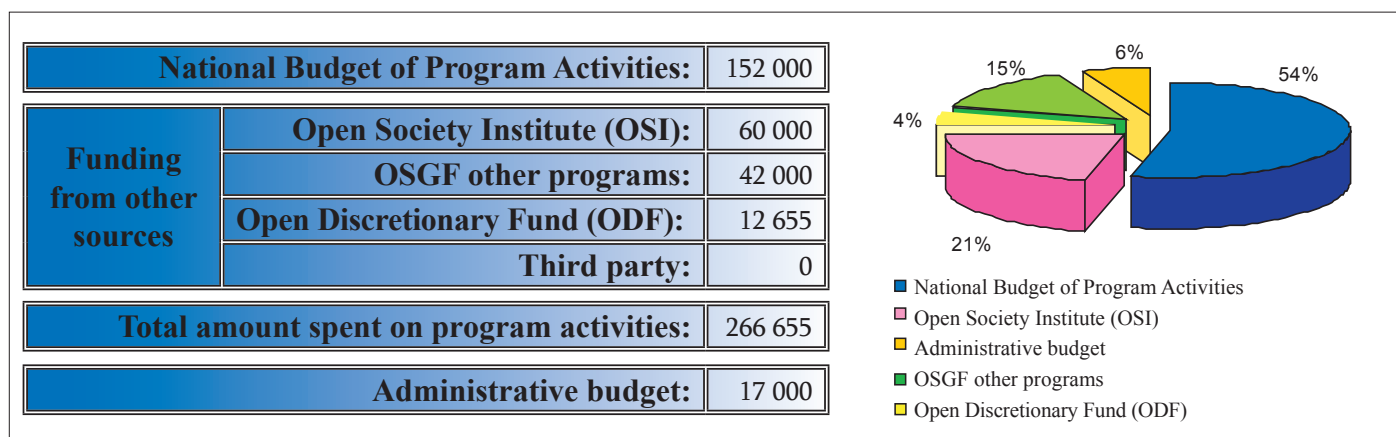
The Open Society-Georgia Foundation's Mass Media Support Program

The elaboration, selection and monitoring of supported projects.

\$ 5 558

TOTAL: \$ 266 655

In the year 2005, the MMS Program also continued to carry out the administration of the following two projects that were initially funded from the 2004 budget: 1. Supporting the establishment of the Media Council; 2. The MMS Program and IREX Media Innovations Program joint project: the publication of a Georgian version of T. Repkova's book New Times; Making a Professional Newspaper in an Emerging Democracy as well as two brochures focusing on media management.



INTEGRATION PROGRAM

The primary objectives of the Integration Program were to promote initiatives for the peaceful resolution of conflicts; a dialogue between the conflict sides; a deeper involvement of ethnic minorities in the country’s public life; civil society development (NGOs, journalist organizations, educational establishments) in regions with large non-ethnically Georgian populations; regional cooperation initiatives; and civil participation in European integration efforts.

The Integration Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- The conflict in Abkhazia;
- The conflict in the former South Ossetia Autonomous Okrug;
- The integration of ethnic minorities into Georgian society;
- Regional integration;
- European integration.

Starting from November 2005 the Integration Program was renamed the Integration and Civic Education Program (ICE)

Program Activities

Sokhumi Branch of Soros Foundation (SBSF)	Sokhumi Office of Soros Foundation <i>The support of civil society development and the Georgian-Abkhazian peace dialogue.</i>	\$ 43 138
Educational Initiatives Center	The “Step by Step” Program <i>The implementation of the “Step by Step” program at 10 schools and the establishment of 2 model centers in the Shida Kartli conflict zone.</i>	\$8 256
Sokhumi Branch of Soros Foundation (SBSF)	15 projects supported by the SBSF in 2004 <i>The OSGF executive board decided to finance 15 projects to support the SBSF in 2004 using appropriate funds from the Open Discretionary Fund (ODF) as per Protocol #269, and board meeting #270 (22), held on 25/03/2005. The purpose of these grants is to support civil society development in Abkhazia.</i>	\$ 27 928
Integration Program In-House Project	Research of Values in Georgian Society <i>The study of the value-structures of Georgian society and a comparison of the received results with those of European countries.</i>	\$34 980
Civic Peace Initiative	Georgian-Abkhazian Meeting in Rostov (Russian Federation) <i>A Georgian-Abkhazian meeting with the purpose of conceptualizing joint business projects.</i>	\$ 3 500
Naira Bepievi	Ossetian Folklore in Georgian and Ossetian Languages <i>The survey, collection, translation, and publishing of specimens of Ossetian folklore (both poetry and prose) and the distribution of these specimens in Tskhinvali and Tbilisi.</i>	\$ 5 982

Association “Children’s Center – Doves”	The enrichment of Georgian-Abkhazian, Georgian-Azerbaijani, and Georgian-Armenian relations as a method for conflict resolution <i>The publication and distribution of “12 Doves” a Georgian-Abkhazian newspaper for children.</i>	\$ 16 968
The Agency for Community Mobilization and Social Development Civic	Society Club in South Ossetia <i>The creation of a civic society development club oriented towards the peaceful resolution of conflicts. Carrying out of public discussions and the publishing of informative bulletins.</i>	\$ 35 470
Tskhinvali Region Teachers and Parents Association	Modern information and education technologies for conflict resolution <i>The creation of a computer club for children who have been violently displaced from the Tskhinvali region. The design and realization of a joint youth webpage.</i>	\$ 10 000
Zaza Jgarkava	Meskhეთians <i>The creation of a documentary about people deported from Meskhეთი (South Georgia).</i>	\$ 14 232
Association of Georgian Ossetians “Fidat”	Personal computer purchase <i>The purchase of a PC for the “Fidat” association.</i>	\$ 390
Zaira Maraneli	Cultural – Informational Center of Tskhinvali and Georgia <i>Additional money needed for the presentation within the framework of the project financed during the previous year.</i>	\$300
Integration Program In-House Project	Participation in the EU- NGO meeting in Brussels <i>Participation in the EU- NGO Meeting in Brussels to help ensure that Georgian NGOs will be involved in the process of the creation the EU neighborhood policy.</i>	\$ 4 296
Gia Farulava	Supporting Georgian Schools in Gali <i>Support for Georgian and Abkhazian schools in the Gali region by providing textbooks and sports equipment.</i>	\$ 8 650
Merab Babukhadia	Creation of a Georgian language course for Armenian speakers The creation and publishing of a self-taught Georgian course for the Armenian speaking population of Georgia.	\$ 4 969
Union Association “Ex-combatants Club”	Former Warriors for Peace <i>Organizational support for the association. Rent for the office.</i>	\$ 2 014
The Caucasus House Center of Cultural Relations Union	Russian language newspaper <i>Partial (50%) support over one year for the publishing of the Russian language newspaper “Kavkazski Aktsent”.</i>	\$ 5 900

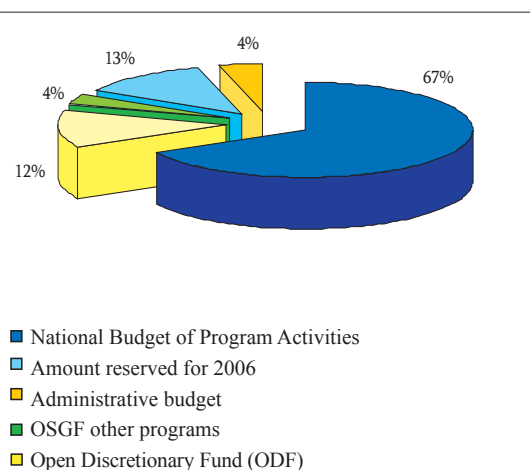
Integration Program In-House Project	Review of the Georgian language self-teaching textbook for Armenian speakers <i>Review of the text prepared in the framework of the project “A Georgian Language Self-Teaching Textbook for Armenian Speakers” financed by our foundation.</i>	\$554
Georgian-Abkhazian Mixed Families	Reconciliation House <i>The organizing of meetings for Georgian-Abkhazian mixed families with the aim of increasing their role in the conflict resolution process.</i>	\$ 11 360
Association “Ordu”	Internet resource center development in Gali region <i>Internet connections for Internet resource centers in the Zugdidi and Gali regions. (128 KB)</i>	\$ 4 080
In-House Project	Travel expenses Adviser Board Chair and Adviser Director business trips to New York and Brussels.	\$5 131
Independent Media Development Union	Restoration of the Kosta Khetagurov Monument in the village of Areshperan (Kakheti Region) <i>Additional financing for the monument restoration project which was financed the previous year. Full implementation of the project and organization of the monument opening ceremony.</i>	\$2 968
Consumers Union of Samtskhe-Javakheti	“One who does not seek friendship is an enemy to himself” <i>Fostering understanding between children and parents of different ethnicities living in Samtskhe-Javakheti. The organization of cultural classes in Ninotsminda and Akhaltsikhe and exchange visits for pupils and teachers.</i>	\$ 3 130
Integration Program In-House Project	Robert Putnam book presentation <i>The presentation of Robert Putnam’s book translated into Georgian with the support of the foundation.</i>	\$767
Stone-Lovers Union	Research expedition for quarrying scarce stones in Georgia <i>Support of a research expedition by the Stone-Lovers Union, whose members are combatants from the conflict in Abkhazia.</i>	\$ 115
Integration Program In-House Project	Integration program consultant <i>Honorarium and business trips costs for program consultant.</i>	\$3 528
Foundation “Future of Abkhazia”	Peace Initiative <i>Financing for Georgian and Abkhazian youth meetings in Tbilisi.</i>	\$ 9 377
IDEA Foundation	Georgian Doctors to Abkhazia <i>Surgical operations in the Gulripshi Hospital in Abkhazia carried out by Georgian doctors.</i>	\$ 10 000

Union “Bart-Ertoba”	Chechen Children’s excursion to Tbilisi <i>The organization of an excursion to Tbilisi for refugee children from Chechnya living in Jokola.</i>	\$ 958
Integration Program In-House Project	European Neighborhood Policy Action Plan Civil Society Participation Project <i>Support for civil society monitoring and the elaboration and implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Georgia.</i>	\$ 10 550
Integration Program In-House Project	South Caucasus Peace Festival <i>Popularization of the idea of nonviolent conflict resolution.</i>	\$ 16 400
Projects selection, monitoring, and other operational costs		\$8 200
		TOTAL: \$314 091

During 2005 the following ongoing projects financed from the budgets of previous years were also administrated:
 1. Restoration of the monument of Kosta Khetagurov in the village of Areshperan (Kakheti Region). 2. “On the Reasons, Dynamics, Ways, and Possible Directions of a Solution to the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict” (In-House Project).

Of the amount intended to finance projects implemented by the Sokhumi Branch of the Soros Foundation for Development of Civil Society in Abkhazia in 2005, \$56,763 was not spent but was reserved for the following year and will be disbursed for the same purposes.

National Budget of Program Activities:		300 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	0
	OSGF other programs:	16 020
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	54 834
	Third party:	0
Amount reserved for 2006:		56 763
Total amount spent on program activities:		314 091
Administrative budget:		18 000



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The primary goals of the Economic Development Program are to support the development of small and medium size businesses and the maintenance of socio-economic projects in the conflict regions; to take an active role in all available economic stimulation methods and devices in order to reduce the unemployment rate; to take an active part in defining and elaborating the national economic policy and in the identification and implementation of high-priority projects for this sector.

The Economic Development Program had the following priorities in 2005:

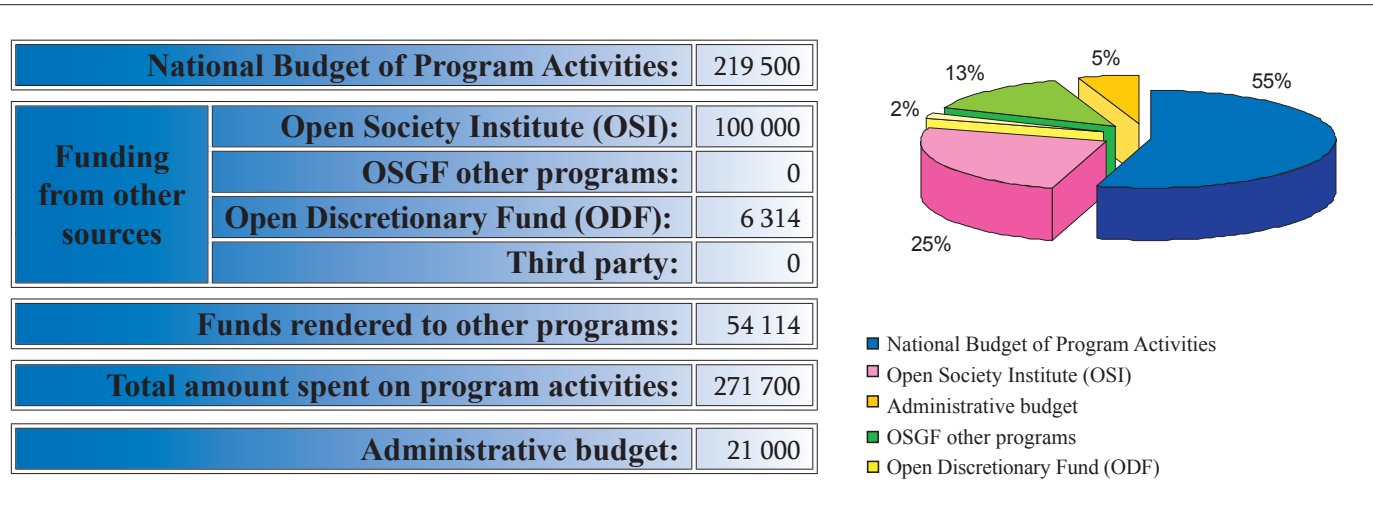
- The support of the development of small and medium size business in the regions of Georgia through the establishment of business centers and the implementation of credit programs;
- The creation of a special program for supporting the self-employment of former public sector employees.

Program Activities*

“TAO” Infrastructure and Business Development Foundation	Supporting small business development in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region <i>The support and finance of business plans in Samtskhe-Javakheti through a small credit program.</i>	\$ 80 000
OSGF Economic Development Program In-House Project**	Supporting micro-financing and small and medium business development in Abkhazia <i>The creation of e a business consultation center in Gali and the implementation of a microfinance project in Abkhazia.</i>	\$ 32 404
OSGF Public Administration and Local Governance Program and Economic Development Program joint In-House Project	Unemployment re-training and self-employment program <i>The selection and training of former public employees on how to set up an NGO, elaborate projects, and start up a private business.</i>	\$ 150 000
Association of Georgian Microfinance Organizations (AGMO)	Conference: Discussing the Draft Law on Microfinance Organizations in Georgia <i>The organization and presentation of a conference to discuss the draft law on microfinance in Georgia.</i>	\$ 2 982
Association of Economic Education of Georgia	Project: “Training Teachers of Economics” <i>The training of teachers in Tbilisi and the Samtskhe-Javakheti region to be able to use up-to-date methods, materials, and new programs and to deepen their knowledge of the principles of market economy.</i>	\$ 6 314
		TOTAL: \$271 700

* In 2005, the creation and development of new OSGF Revenue Watch Program was supported and financed by the Economic Development Program.

** The main part of the project budget (\$ 210,000) was rolled over from the 2004- E&BD network program budget.



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The primary goals of the Women's Program are women's economic empowerment; supporting women's initiatives in combating violence; establishing justice and better life conditions for women and the general population; widening the women's movement; supporting the spread of women's activism to rural areas; increasing the involvement of national ethnic minority women in Georgia's social life.

These goals are achieved by utilizing supporting programs and projects which: advocate for women's rights and justice; support the elaboration of gender equality-oriented, and anti-gender violence state policy; support the development of gender/women's studies; raise public awareness of women's problems through mass media (publishing a newspaper; creating a magazine of regional importance; and producing documentaries); carry out continuous, result-oriented work for the sustainability and steady development of the started activities; support the further development and strengthening of the WP community; and apply the potential of purposeful centers, networks and associations in these activities.

In 2005, the Women's Program had the following priorities:

- Violence against women (domestic violence, trafficking);
- Supporting media initiatives (documentary films/periodicals);
- Gender and education (Gender Studies/ women's oral histories/ empowering education);
- Reproductive rights & health.

Program Activities

Anti-Violence Network of Georgia	Fighting domestic violence (continuation) <i>The continuation of the work of the Crisis Center and the Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence. Support for regional committees of the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia and the strengthening of networking, educational activities with the Patrol Police by carrying out a round of trainings on domestic violence, and harm reduction relating to alcoholism and other chemical addictions.</i>	\$ 27 488
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Broadcasting an anti-trafficking miniseries <i>The broadcast of the Belgian anti-trafficking series "Matrioshki" in Georgia. Co-financed with the independent network "Rustavi 2" to cover the license fee.</i>	\$ 1 500
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Working roundtables on the issue of combating trafficking in human beings <i>The organization and hosting of a number of working sessions/roundtables for governmental and non-governmental structures on the issue of combating trafficking in human beings.</i>	\$ 97
People's Harmonious Development Society	Illegal migration & trafficking prevention project: Greece <i>The implementation of the 3rd and 4th articles of the National Anti-trafficking Action Plan: the provision of topical trainings for consular services, the creation of an informational picture of illegal migration and trafficking; the establishment of inter-state collaboration for the safe return of trafficking victims to their country of origin.</i>	\$ 5 000

Samtredia District Committee of the AVNG	Supporting the integration of Meskhs in the village of Iantei (Samtredia district)	\$ 2 733
	<i>The analysis of the current situation and working with the community of recently repatriated Meskhs in the following directions: raising civil rights awareness; mobilization of the youth for integration; women's issues and women's human rights; involvement of women and youth in local decision-making processes; raising the gender issue awareness of school pupils and village population.</i>	
Khoni District Committee of the AVNG	Society Without Violence	\$ 2 816
	<i>The capacity building of the district committee office, the holding of informational meetings and the selection of volunteer of committee members from 9 district villages; work with school children; disclosing cases of violence. The goals of the next stage of the project include raising the qualifications of selected volunteers; and responding to cases of violence in collaboration with the Imereti Regional Committee of the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia (Kutaisi).</i>	
Kvareli District Committee of the AVNG	Combating violence in Kvareli administrative district	\$ 2 933
	<i>The building of capacity at the committee office and the selection of contact persons in 16 villages in the Kvareli district; The holding of informational meetings in the villages; the disclosure of cases of violence and responding in collaboration with the Kakheti Regional Committee of the Anti-violence Network of Georgia and the Tbilisi Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence.</i>	
Lagodekhi District Committee of the AVNG	Protection of teenagers from violence	\$ 3 000
	<i>The building of capacity in the district committee office and disseminate its work throughout 21 district villages; the involvement of local official bodies (Sakrebulo); the provision of seminars for the local youth (seminar topics include: domestic violence and children's rights). Collaboration with the media in order to raise public awareness.</i>	
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Elaboration of the National Action Plan for Combating Domestic Violence	\$ 1 600
	<i>OSGF Women's Program supported the work of experts to elaborate the National Action Plan for Combating Domestic Violence, in collaboration with the ABA/CEELI. The OSGF Women's Program included experienced field experts in this process. Several working sessions took place at the OSGF office.</i>	
Khashuri District Committee of the AVNG	Khashuri district anti-crisis center	\$ 2 985
	<i>The creation of an anti-domestic and anti-gender-based violence crisis center in Khashuri. Carrying out educational work with different target groups, including the Patrol Police. Conducting seminars in 12 district villages and including village-based activists in the work of the crisis center.</i>	
Konstantine Labartkava	Travel grant	\$ 751
	<i>Travel expenses for Mr. Labartkava who was invited to Poland to participate in the Seminar for Addiction Consultants, April, 2005.</i>	

“GLOW Camp” Initiative
Group of Peace Corps
Volunteers

Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) Camp

\$ 1 000

The co-financing of a double-session camp in Bakuriani for 80 girls aged 12-15 from different regions of Georgia. The girls participated in educational courses facilitated by 7 American and 7 Georgian volunteers. The camp program involved the Human Rights Expert Ms. Eliso Amirejibi as a guest speaker.

Samtskhe-Javakheti
Regional Committee of the
AVNG

Samtskhe-Javakheti regional crisis center

\$ 4 365

The creation of a crisis center in Akhalstikhe. The provision of technical equipment and services for victims of domestic violence including a hotline, and legal and psychological assistance; the strengthening of the district anti-violence committee.

Upper Svaneti Regional
Committee of the AVNG

“Megobari” crisis center

\$ 4 182

The creation of a crisis center in Mestia. The carrying out of working sessions in Mestia and 3 villages in Zemo Svaneti. The provision of services for victims of domestic violence including medical care, and psychological and legal assistance. The carrying out of educational work on combating domestic violence in 10 villages.

Guria Regional Committee
of the AVNG

“You have the right to know, apply, and help one another!”

\$ 4 363

Collaboration with 15 participants from the Students' Youth Council in the creation of a working group for further activities on the issue of domestic violence. The carrying out of an informational-educational campaign, including the conducting of seminars for high school students in Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti and Chokhatauri (5 schools in each district; 15 in total). The criteria for selecting target schools were: population, and ethno-cultural diversity. The preparation, printing, and dissemination of informational leaflets and the publishing of articles in the Student Youth Council newspaper “Akhalgazrduli Guria.” Supporting the organizational development of the Chokhatauri/Lanchkhuti District Committee's Anti-Violence Network in collaboration with the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia head office.

Mtskheta-Mtianeti
Regional Committee of the
AVNG

Family Without Violence

\$ 4 358

The creation of a crisis center to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence in Mtskheta including a hotline, the offering of legal assistance and the services of a social worker. The preparation and dissemination of informational leaflets; collaborate with local and regional media; the carrying out of working/consulting sessions in 5 regional districts; the holding of a final summing-up meeting to go over the work done; the conduction of a sociological survey on public attitudes towards domestic violence and the fight against it.

Women's Initiative for
Equality

Publishing of the book “Gender, Culture and Modernity” (additional funding)

\$ 350

Additional financing for a project supported in 2004. “The Gender Study Reader” was published in the spring of 2005.

Racha-Lechkhumi and Lower Svaneti Regional Committee of the AVNG	Racha-Lechkhumi and Lower Svaneti regional crisis center	\$ 4 352
	<i>The creation and capacity building of the Family Crisis Center in Ambrolauri. The establishment of a hot-line, and the offering of medical care, legal assistance, and temporary shelter for the victims of domestic violence. Enlisting the involvement of teachers, police officers and locally-based OSCE trainers in anti-domestic violence activities. Done in collaboration with the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia Crisis Center and Tbilisi Shelter for the rehabilitation of victims.</i>	
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	"16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence"	\$ 194
	<i>The organization of a series of roundtable meetings attended by leaders of the Georgian women's movement in the framework of "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." Issues discussed included: domestic violence, trafficking in human beings (legislation, cooperation with governmental structures, protection of victims, problems and prospects). A special meeting was dedicated to the evaluation of the New Draft Labor Code.</i>	
Natela Sakhokia	The problems of women's entrepreneurship	\$ 2 900
	<i>A study of the status of women entrepreneurs in Georgia, including identifying the difficulties, obstacles, development directions, and prospects in women's independent economic activities. The elaboration of a recommendation package for the support of women's enterprises, with a consideration of the country's current socio-economic context.</i>	
Manana Javakhishvili	A gender analysis of matrimonial strategies	\$ 2 980
	<i>The conduction of research on the role of religion and religious institutions in the determination of social space and matrimonial strategies in different multiethnic religious traditions of Georgia, both in historical context and contemporary practice.</i>	
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Participation of a WP Coordinator in the Istanbul Gender Study Winter School and preparatory works	\$ 1 235
	<i>The participation of a WP coordinator in the Istanbul Gender Study Winter School. Three other participants from Georgia were present at the workshop and, in 2004 their travel grants were financed by OSGF. The school was a part of the long-term OSI Network Women's Program project and included the participation of women's programs and institutional partners from other post-Soviet countries.</i>	
Initiative Group of TSU Meskheta Branch Gender and Women's Rights Research Center	Initiative Group of TSU Meskheta Branch Gender and Women's Rights Gender Study Abastumani Summer School for university students (Abastumani-2005)	\$ 6 400
	<i>The first Gender/Women's Studies Summer school for students in Georgia. Competition-based selection of students from different universities of Georgia. The school resulted in the creation of a community of gender study interested students.</i>	

<p>Tamar Balavadze</p>	<p>Creating a national catalogue of resources for gender education and a report on the status of gender studies in Georgia</p> <p><i>The creation of the National Catalogue of Gender Resources (authors: Tamar Balavadze & Maya Goksadze) and the Report on the Current Status of Gender Studies in Georgia (authors: Lela Gaprindashvili & Tamar Onofrienko). The creation of national catalogues and reports is part of the OSI Women's Program long-term network project "Gender Study Development", implemented in post-Soviet countries.</i></p>	<p>\$ 2 756</p>
<p>OSGF Women's Program In-House Project</p>	<p>Georgian publication of the Pedagogy of the Oppressed</p> <p><i>The most famous work of the prominent Brazilian philosopher and humanist Paulo Freire "The Pedagogy of the Oppressed" was translated into Georgian by Nodar Manchkhvili (the first ever translation of this author in a post-Soviet country). The copyright contract was signed with the children of Freire; the book was published and is being distributed among libraries, resource centers, and researchers focused on the Social Sciences country-wide.</i></p>	<p>\$ 2 331</p>
<p>OSGF Women's Program In-House Project</p>	<p>Women's studies methodology seminar</p> <p><i>The organization of a seminar for the development of women's studies in Georgia. Dutch Prof. Selma Leydesdorff, Chair of the National Research School for Women's Studies (NOV) delivered lectures on women's oral histories and methodology for an audience of Georgian researchers and students. Tamar Sabedashvili, gender expert, and a member of the WP's Expert Committee volunteered as interpreter.</i></p>	<p>\$ 698</p>
<p>OSGF Women's Program In-House Project</p>	<p>Memory Research Center (MRC)</p> <p><i>Long-term activity of the Women's Program; the 5th publication in the "Women's Memory" series; services for researchers; enriching the center's library, Oral History collection, and audio, video and photo archives. Exhibition of the outcome of the project.</i></p>	<p>\$ 9 164</p>
<p>OSGF Women's Program In-House Project</p>	<p>Participation in the AWID Forum and the NWP annual meeting of the OSI Network Women's Program</p> <p><i>Participation of the WPC and Galina Petriashvili (co-financed by the WP) in the 10th Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Global Forum, (see: www.awid.org); the publication in Georgia of the magazine "Women's Dialogue" (issue #2). Participation of the WPV in the annual Network Women's Program meeting. The main issue discussed was the new organization "International Gender Policy Network" (www.ignp.net).</i></p>	<p>\$ 2 086</p>
<p>Ekaterine Pirtskhalava</p>	<p>Gender education for repatriated Meskhs</p> <p><i>Educational work with repatriated Meskhs in the villages of Nasakirali (Ozurgeti district) and Ianeti (Samtredia district). Training of schoolchildren from both villages within the educational program "Empowering Education" and the creation of a computer equipped EE center in the Nasakirali village school; teacher training and medical examinations and consultations for the locally based population.</i></p>	<p>\$ 4 970</p>

Madona Jabua	Liberty, justice, equality <i>Empowering Education trainings in 4 secondary schools in the Zugdidi district and in 4 other schools in different towns of the Samagrello region. The creation and equipping of an EE centre in Zugdidi. The preparation of EE trainers among Zugdidi district secondary school teachers.</i>	\$ 4 000
Nelli Zakaidze	Empowering Education for Mtskheta district schools <i>Capacity building in the form of the creation of an Empowering Education Center in Mtskheta Secondary School #1. The carrying out of exemplary trainings for the deputy headmasters and schoolteachers. The qualification of teachers as EE trainers. The introduction of the Empowering Education project in 18 schools in the Mtskheta district.</i>	\$ 4 000
NGO “Temka-Zgvis Ubani”	Empowering Education 2005-06 (Tbilisi suburbs) <i>The introduction of the Empowering Education program at 8 schools in the Temka district of Tbilisi and the introduction of the “Mtsdziri” Union’s Eco-club in the Gardabani district. Exemplary as well as the full course of trainings for schoolteachers. Monitoring new trainers’ work with children.</i>	\$ 4 000
OSGF Women’s Program In-House Project	Participation in GSD Summer School 2006 <i>The selection of participants for the Gender Study Development International Summer School 2006. Conduction of the competition in collaboration with the OSI NY’s Network Women’s Program.</i>	\$ 137
Documentary Initiative Group	Development of oral histories Creation of a video bank of oral histories, audio documentation and the preparation of texts for publication. Working with 16 women in Tbilisi and different regions of Georgia. Research topics included: political imprisonment, ethnic conflicts, the Sovietization of Georgia and consequent repressions, World War II, and the National Movement.	\$ 12 893
OSGF Women’s Program In-House Project	Crimea International Gender Montage Workshop - 2 <i>The participation of documentary filmmakers and the Women’s Program coordinator in the Second International Gender Montage Workshop in the Crimea and preparatory works.</i>	\$ 6 226
Gori Disabled Club	When you have no doctor <i>The editing, publication, and presentation of the book “A Healthcare Manual for Disabled Women”. The distribution of the book and the conduction of seminars for doctors on how to use the book.</i>	\$ 3 134
Women’s Initiative for Equality	Gender, Culture and Modernity (Volume 2) <i>The compilation, preparation and publishing of the second volume of “Gender, Culture and Modernity” (the first volume was supported by the WP in 2005). The articles by six Georgian authors include: feminist philosophy; feminist science of law; gender and cinema; gender and political studies; gender and cultural studies; gender and media studies.</i>	\$ 9 491

<p>StudioMobile - Accent on Action</p>	<p>Documentary film: Woman's participation in the development of society <i>The creation of a documentary on composer and public figure Varinka Tsereteli: biography, educational activities and charity, the history of the popularization of the song "Suliko" and Tsereteli's fight for copyright ownership. The film is dedicated to Georgian female public figures.</i></p>	<p>\$ 8 700</p>
<p>Natalia Zazashvili</p>	<p>"The New Life" <i>The creation of a documentary on domestic violence. The heroine of the film, Lia, has experienced and overcome the bitterness of domestic violence, and at the moment is actively involved in establishing a non-violent, harmonious environment in her native village.</i></p>	<p>\$ 9 898</p>
<p>Gender/Media/Caucasus</p>	<p>"Women's Dialogue" magazine <i>The publication of two issues of the Russian-language magazine "Women's Dialogue." The main topics covered in the magazine include: the most important events of the Global Women's Movement (Editor-in-Chief: Galina Petriashvili).</i></p>	<p>\$ 3 887</p>
<p>Women's Center</p>	<p>Advocacy in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights and the creation of a youth-friendly service <i>The elaboration of an educational program, and the publishing of the book "Reproductive Health and Rights"; the creation and capacity building of the informational center; a sociological survey and educational work with young trainers in the field of reproductive health and rights.</i></p>	<p>\$ 8 000</p>
<p>OSGF Women's Program In-House Project</p>	<p>Participation in the Commission on the Status of Women conference in NY <i>The co-financing of the trip of Georgian delegates Tamar Sabedashvili and Galina Petriashvili to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women conference in NY.</i></p>	<p>\$ 1 375</p>
<p>Women's Program</p>	<p>WPC participation in MDG's gender monitoring Moscow seminar <i>WPC participation in an international seminar organized by the Institute for Social and Gender Policy (Russia). Main topic: an analysis of gender monitoring development perspectives and their evaluation on regional and national levels. Additional WPC activity included the presentation of the first book in the Women's Memory series "Multiethnic Georgia in the Last Century" at the Journalists' Central House.</i></p>	<p>\$ 1 071</p>
<p>Union of Azerbaijani women in Georgia</p>	<p>Women's informational support center <i>Continuation of the work of the Marneuli Women's Informational Support Center; activities for combating violence against women; raising awareness by holding training-seminars for Marneuli district police officers (in collaboration with the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia); cooperation with local media; preparing Empowering Education trainers to introduce the program in district schools; workshop of traditional handicrafts.</i></p>	<p>\$ 4 000</p>

OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Seminar on the implementation of the MDG in Georgia <i>Informational seminar for the leaders of the Women's Movement at the foundation office. Topics included: poverty eradication initiatives both globally and in Georgia; and reproductive rights and health. Seminar prepared and conducted by volunteers from the WP expert committee and the NGO "Women's Center."</i>	\$ 200
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Women's Memory series (publications) <i>The publishing of 2 books in the series "Women's Memory": research supported in 2003 "Direct Reporting from the Past" (author Marina Beridze); and "The Life Story of Tina Tushmalishvili" (memoirs, diaries, letters) prepared in within the framework of the 2005 internal project.</i>	\$ 4 984
Women's Information Centre	Women's organization success information space <i>The co-funding of the further development of the regional South Caucasus web-site www.ginsc.net created with OSGF support in 2004. Publication of informational leaflets for spreading information regarding which working organizations are based in which regions of Georgia.</i>	\$ 1 515
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Participation in the international conference "Men on Parental Leave" <i>The participation of a Women's Program assistant in the international conference "Men on Parental Leave" (Lithuania). The experiences and successful practices of different countries were presented at the conference.</i>	\$ 890
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Program-related translations and editing <i>Translation and editing as needed for the different working directions of the Women's Program. Contract-based activities.</i>	\$ 1 569
"Tori" Initiative Group	Pig-breeding in Timotesubani village <i>Initiative instigated by young women from the village of Timotesubani (Borjomi district) to create, develop, and enlarge a pig-breeding farm.</i>	\$ 3 800
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	Business consulting and seminar to raise the qualifications of women villagers <i>Business consulting services carried out during a 2.5 month consultation period and a training-seminar for the supported initiative groups on the development of business plans and understanding the Tax Code.</i>	\$ 2 196
OSGF Women's Program In-House Project	International training seminar for national monitors of the website www.stopvaw.org <i>The second training-seminar for national monitors of the international website www.stopvaw.org (21 participant countries). Facilitated by Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights; Note: The total cost of this activity was USD 21,877 (USD 19,009 was rolled over from the 2004 budget. See budget clarifications).</i>	\$ 2 868

Anti-Violence Network of Georgia	ATLANTIS Program in Georgia <i>The initiation of the ATLANTIS program in Georgia. Seminars conducted by Polish experts on the treatment of addicted prisoners (February 2005). Seminar participants included representatives of Georgian penitentiary system and NGOs.</i>	\$ 3 456
Eliso Amirejibi, Zoya Khasia, Nato Shavlakasze	Participation in the ATLANTIS Program Regional Conference <i>Travel expenses for representatives of the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia and the Georgian Penitentiary System to attend the ATLANTIS Program Regional Conference in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.</i>	\$ 2 595
Manana Sologashvili, Nino Shengelia, Maya Ograpishvili, Vladimer Todadze, Natia Jikia	Internship and participation in the ATLANTIS Program International Seminar <i>Travel expenses for two NGO leaders and three officials to attend a seminar in Poland on the treatment of addicted prisoners and training in a Polish prison, June 2005.</i>	\$ 3 185
	Participation in the Regional Summer School: Addiction and Violence <i>Participation in the Regional Summer School: Addiction and Violence organized in Poland, September 2005.</i>	\$ 3 166
“Idumali” Initiative Group	Meskhetian gift <i>Initiative of women based in the Meskheti villages of Nijgori, Idumala and Oshora to produce and market national delights. The transformation of the initiative group into a legal entity for further enterprise activity.</i>	\$ 3 533
Manana Lokapishvili	“Gift from Kakheti” <i>Initiatives instigated by women from the village of Ruispiri (Telavi district) to produce ecologically safe churchkhela of exceptionally high quality, package them in special wrapping, and market them accordingly.</i>	\$ 1 596
Initiative Group of Natanebi Village Women	“Women for Women” <i>Initiative instigated by women from the village of Natanebi (Ozurgeti district) to create nut-cracking and fruit drying concerns in Natanebi village. According to the social status of the villagers some charitable actions were planned: income sharing, employment, and providing disabled people with income generating possibilities.</i>	\$ 3 767
NGO “Pshavi”	Natural wool in natural colors <i>The creation of a center for the rehabilitation of traditional crafts in Magaroskari village: preparatory work for repairing workshop space, the purchasing of equipment and material, crafts teaching, exhibition.</i>	\$ 3 800

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Journal “Adam’s Rib”

\$ 400

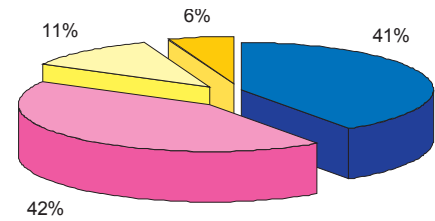
Additional finding for publishing the journal “Adam’s Rib” prepared in the frames of the project “Journalists Against Sexism in Popular Culture” supported in 2004.

Project selection and monitoring expenses, program assistant salary

\$ 3525

TOTAL: \$241444

National Budget of Program Activities:		104 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	108 314
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	29 130
	Third party:	0
Total amount spent on program activities:		241 444
Administrative budget:		14 500



- National Budget of Program Activities
- Open Society Institute (OSI)
- Administrative budget
- Open Discretionary Fund (ODF)

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

The primary goals of the OSGF Public Health Program are to improve the overall health of the population in Georgia by developing public health principles and to support the development of the Georgian health sector, aiming for a significant improvement in the status of the quality of life and health of the general population. The program will award grants to organizations which attempt to form new relations; realize new, effective projects; and improve the population’s knowledge of how to take care of their health. The program periodically runs open grant competitions for projects and awards grants in the sphere of public health.

The main priority for 2005 was to provide assistance to professional organizations active in different areas of clinical medicine in setting up unified disease management standards. Areas included:

- Capacity building in public health;
- Developing and sustaining Public Health Policy;
- Improving the level of medical service and introducing continuous medical education by means of providing professional training for primary healthcare doctors;
- Developing a National Education Program on Palliative Care for healthcare professionals (including physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, and pastoral caregivers);
- Providing access to informational resources and the dissemination of educational materials for different organization working in the field of Palliative & Hospice Care;
- Creation of special services aimed at defending the rights of the mentally disabled;
- Tobacco control;
- Increasing the number of effective community-based services, based on the principles of inclusion;
- Supporting the development of health policy and health reforms;
- Sustaining the legal and ethical regulation of the health care arena;
- Creating the capability to stimulate and support the harm reduction approach to the health and social harms related to illegal drug use.

Program Activities

“Cancer Prevention Center” Union	Palliative care implementation and further development according to international standards <i>The creation of an adequate informational and bioethical environment for the future development of the Palliative Care Program; sustaining the creation of organizational and financial guarantees from the state: the establishment of a monthly palliative care bulletin.</i>	\$ 14 935
Dimitri Kordzaya	Position for Dr. Dimitri Kordzaia as the coordinator for establishing the National Palliative Care Program of Georgia <i>The incorporation of the concept of “Palliative Care” in the National Health Plan of Georgia and its integration into the healthcare system at all levels; the incorporation of Palliative Care into all levels of the governmental budget (federal, municipal and regional); the inclusion of the items “Pain Relief” and “Palliative Care” in the Georgian laws on “Medical Activity” and “Health Care”; the carrying out of the necessary systemic advocacy to the policymakers, health professionals, and general public; the estimation of the increased future need for morphine and the initiation of a request to the International Board of Narcotic Control for an increased quota for Georgia; the making available of both generic immediate-release and slow-release morphine and the development of a rational prescription policy.</i>	\$ 12 000

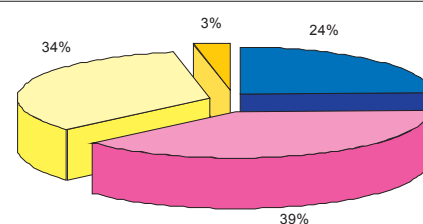
David Otiashvili	Conference <i>Participation in the Varna Harm Reduction Conference, 7-13 June 2005.</i>	\$ 950
Psychosocial Information and Consultation Centre ‘‘New Way’’	Self-support groups for protecting the rights of users <i>The creation of a self-support group for rights protection and the provision of psychosocial assistance.</i>	\$ 9 995
Psychometric and Consultation Association *	Support for inclusive education at Ramishvili Secondary School * <i>The preparation of the G. Ramishvili School for the transformation from the integrative education form to the inclusive education form; the preparation of children with special needs for inclusive education and their placement in appropriate classes after their inclusion; the training and supervision of school teachers to help them identify the peculiarities of mental development, identification manner and habits of children with special needs; the training of healthy children in order to increase their sensitivity and accessibility towards disabled children; the standard and objective evaluation of mental development in children with special needs, and the creation of individual educational plans for them; The adjustment of the national educational plan to include and make use of the abilities of children with special needs.</i>	\$ 30 541
Center for Educational Initiatives	Implementation of inclusive teaching and learning practices in the regular primary classrooms <i>The implementation of a child-orientated methodology in pre-school and primary school classrooms in order to change the traditionally authoritarian relationship between teachers and learners into a democratic one.</i>	\$ 7 500
The following Georgian Medical Doctors participated in the 2005 Salzburg Medical Seminars: Nino Bregvadze, David Gigineishvili, Kakhaber Akhvlediani, Mariam Petriashvili, Tamar Mkhatchvari, Zviad Kipiani, Lela Maskhulia, Iamze Kamkhadze, Ketevan Gvelesiani, Tinatin Aptsiauri, Merab Bzikadze, Giorgi Chkhartishvili, Zurab Sikharulidze, Lia Jincharadze, Dimitri jorbenadze, Mariana Mdinaradze, Vasil Gotadze, Malkhaz Jalagonia, Nana Rurua, George Chakhava, Giorgi Sikharulidze	Salzburg Medical Seminars <i>Participation in the Salzburg Medical Seminars.</i>	\$ 10 410
Union ‘‘Disabled Child, Family, Society’’*	Inclusive education of children with mental disabilities * <i>Support for the inclusive education of mentally disabled children and the maintenance of their integration into society; the creation of a psycho-corrective centre for pre-school children in preparation for inclusive education and socio-rehabilitation courses; The formation of a multidisciplinary rehabilitation group that will train and prepare disabled children for school as well as provide them with behavioral and emotional rehabilitation.</i>	\$ 19 765

Union “For Equal Rights”	Partners involvement in drafting a policy on psychiatry <i>The development of the rights and capacities of people with mental health problems in order to effectively involve them in the provision of psychiatric care.</i>	\$ 25 000
Lia Jincharadze, Nikoloz Gambashidze, Zurab Sikharulidze	Participation in the Substitution Treatment study in Vilnius, Lithuania, <i>Participation in the Substitution Treatment study in Vilnius, Lithuania, 11-16 December 2005.</i>	\$ 6 000
Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Implementation and Monitoring Center in Georgia by Cooperation of Tobacco Control Alliance Member	Organizations Promotion of the formation a new tobacco control policy in Georgia <i>The creation of a necessary background for the promotion and enforcement of appropriate tobacco control policy and legislation in Georgia.</i>	\$ 19 850
Psychosocial Information and Consultation Centre “New Way”	Harm reduction media club <i>The speeding up of the process of the reorientation of drug policy in the country by means of mass media. The facilitation of the effective implementation of current HR programs and providing support for the establishment of a HR strategy in the drug policy.</i>	\$ 12 000
David Otiashvili	Harm reduction conference <i>Participation in the Wilton Park Harm Reduction Conference, 21-24 March 2005.</i>	\$ 970
Women’s Club “Peoni”	Supporting penitentiary system reform <i>The support for penitentiary system reform through the implementation of the ATLANTIS program in Georgia.</i>	\$ 10 200
Otar Sartania, Nino Janashia, Chabua Mikadze, Zurab Broladze, Tamar Skhiereli, Vakhtang Gamsakhurdia, Goderdzi Megreladze	Harm reduction study visit <i>Participation in the Lvov Harm Reduction Study Conference 1-5 August 2005.</i>	\$ 7 000
“Atinati” Association	“Bound” <i>The prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS, HBV, HCV and other blood-borne infections among IV Drug Users (IDUs) in Zugdidi (Western Georgia) – Mass Media Campaign.</i>	\$ 6 258
David Otiashvili, Alex Shoshikelashvili, Zurab Danelia, Marina Asatiani	Conference <i>Participation in the “Improving Technical Assistance and Building Capacity” Conference, Vilnius, 3-5 November 2005.</i>	\$ 2 400
Initiative Group	Nursing education in Georgia <i>Internship costs for three Georgian specialists at Emory University, Atlanta.</i>	\$ 44 800

“Tanadgoma” Union	Decreasing the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission in Abkhazia <i>The support for activities aimed to decrease the risk of the spread of HIV/AIDS in Abkhazia.</i>	\$ 29 490
Iatamze Verulashvili	Astra Network Seminar <i>Participation in the Astra Network Seminar, Warsaw, 11-13 November 2005.</i>	\$ 710
Lela Sturua	Public health school <i>Covering travel expenses to Braun University in Jerusalem.</i>	\$ 980
Nino Sharikadze, Ineza Sharikadze, Dimitri Kordzaya, Rema Gvamichava	Seminar <i>Participation in the seminar “Palliative Care in Cancer”, Budapest, September, 2005.</i>	\$ 3 600
Anna Lagidze, Maia Bibileishvili, Jana Kvachadze, Qetevan Pilauri	Study visit <i>The participation of four Georgian professionals in the Mental Health Initiative Program at the “Speranca” daycare center in Timisoara, Romania.</i>	\$ 4 000
“Open Society – Georgia Foundation” Public Health programs	Global Fund project on ‘Strengthening the Existing National Responses for the Implementation of effective HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Activities in Georgia’ (Component – HIV/AIDS prevention among Intravenous Drug Users) <i>Prevention of HIV/AIDS among intravenous drug users through the implementation of Methadone Substitution Therapy, Needle Exchange Programs, and the establishment of Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centers in Tbilisi, Gori, Batumi, Zugdidi and Poti.</i>	\$ 173 303
Expenses for the drawing out, selecting and monitoring of projects. Program assistant salary, operational expenses for the network program, conference expenses, seminars, technical assistance, etc.		\$ 46 170
		TOTAL: \$498 828

* Project partially financed out of last year’s budget.

National Budget of Program Activities:		125 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	200 525
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	0
	Third party:	173 303
Total amount spent on program activities:		498 828
Administrative budget:		15 000



- National Budget of Program Activities
- Open Society Institute (OSI)
- Administrative budget
- Open Discretionary Fund (ODF)

INFORMATION PROGRAM

The primary goal of the Information Program was to support the formation and advancement of an information-based society in Georgia through the promotion of information and communications technologies.

The Information Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- The development of an information infrastructure in the regions of Georgia;
- The support of research and educational computer networks in the regions of Georgia;
- Bridging the digital divide and the promotion of ICT in the regions of Georgia;
- The promotion of free/libre Open Source Software;
- The promotion of ICT in schools and other educational organizations.

In November 2005, after structural and strategic changes at the Foundation, the Information Program was closed. Portions of the program’s initiatives were carried out by the Open Consultants Union, which was established in 2004 by the Information Program.

Program Activities

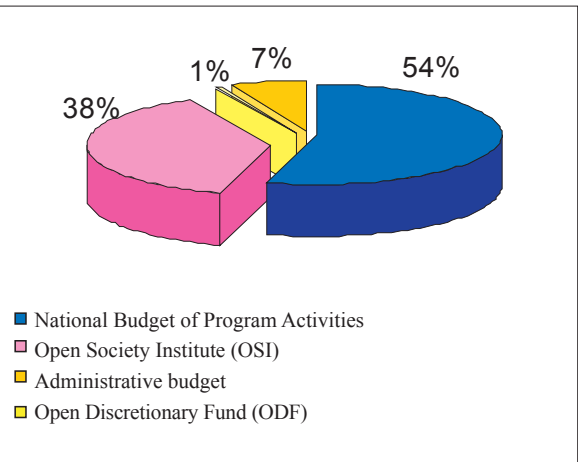
Irakli Kalichava	Provision of secondhand computers <i>The granting of second-hand computers purchased by the Foundation.</i>	*
Valeri Chitaladze, Tea Kharitonashvili, Ana Keshelashvili	eRiders visit to Bulgaria <i>Open Source Software promotion workshop in Bulgaria.</i>	\$ 3 635
Georgian Research and Educational Networks Association (GRENA)	GRENA support 2005 <i>The development and improvement of a reliable, functioning GRENA Network.</i>	\$ 122 000
Charity Society “Abkhazeti”	Provision of second-hand computers <i>The granting of two second-hand computers purchased by the Foundation.</i>	*
Georgian Research and Educational Networks Association (GRENA)	Provision of second-hand computers <i>The granting of twenty two second-hand computers purchased by the Foundation.</i>	*
Lagodekhi Library	Mobile Library <i>The creation of a mobile library.</i>	\$ 1 200
Union “Open Consultants”	Information and Communication Technologies for Capacity Building and Social Change <i>ICT Consulting and support of non-governmental, governmental and educational organizations in Georgia; the promotion of Free and Open Source Software; the promotion of wireless network technologies in the regions of Georgia.</i>	\$ 78 890

* Second-hand computers, purchased by the Foundation, were handed over free of charge.

Tea Kharitonashvili	Technical assessment of human rights organizations in Georgia and Armenia <i>Visits by Human Rights organizations to Georgia and Armenia to provide technical assessment.</i>	\$ 654
Union “Open Consultants”	Information Technology Security Initiative: Civil Society in Georgia <i>Consulting Human Rights and free media organizations in a safe office and using secure online communications, based on the eRiders model.</i>	\$ 15 200
Initiative Group	Georgian Spellchecker <i>The solving of the Georgian spellchecker software creation task using common methods of modeling Georgian Language.</i>	\$ 21 000
Ramaz Kvatadze	Coordination of NATO Virtual Silk Road Project in South Caucasus <i>The coordination of South Caucasian country projects, part of the Virtual Silk Road Project, funded by the NATO Science Program.</i>	\$ 1 800
Foundation “International Soros Educational Programs”	I – Young Scientist <i>Competition of youth between 15-20 years of age; presentation of scientific technical projects judged by a qualified jury.</i>	\$ 1 498
Open Society – Georgia Foundation	Tiger Leap in Georgia <i>Joint conference of the “Tiger Leap” Estonian school computerization project and the Georgian analog “Deer Leap”; sharing of the Estonian experience with Georgian teachers.</i>	\$ 3 340
Open Society – Georgia Foundation	Localization Summer Camp <i>The acceleration of the Georgianization of the open source package KDE by inviting volunteers to a summer camp in Ureki.</i>	\$ 5 920
Open Society – Georgia Foundation	Information System of the Georgian Public Procurement Agency <i>The development of a database and its intergration in the working process of the Public Procurement Agency of Georgia.</i>	\$ 3 400
Ana Keshelashvili, Zviad Sulaberidze	Business Planning Training <i>Non-profit enterprise and business planning training organized by the Non-Profit Enterprise Sustainability Support Team (NESST).</i>	\$ 1 905
Various administrative activities and foreign experts’ visits under the Information Program		\$ 3 341
TOTAL:		\$263 783

Additionally, in 2005, the administration of the unfinished projects “Wireless Technology for Social Change” and “Knowledge Based Choice” was carried out. These projects were funded during the previous year .

National Budget of Program Activities:		154 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	108 285
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	1 498
	Third party:	0
Total amount spent on program activities:		263 783
Administrative budget:		19 007



TRANSLATION PROGRAM

The primary goal of the Translation Program was to promote the formation of a democratic, knowledge-based society by publishing translations of titles that provide access to a series of issue-oriented, interdisciplinary texts and can be referred to during the process of solving the problems of democratic development.

The Translation Program had the following priorities in 2005:

- Political culture;
- Policy analysis;
- Economics;
- Cultural studies;
- Other interdisciplinary approaches to the study of social reality.

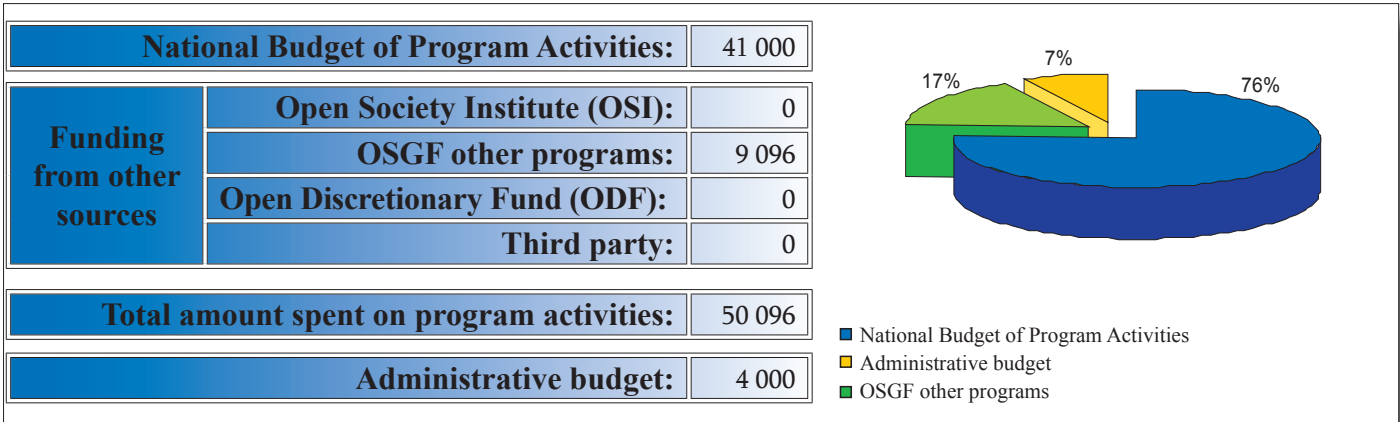
In November 2005 the National Translation Program was merged with the National Integration and Civic Education Program.

The following titles were translated into Georgian in 2005:

<i>Program Activities</i>		
Mzia Bakradze	Mircea Eliade, <i>Aspects of Myth</i>	\$ 3 100
Nodar Ladaria	A. Gramsci, <i>Prison Notebooks</i>	\$ 5 010
Nugzar Mgvdeladze	F.V. Hayek, <i>The Road to Serfdom</i>	\$ 3 800
Nana Gogolashvili	Carl Schmitt, <i>The Political Theology</i>	\$ 3 900
Marine Ambokadze	Anthony Giddens, <i>The Constitution of Society</i>	\$ 5 500
Nino Betlemidze	James M. Buchanan, <i>Public Finance In Democratic Process: Fiscal Institutions and Individual Choice</i>	\$ 4 200
Magda Kobakhidze	Edward Said, <i>Orientalism</i>	\$ 4 208
Gia Nodia	Max Horkheimer & Theodor Adorno, <i>Dialektik der Aufklarung</i>	\$ 3 750
Tatia Mebagishvili	M. Foucault, <i>Madness and Civilization</i>	\$ 3 100
Ketevan Rcheulishvili	K. Mannheim, <i>Ideologie und Utopie</i>	\$ 2 700
Editing of the translations listed above		\$ 10 828
Administration of ongoing projects		\$ 4 000
		TOTAL: \$54 096

The following ongoing projects from previous years were also administered during 2005: 1. The translation and publishing of *Principles of Economics* by Carl Menger; 2. The translation and publishing of *National Identity* by Anthony D. Smith. 3. The translation and publishing of *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life* by Irving Goffman. 4. The translation and publishing of a book by Jurgen Habermas.

The Translation Program started functioning in September 2004. At the end of that year a competition in “The Translation and Publishing of Georgian Books of Social and Cultural Importance” was announced. The competition was extended into 2005 and the rollover budget was disbursed accordingly in 2005.



ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM (National and Network Programs)

In 2005 two programs were working to support development in the fields of art and culture:

National Arts and Culture Program

Open Society Institute Arts and Culture Network Program

The primary goal of the National Program was the support of multi-ethnic artistic and cultural development and its total integration in global cultural processes.

The primary objectives of the National Program in 2005 were to support the investigation and defense of Georgian art and culture, and its integration and adaptation with world cultural achievements, as well as to support the perception and estimation of Georgian culture on an international scale.

In 2005 the program worked on the following priority areas:

- The research and study of culture;
- Contemporary art and culture;
- Cultural heritage;
- The study of cultural policy.

In November 2005 the Arts and Culture Program was closed and its components were merged with the Integration and Civic Education (ICE) Program.

In 2005 the Open Society Institute Budapest Arts and Culture Network Program facilitated the cultural and creative co-operation of the Soros Foundation Network. On the basis of announced competitions the program supported the implementation of structural changes in cultural policy and the establishment of an independent and innovative arts sector.

In 2005 the program's main objectives were the strengthening of cultural exchange and co-operation within the country.

The program's geographical priorities were The Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan), Mongolia, Iran, Turkey, and Afghanistan. All announced competitions were open only to these countries

In 2006 the Integration and Civic Education (ICE) Program will administer competitions announced by the Arts and Culture Network Program.

Program Activities

Gocha Japaridze	13th -16th Century Arabic sources on Georgian Church history in the Holy Land (Vol. 1) <i>The preservation of source material and the publication and dissemination of the text.</i>	\$ 4000
Lela Khoperia	Unknown Georgian scripts preserved in St. Petersburg, Russia <i>The creation of a catalogue for material preserved in the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Oriental Studies, St. Petersburg branch.</i>	\$ 3934

Lia Bakuradze	Unknown fragments of Georgian Culture: The Fereidianian Texts <i>Preservation of source material and preparatory works for research.</i>	\$ 2 759
Initiative group	Musical heritage of the Georgian highlands –Svaneti <i>The audio/visual documentation and preservation of traditional music from Svaneti.</i>	\$ 4 000
Bachana Bregvadze	“Time and Eternity” <i>The preparation and publication of the two volume book “Time and Eternity”. The book contains translations of the work of outstanding philosophers and scientists, the majority of which are being published in Georgian for the first time.</i>	\$ 6 000
Youth Film Studio “Pioneer”	Youth Film Studio “Pioneer Film” <i>The renovation and strengthening of the technical base of the Youth Film Studio “Pioneer Film.”</i>	\$ 3 539
George Okropiridze	“Modern Style Architectural Heritage Restoration” <i>Familiarization with the contemporary European standards of modern (jugenstil) architectural heritage restoration through training in theory and practice by Austrian specialists.</i>	\$ 3 010
Malkhaz Erkvanidze	“Photo Archive of Unique Georgian Sacred and Secular Music “ <i>The creation of a unique Georgian sacred and secular music photo archive.</i>	\$ 6 119
Institute of History and Ethnology	Computer analysis of skeletal material discovered on the territory of Georgia <i>The study of skulls from Bronze and Feudal Period burial grounds discovered on the territory of Georgia: their description, preparation, and the publication of a bi-lingual catalogue.</i>	\$ 3 925
Initiative group	“A Time to Gather Stones”” <i>The bringing together of Georgian and Ossetian youth from the conflict region by means of the study and preservation of their shared cultural heritage.</i>	\$ 5 749
Oni Region Library	The development of the socio-cultural infrastructure of the Oni Regional Library <i>The development of the socio-cultural infrastructure of the Oni Regional Library through the implementation of long-term educational and cultural activities.</i>	\$ 1 131
Bachi Kitiashvili	“Bermukha” jubilee concert <i>Presentation of the “Bermukha” 40-year jubilee concert.</i>	\$ 438

Kharagauli Central Library	“Information and the Arts in the Service of the People”	\$ 3 580
	<i>Creation of a library in the Kharagauli Information Center. One of the main priorities of the center’s activities is to supply the library (including audio and video materials) with the latest information in the sphere of arts and culture, along with the implementation of various educational and cultural programs.</i>	
“Betkili” the group of cultural development of Upper Svaneti	The creation of a mobile, multi-media center in Upper Svaneti	\$ 4 731
	<i>The creation of a mobile, multi-media center to supply the population of the Svaneti highlands with up-to-date information and educational/cultural films and video materials.</i>	
Non-Government Organization “Kai Kma”	“Cultural Deficit - Spiritual Poverty”	\$ 3 084
	<i>The development of cultural and educational activities in the village of Bobbiskhevi in order to overcome the information vacuum.</i>	
Association “The Society of Democratic Women of Marneuli”	“Parallels”	\$ 3 418
	<i>The development of an intercultural club in Marneuli and the provision of the material and technical bases for the implementation of various educational and cultural programs such as “Georgian Language Courses for Ethnic Azeris”, and teaching children history through a series of tours to various sites in Kvemo Kartli.</i>	
Union “Orientiri”	Velistsikhe information and cultural center	\$ 3 937
	<i>The establishment of an information and cultural center in the village of Velistsikhe and the implementation of various educational and cultural activities.</i>	
The Kutaisi I. Chavchavadze Scientific Universal Library	Information service of the Kutaisi Scientific Universal Library’s Cultural Information Center	\$ 3 841
	<i>The development of an information service and the establishment of a cultural information center at the Kutaisi Scientific Universal Library.</i>	
Union “Vale”	“The Georgian and Armenian Art and Cultural Integration Center”	\$ 3 122
	<i>The establishment of the Georgian and Armenian Art and Cultural Integration Center for children and youth in the city of Vale.</i>	
“Khariton Akhvlediani Adjara Museum”	Booklets and postcards	\$ 2 000
	<i>Increasing the museum’s income generation potential by printing new booklets and postcards (UNESCO grant in the framework of a joint project with the OSGF).</i>	
The Georgian National Museum	The reestablishment of the ceramic workshop at the open-air museum	\$ 2 000
	<i>The development of the Georgian National Museum’s “Folklore and Folk Architecture Museum” by implementing various educational programs (UNESCO grant in the framework of a joint project with the OSGF).</i>	

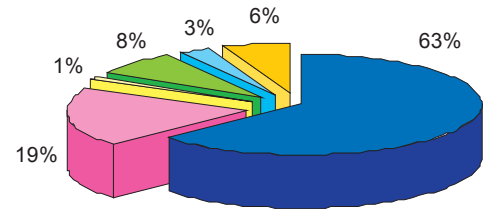
Mtskheta Museum Reserve	Publishing the catalogue “Great Mtskheta and its Country ” <i>The development of the Mtskheta Museum Reserve by publishing a museum catalogue and implementing new educational programs.</i>	\$ 1 980
The Dadiani Palace Defense Foundation	Educational project in the Dadiani Palace Historical-Architectural Museum <i>Implementing an educational project, organizing an exposition and publishing a brochure detailing the treasures of the Dadiani Palace Historical-Architectural Museum.</i>	\$ 2 000
Kutaisi Historical-Ethnographic Museum	Museum catalogue <i>Assisting the development of the Kutaisi Historical-Ethnographic Museum by publishing a museum catalogue and implementing new educational programs.</i>	\$ 2 000
Tbilisi Archeological Society	Promoting educational background <i>Promotion of educational activities for students and teachers from schools and higher education institutions at the Tbilisi Archeological Museum.</i>	\$ 1 930
Institute of Strategy and Development	Photo exhibition <i>Preparatory work and presentation of a photo exhibition on the architectural heritage of historic Tao-Klarjeti at the State Parliament Library.</i>	\$ 1 713
Initiative Group	Digital guide <i>The preparation and creation of a digital guide on CD detailing the material monuments of the medieval period in Kakheti.</i>	\$ 3 996
Union: “Friends of the Oriental Arts”	“The Week of Islamic Arts” at the Georgian National Museum <i>The provision of local transport and the publication of brochures and seminar materials during “The Week of Islamic Arts” at the Georgia National Museum.</i>	\$ 959
NGO Theatre Studio (Sardapi Theatre on Rustaveli)	“New Meidani of Tbilisi” <i>The establishment of the “New Meidani of Tbilisi” intercultural dialogue center. The main objective of the center is the development and promotion of cultural dialogue and the fostering of cooperation between the multi-ethnic society of Georgia and the greater Caucasus Region by implementing educational programs, disseminating relevant information, and promoting cultural animation and mediation.</i>	\$ 28 794
Union House of Georgian Traditions “Adgilis Deda”	Teaching young people about Georgian folk traditions <i>The implementation of various programs and activities designed to resurrect, promote and teach Georgian folklore and traditions to young people.</i>	\$ 7 922
Association Studio “Televeziri”	Animated picture event at the Museum of Pirosmeni in Mirzaani <i>The organization of an animated artistic event designed to introduce the works of Pirosmeni to the children of Qizikhi and Mirzaani.</i>	\$ 7 478

Union “New Translations”	Almanac preparation and competition <i>Organization and printing of two issues of the almanac “New Translations”; the organization of a competition for young translators.</i>	\$ 3 515
Tinatin Jachvadze	“Pocket Library” <i>The creation of a pocket library for use by students in villages designed to awaken an interest in reading and literature.</i>	\$ 1 112
Union “Theatre of Change”	“Theatre of Change” <i>Support for the development of the first professional Forum Theatre company in Georgia dedicated to social change.</i>	\$ 15 000
Initiative Group	Religious issue research center <i>The establishment of a research center for religious issues that will support the free expression of religion, deepen religious tolerance, and fill the informational vacuum surrounding these issues.</i>	\$ 7 595
Karchkhadze Publishing	Oxford Illustrated Science Encyclopedia <i>The translation into Georgian and publishing of the Oxford Illustrated Science Encyclopedia (published by Oxford University Press). *</i>	\$ 184
“Contemporary Art Club”	“Digital story” <i>The creation of a common cultural space between Georgia, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Armenia through the promotion of new ideas, peaceful coexistence and equal dialogue by means of digital art.</i>	\$ 10 000
The Georgian State University of Theatre and Film	Working meeting of European League of Institutes of the Arts (ELIA) and European Network of Cultural Administration Training Centers (ENCATC) in Tbilisi <i>The transferring of European Skills in Artistic Higher Education, and the creation of a platform for future cooperation within the region for universities from the Caucasus, Eastern Europe, Turkey, Central Asia and Mongolia.</i>	\$ 9 790
“Youth Studio ADC”	Young Artists for a Peaceful Caucasus <i>The promotion of a cultural dialogue between youngsters from participating countries in the Caucasus, and the creation of a youth network in the South Caucasus.</i>	\$ 7 500
National Program Operational Expenses		\$ 7 396
International Bureau for Caucasian Cultural Programs (IBCCP)	International Cultural Policy Conference <i>Searching for new funding opportunities for cultural cooperation and exchange between the EU and the Caucasus region by promoting the International Cultural Policy Conference.</i>	\$ 8 990

*Project partially financed out of last year’s budget.

Levan Khetaguri	Participation in the 3rd International Theatre School Festival <i>Participation in the 3rd International Theatre School Festival in Warsaw, Poland (Travel Grant).</i>	\$ 1 460
Mikheil Kochakidze	“Ruins of Empire” <i>The creation of a photographic and historical account of the unfinished and destroyed mega-projects that characterized the Soviet Era, and the creation of possibilities for transforming these ruins into functional objects.</i>	\$ 6 909
Foundation of Georgian Arts & Culture	“Cultural Industries” - Round Table <i>The initiation of the exchange of experience in the field of cultural industries through the organization of roundtable discussions, exhibitions and shows in Tbilisi.</i>	\$ 3 486
Information Analytical Center “Caucasus Network”	Tolerance Course: “The Role of Culture in Tolerance Education” <i>The presentation of a course in tolerance for youth from the Caucasus promoting an open dialogue about the role of young leaders in the development of peaceful relationships and the creation of a good neighborhood in the name of peace.</i>	\$ 4 005
Network Program Operational Expenses		\$ 5 811
TOTAL (National and Network):		\$ 225 840

National Budget of Program Activities:		194 700
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	57 951
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	0
	Third party:	4 500
Funds rendered to other programs:		23 311
Amount reserved for 2006:		8 000
Total amount spent on program activities:		225 840
Administrative budget:		18 900



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EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM

(Network Program)

The main goal of the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program (East East Program) is to provide individuals and organizations with an opportunity to take part in international activities, trainings, and seminars aimed at promoting a global understanding of ongoing social developments. Additionally, the program assists in the organization of a number of seminars, conferences and workshops in Georgia.

The East East Program supports people and ideas in transcending national borders, particularly in collaborating to create and strengthen conditions of an open society. Communication is the essence of the East East Program. The program supports openness, dialogue, and neutral space for the consideration of diverse views. Initiatives supported by the program seek to discover and inspire new visions, energy and creativity aimed at strengthening an open society.

In 2005 the main priorities of the East East Program were as follows:

- Civil society development;
- Law and local government;
- Economic innovations during a period of economic transition;
- Public health policy and innovations in social healthcare;
- Environmental protection and popularization.

Program Activities

Pikria Mekvabidze	Open Access Scholarly Communication <i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and methodologies in new communicational models to reach scholars and researchers and to analyze informational tools for disseminating resources at a low cost to healthcare and social workers, students and educators, policymakers, journalists and civil society advocates in poorer parts of the world.</i>	\$ 550
Eliso Amirejibi	Access to Justice: Practice Amicus Curiae – a Friend of Justice <i>Supporting an exchange of experiences on the practice of Amicus Curiae in Poland as an attempt to promote the introduction of these practices in the legal system in Ukraine and to provide relevant stakeholders in Ukraine with the knowledge and skills for launching a wider advocacy and implementation campaign in Ukraine.</i>	\$ 542
Thea Kacharava	Civil Society and Ethnic Minorities in a Changing World <i>Supporting a long-term initiative designed to institutionalize a network of young social scientists aiming to facilitate policies addressed to civil society and ethnic integration, to analyze the impact of EU integration processes on civil society development and ethnic minority rights and to prepare policy recommendations concerning the social integration policies of ethnic minorities in the EU integration context based on international experience and engagement of the public in the third sector and public discussions.</i>	\$ 1 320

David Darakhvelidze, Nino Saakashvili	Era of Participation: Strategies and Agreements between the Public Sector and the Non-Profit Sector	\$ 2 748
	<i>Supporting an exchange of experiences in developing a framework for non-profit and public sector cooperation, specifically in analyzing the experiences of the Estonian government's non-profit sector joint committee on the implementation of the Estonian Civil Society Development Concept, and the promotion of non-profit engagement in public policy formulation and decision-making.</i>	
George Magradze, George Lebanidze, Anna Shubitidze	Strengthening Local Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and countries NIS	\$ 2 926
	<i>Supporting an analysis of the best practices in community development models and initiatives for promoting civic engagement in decision-making processes, to improve communication skills and the community development knowledge of NGOs and leaders of local authorities and to promote communication and cooperation among non-profit, for-profit, and governmental sectors.</i>	
Levan Tarkhnishvili, George Prangishvili, Mamuka Nikoladze, Manana Khachidze	Recreation Activities for People with Disabilities and Special Needs	\$ 2 400
	<i>Supporting the international exchange of experiences and best practices in providing opportunities and services for recreational activities for people with disabilities and special needs; initiating changes at the state level to ensure that the rights of disabled people are met; and influencing public awareness and attitudes about the necessity of ensuring the social engagement of people with disabilities.</i>	
Manana Mikaberidze, Levan Tarkhnishvili, George Masalkin, George Khelashvili, George Gotua, Emzar Kakhidze, Souliko Romanadze, Lali Zakaradze	Cooperation for Improving the Study of the Political Sciences: Experiences in Lithuania and Georgia	\$ 6 710
	<i>Supporting an exchange of experience, knowledge and skills in designing Political Science studies related to European integration, specifically by analyzing the Lithuanian experience of teaching methodologies concerning EU and NATO integration and to promote cooperation among students and the non-governmental sector in promoting public awareness of EU integration.</i>	
Tinatin Khutsishvili, Lasha Bliadze, Salome Sepashvili, Nikoloz Dzimtseishvili	Youth NGOs in the Baltic and South Caucasus Regions: Capacity Building for Leaders and Organizations	\$ 3 140
	<i>Supporting cooperation among youth NGOs in the South Caucasus and Baltic countries, specifically to contribute to processes of democratic development in the South Caucasus by sharing experiences of strengthening the organizational capacity of young people with the Baltic countries and to promote youth engagement in decision-making and policy formulation drawing on experiences in the Baltic countries.</i>	
Giorgi Zedgenidze	European Studies at Schools in Ukraine	\$ 1 023
	<i>Supporting the development of an integrated course on European studies for implementation in the public school system in Ukraine by looking at experiences in other countries and to equip the younger generation with the knowledge and practical communication skills to defend one's rights.</i>	

Zaur Khalilov, Paata Gurgenidze, Levan Avalishvili, George Meladze, Tamar Patariaia, Nikoloz Orvelashvili, Emeliana Uznadze, Giga Zedania, Grigol Giorgadze, Lali Bakradze	Introducing the Experience of European Integration to Georgian NGOs <i>Supporting the study visit of Georgian NGO representatives to Estonia to analyze that country's reform experiences and preparations for joining the EU, specifically to learn the experiences, best practices and lesson learned by civil society engagement and activities in the processes of EU membership in Estonia.</i>	\$ 12 400
Nana Saginashvili	Balkan-Caucasus Youth Dialogue <i>Supporting a series of exchanges among young leaders, specifically to promote dialogue among young people from different ethnic backgrounds and countries, to build the capacity of young leaders in mediation and negotiation skills and to promote the engagement and empowerment of young leaders in the implementation of national youth strategies and policies.</i>	\$ 1 024
Ekaterine Machavariani, Irine Bartaia, Irine Khantadze, Elvira Durglishvili	Public Management Summer Institute: Improved Public Service Through Strategic Budgeting and Improved Analytical Capacity <i>Supporting knowledge networking and the transfer of expertise among public administration professionals, NGOs and scholars on issues crucial to the debate about modern public finance and effective financial management and to promote modern governance standards in countries in the new EU Neighborhood.</i>	\$ 4 200
Nino Gorgadze, Givi (Gia) Jandieri	Forum of Reforms: International Experience and Expertise <i>Supporting an exchange of lessons learned, best practices and mistakes made in structuring stabilization and development programs after political transition, specifically to bring international expertise and experiences to analysis and discussions in Kyrgyzstan to develop short-term stabilization and long-term economic and social development initiatives and to attract the attention of the public and the decision-makers to alternative development programs based on experiences in other societies.</i>	\$ 2 380
Anna Gabunia, George Kikalishvili, Medea Chilachava, Thea Bulia, Shalva Gelashvili, Kerim Gumbatov, Irakli Kipshidze, Mansur Iuzbashev, Tamar Sergia, Agit Mirzoev, Shermadin Sharia	Effective Management Strategies for Youth NGOs in the Regions of Azerbaijan and Georgia <i>Supporting an exchange of experiences in designing management strategies for civil society development through the active engagement of young people, specifically to analyze experiences in the development of youth leaders in Eastern Europe and the applicability of training methodologies in Eastern Europe to the regions of Azerbaijan and Georgia and to encourage collaborative initiatives among regional youth organizations in Azerbaijan and Georgia.</i>	\$ 1 760
Ivliane Khaindrava	International Experience of European Integration and Perspectives of Neighborhood Policy for Armenia <i>Supporting an exchange of experiences among civil society organizations engaged in European integration processes and debates, specifically to analyze the potential of civil society to engage effectively in these debates in Armenia, to promote civil society partnership and cooperation in decision-making concerning European integration and to utilize the experiences of other societies to initiate a public monitoring of democratic transformations in Armenia in the context of the European Neighborhood Policy.</i>	\$ 292

<p>Shalva Gelahsvili, Elene Doborjginidze</p>	<p>Challenges and Opportunities for Youth to Enhance Stability in the Black Sea Region</p>	<p>\$ 570</p>
<p><i>Supporting a long-term initiative to energize young people to create a Black Sea Youth Network, specifically to promote a vision of solidarity among regional youth organizations, to set realistic goals for solving regional security issues through youth work, to create a coherent and pro-active approach for strengthening security and promoting the role of youth in peace-building processes and to coordinate youth organizations involved in policy making and conflict management issues.</i></p>		
<p>George Tarkhan-Mouravi</p>	<p>International Cooperation Forum: From Cross-Border to Transitional Cooperation in a New Europe</p>	<p>\$ 1 110</p>
<p><i>Supporting an analysis of relations between community foundations, local municipalities, and ministries to formulate best practices in the work of community foundations, specifically to stimulate community foundation cooperation with local municipalities and to engage the public in initiatives of common interest to community foundations and municipalities.</i></p>		
<p>Vasil Chkoidze, Gigi Tevzadze, Tamar Pataraiia, Eter Niniashvili</p>	<p>NGO Cooperation for European Integration: Latvia and Georgia</p>	<p>\$ 3 440</p>
<p><i>Supporting exchange visits between Georgia and Latvia of NGO representatives working on international cooperation and European integration issues, specifically to discuss long-term strategies for development cooperation and NGO partnerships with all stakeholders in development cooperation and to institutionalize a communication platform for the transfer of knowledge and experiences from new EU members states to the new neighborhood.</i></p>		
<p>Lia Saralidze, Tamar Chanturishvili</p>	<p>Mentoring for Children from Disadvantaged Environments</p>	<p>\$ 1 830</p>
<p><i>Supporting an exchange of social services providers working with children in disadvantaged environments, specifically to facilitate and exchange the best practices and lessons learned, to evaluate the productivity of mentoring programs in different societies, and to make recommendations for strengthening collaboration among municipal and state authorities and the non-profit sector and volunteers in overcoming social barriers limiting opportunities for children.</i></p>		
<p>Valerian Katamadze, Merab Labadze</p>	<p>Experiences and Lessons Learned after One Year of EU Membership: Poland and Romania</p>	<p>\$ 3 164</p>
<p><i>Supporting a workshop in Romania and study visits to Poland designed to aid the policy learning efforts of the West and Northwest Development Regions in Romania by analyzing experiences in countries which acceded to the EU in 2004, specifically to aid Romanian regional authorities in improving administrative and policy capacities necessary for implementing decentralized activities related to the adoption of the acquis; to contribute to the strengthening of the Romanian regional public authorities' policy capacity from the experience of different regional authorities from acceding countries faced with similar policy challenges; and to provide experts and professionals with an opportunity to work together to find solutions to the challenges of implementing the acquis at the regional level.</i></p>		

Guram Kiknadze	Protection of Human Rights in Biotechnology Development	\$ 915
	<i>Supporting an exchange among civil activists to create a regional strategy to encourage bioethics institutions to provide information to the public about social, legal, and ethical implications of the application of biotechnology achievements and to increase awareness about possible violations of human rights in biotechnology applications.</i>	
Paata Sabelashvili	Our World: Extending the Borders	\$ 485
	<i>Supporting an exchange of human rights activists, specifically to present the recommendations of an analysis geared towards monitoring the observance of the human rights of gay men and lesbians in Ukraine, to attract public attention to the problems of human rights protection of gay men and lesbians, and to compare experiences among activists in post-Soviet and EU societies.</i>	
George Shubitidze, Shorena Abesadze, Davit Nozadze, Tamar Verulashvili, Tamar Charbadze, Dodo Ubiria, Shalva Dundua, Gocha Chitadze, Davit Kiziria, Zurab Mushkudiani, Lali Gigauri, Nana Natsvaladze, Nanuli Nabulishvili	International e-Learning with One Computer per Classroom	\$ 9 490
	<i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and expertise in introducing modern information and communication technology in educational systems, specifically to bring the Estonian experience in this area to Georgia to assist local governments in Georgia in developing IT infrastructure in schools, to provide Georgian teachers with elementary computer skills and guidance in using the opportunities provided by modern information technologies in teaching methodologies, and to support curriculum development with the assistance of an interactive learning environment promoting learning skills.</i>	
George Toklikishvili, George Meskhidze, Milena Mitagvaria, Thea Gvelesiani, Eka Putkaradze, Lali Chkhetia, Lela Khomeriki, Emeliana Uznadze	Improvement of Client Service in Municipal Institutions in Georgia	\$ 5 700
	<i>Supporting an exchange of experiences designed to raise the awareness of local officials in Georgia on the diversity of needs, expectations and possible solutions to better serve disabled citizens, senior citizens, and refugees and immigrants, and to provide an opportunity for skills and knowledge transfer of practical solutions implemented by local authorities in Poland to deliver better services to marginalized social groups based on experiences in Poland.</i>	
Nozadze, George Nachkebia, Tamar Samkharadze, George Machabeli, Ketevan Chachkhiani	Transparency, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Measures in Education	\$ 1 950
	<i>Supporting an exchange among educators to analyze information and the best practices of transparency measures in managing education systems for state education governance bodies at different levels, educational institutions and NGOs, to introduce anti-corruption methodologies developed by the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), to initiate a policy dialogue on transparency and accountability in education and to discuss common problems among government representatives and NGOs when dealing with transparency and accountability issues in education and to develop policy recommendations.</i>	
Valerian Gremelashvili, Gela Vasadze, Valerian Katamadze, Tengiz Shergelashvili, Konstantine Kandelaki	Ukrainian-Georgian-Polish RDAs Experience and Best Practice Bridge	\$ 5 025
	<i>Supporting the exchange of development specialists in Ukraine and Georgia to meet with their counterparts in Poland who have already experienced development assistance reform, specifically to prepare for these reforms in Ukraine and Georgia by analyzing lessons learned, mistakes made and best practices from these reform processes in Poland.</i>	

<p>Merab Topuria, David Chankotadze, Sopo Dolidze, Ivane Mindadze</p>	<p>Assessment for Quality Assurance in Education</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences between practitioners dealing with external assessment in education in post-socialist countries, specifically to compare experiences in implementing external assessment, impact of external examinations on education systems, secondary analysis of external examinations results, approaches and instruments of analysis, means of presenting external exam results and external assessment as a tool for monitoring education quality and accountability in education.</i></p>	<p>\$ 1 900</p>
<p>Marina Lebanidze, Abesalom Manjavidze, Levan Izoria, Zurab Andriashvili, Mamuka Eliava</p>	<p>Professional Policing in Democratic Societies</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences in professional policing, specifically to provide an opportunity for trainers in Georgia to learn from the experiences, new methodologies, and technologies of police training that have been implemented in the Czech Republic.</i></p>	<p>\$ 3 240</p>
<p>Dali Usharidze</p>	<p>From Evidence to Action / Responding to HIV/AIDS in Prisons: Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and knowledge about effective HIV prevention measures in prisons, particularly needle and syringe exchange programs, increasing knowledge of substitution treatment as both HIV prevention and drug treatment, to increase knowledge of issues related to the provision of HIV treatment in prisons, to increase the capacity of NGOs to advocate for increased prevention and care, treatment, and support and to increase the political commitment in Ukraine to implementing effective prevention and care, treatment, and support in prisons.</i></p>	<p>\$ 530</p>
<p>Simon Janashia, George Machabeli</p>	<p>Education Policy Transformation: Open, Transparent and Accountable Systems of Education</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and lessons learned in promoting and implementing policy changes in education systems through building relevant expertise, policy analysis and coordinated efforts, to contribute to the overall quality of education planning and analysis, to improve the availability of education policy information resources and to design joint monitoring initiatives and increase the professional capacity of education policy change agents.</i></p>	<p>\$ 1 860</p>
<p>George Magradze, Lasha Chkhartishvili</p>	<p>Public Involvement in Drafting Laws on Bio-Safety</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences in promoting public participation in discussions of plans to protect the environment and to provide NGOs in Azerbaijan with the opportunity to learn from the experiences of public organizations in other societies which are active in informing the public about sustainable development and biodiversity.</i></p>	<p>\$ 360</p>
<p>Otar Kiria</p>	<p>Challenges of Multicultural Education</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and best practices among academia and civil society specifically to develop a network of researchers and practitioners of multiculturalism, to investigate the positive and negative aspects of adapting patterns of social development and to raise public awareness of and engagement in debates of pluralism and diversity in education.</i></p>	<p>\$ 1 235</p>

Gigi Tevzadze, Simon Janashia	<p>Vision Exercises: Education Policy in Romania \$ 1 440</p> <p><i>Supporting an international exchange of practitioners, researchers and policy-makers to identify best practices and lessons learned in education policy reform; to identify existing policy-making initiatives, procedures and involved institutions; and to understand policy-making initiatives in curriculum development, decentralization and educational management, teacher training, equity and quality areas as developed in the region over the</i></p>
Cancer Prevention Center	<p>Development of Palliative Care in Caucasus Region \$ 5 515</p> <p><i>Supporting the exchange of experience between healthcare professionals, social service providers and NGOs to promote improvements in healthcare service provision specifically drawing on Central European expertise and to engage relevant stakeholders in collaborative decision-making regarding the transformation of healthcare systems in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.</i></p>
Center of Social Sciences	<p>Cooperation for Improving Political Sciences Study Programs: Experiences in Lithuania and Georgia \$ 1 151</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences, knowledge and skills in designing political science studies related to European integration, specifically to analyze the Lithuanian experience of teaching methodologies concerning EU and NATO integration and to promote cooperation among students and the non-governmental sector in promoting public awareness of EU integration.</i></p>
Open Society – Georgia Foundation	<p>Tiger Leap in Georgia \$ 8 882</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences and expertise in introducing modern information and communication technology in educational systems, specifically to bring experiences in Estonia to Georgia to assist local governments in Georgia in developing IT infrastructure in schools, to provide Georgian teachers with elementary computer skills and guidance in using opportunities provided by modern information technologies in teaching methodologies and to support curriculum development with the assistance of an interactive environment promoting learning skills.</i></p>
International Center Education for Peace	<p>Peace Education: Peaceful Tools After Peaceful Revolution \$ 12 760</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange of experiences among social and civil activists, particularly to analyze the content and forms of peace education and the methodology of civic education in the Empowering Education program and to promote openness among the younger generation to actively engage in civil education and social activism.</i></p>
Foundation CASE – Trans Caucasus	<p>Supporting a Regional Seminar in the South Caucasus on Economies in Transition \$ 7 750</p> <p><i>Supporting an exchange among key stakeholders in economic reform and development in the South Caucasus, specifically to prioritize the role of non-governmental public policy research organizations in the dialogue on shared issues of economic development in this region, and to formulate resolutions to common obstacles to economic development through informed public policy and collaborative decision-making and analysis.</i></p>

People’s Harmonious Development Society (PHDS)

Creation of an Anti-Trafficking Network: Information Exchange and Knowledge Networking \$ 19 081

Supporting an exchange of information between governmental bodies and NGOs working on the problems of trafficking, to coordinate the work and techniques of information exchange for collaboration and to propose recommendations to governments to engage civil society actors in prevention initiatives.

Center for Change and Conflict Management “Partners-Georgia”

Improvement of Client Service Municipal Institutions in Georgia \$ 5 797

Supporting an exchange of experiences designed to raise the awareness of local officials in Georgia on the diversity of needs, expectations and possible solutions to better serve disabled citizens, senior citizens, and refugees and immigrants; to provide an opportunity for the transfer of skills and knowledge of practical solutions implemented by local authorities in Poland to deliver better services to marginalized groups of society based on the Polish experience.

Deer Leap Foundation

International e-Learning with One Computer per Classroom \$ 5 650

Supporting an exchange of experiences and expertise in introducing modern information and communication technology in educational systems, specifically to bring experience gained in Estonia to assist local governments in Georgia in developing IT infrastructure in schools; to provide Georgian teachers with elementary computer skills and guidance in using opportunities provided by modern information technologies in teaching methodologies; and to support curriculum development with the assistance of an interactive learning environment promoting learning skills.

Tsisana Goderdzishvili

Innovative Gender Equality Strategies: Fathers and Paternity Leave \$ 868

Supporting an exchange of experiences in developing and sustaining innovative gender equality strategies in relation to paternity leave, to encourage men to undertake new gender roles, overcome gender stereotypes and develop strategies of social policy to reconcile family and professional life and resolve social problems and to raise public discussions and awareness on men’s roles in a modern democratic society and increase men’s participation in the sustainability of gender equality processes.

Open Society – Georgia Foundation

NGO Forum: Moving Towards EU \$ 11 147

Supporting exchange visits to Georgia and Latvia by representatives of NGOs working in international cooperation and European integration, specifically to discuss long-term strategies for development cooperation and NGO partnerships with all stakeholders in development cooperation and to institutionalize a communication platform for the transfer of knowledge and experiences from new EU members states to the new neighborhood.

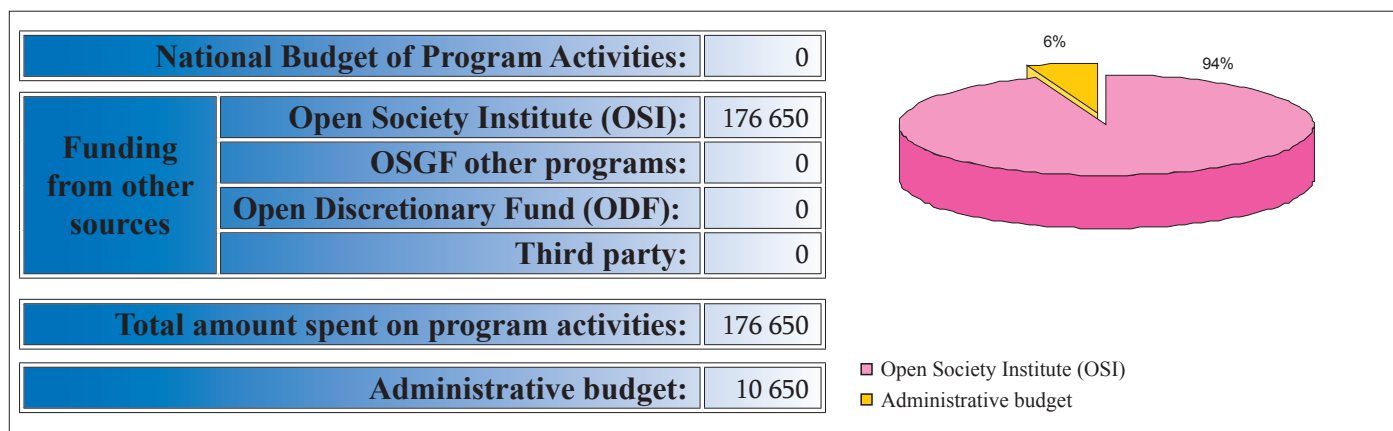
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

Russia and Georgia: Dialogue through the Caucasian Ridge

\$ 10 390

Analyzing contentious issues in Georgian-Russian relations as a basis upon which problems can be resolved in keeping with international legal norms, including the necessity of a bilateral agreement to regulate interstate relations, the legal status of Russian military bases and peacekeeping troops on Georgian territory and international factors in the conflicts between Georgia and Russia.

TOTAL:: \$ 176 650



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING CENTER

(Operational Program)

The main goal of the International Student Advising Center was to provide interested individuals and groups with information and services about study possibilities in Europe, the United States of America and NIS Countries, which were not readily available in Georgia, as well as to facilitate student mobility by providing comprehensive and centralized resources.

In 2005 the main priorities of the ISAC were:

- To administer OSI Network Scholarship Programs;
- To offer consultations and assistance to those people who are looking for appropriate institutions of higher education in Europe and the USA to continue their education;
- To provide necessary information, literature and materials for those striving to continue their educations;
- To organize lectures, seminars and pre-departure orientations.

In 2005 ISAC announced competitions in 14 different long and short-term OSI Network Scholarship and CEU related educational and research programs for students, university teachers and researchers not only in Tbilisi but also through its branch offices in Kutaisi, Telavi, Batumi and Akhaltsikhe.

73 applicants were successful in these competitions and went on to study at universities abroad in 2005.

In December 2005 the International Student Advising Center was spun off from the “Open Society – Georgia Foundation” and in January 2006 it was established as an independent Foundation - “The Center for International Education”. CIE is a not-for-profit organization funded by the Open Society – Georgia Foundation, OSI Network Scholarship Programs, the U.S. Department of State, Central European University (Budapest, Hungary) and the American University in Bulgaria.

*Program Activities **

Giorgi Mariamidze, Nestan Davitashvili, Vakhtang Turnava, Alexander Moseshevili, Ann Svanidze, Irakli Veshapidze

Bachelor’s Degree Program

Four-year Bachelor’s degree program at the American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

Irakli Kutsia, Archil Giorgadze, Ekaterine Lomtatidze, Nino Lapiashvili, Irakli Pipia, Sophio Tkemaladze, Ketevan Chkheidze, Mariam Gagoshashvili, Nodar Tangishvili, Mikheil Kobaladze, Eka Imerlishvili, David Tsitsishvili, Mariam Iobidze, Giorgi Chanturia, Ketevan Kholegashvili, Nona Karalashvili, Nino Gvazava, Babutsa Pataraiia

Master’s Degree Program

One and two year Master’s degree programs at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Nana Mchedlidze

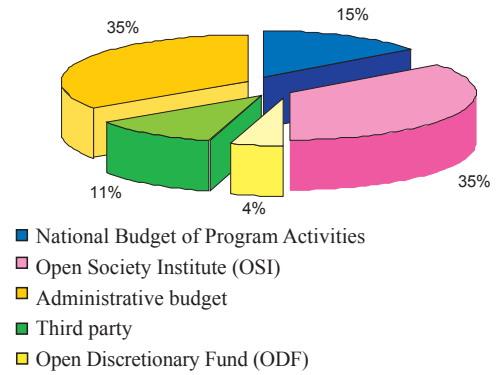
Master’s Degree Program

One-year Master’s degree program at the University of Warwick, UK.

Nino Kemoklidze, Dimitri Gugushvili <i>One-year Master's degree program in Research at the University of Edinburgh, UK.</i>	Master's Degree Program
Tamar Khidasheli <i>One-year Master's degree program in Human Rights at Essex University, UK.</i>	Master's Degree Program
Zurab Tatanashvili, Irakli Vacharadze, Irine Javakhadze <i>Two-year Master's degree program in Social Work at various US universities and colleges.</i>	Master's Degree Program
Tree students <i>Soros Supplementary Grant Program (SSGP) for citizens of Georgia, who are studying in Central or Eastern Europe to obtain Bachelor's or Master's degrees.</i>	Grant Program
Alexander Kupatadze <i>Global Supplementary Grant Program (GSGP) for citizens of Georgia, who are studying in West European or American universities to obtain Master's degrees or PhDs (also open to faculty members).</i>	Grant Program
Shalva Beshia, Tamar Davitaia, Tamta Chincharauli, Giorgi Khabashvili, Giorgi Khishtovani, Salome Kvavadze, Nino Osepashvili, Nana Chiraqadze, Esma Zantaraia, Lasha Bregvadze, Giorgi Tomaradze, Tamar Tsopurashvili, Jaba Gongadze, Iago Kachkachishvili, Marina Kvachadze, Edisher Putkaradze. <i>DAAD / OSI – joint scholarship program for different levels of study and training in Germany.</i>	Scholarships
Shalva Dundua, Irine Giviashvili, Lela Khoperia <i>One-month training/research work at Oxford College, UK through the Oxford College Hospitality Scheme Program.</i>	Research work/training
Tina Tsomaia, Tea Karchava, Levan Tatishvili, David Tsiskaridze, Sophie Gelashvili, Bondo Kupatadze, Zviad Eliziani, Ia Natsvlishvili <i>Curriculum Resource Center (CRC), CEU, Budapest.</i>	Scholarships
Givi Amiranashvili, Nino Kiguradze, Gia Sopadze, Tamar Tskhadadze <i>Working on curriculum development at the Curriculum Development Center, CEU, Budapest.</i>	Scholarships
Inola Apakidze, Tamar Sukhishvili <i>Nine-months of research work at Oxford University, UK.</i>	Research work
Nino Javakhishvili, Tamar Dagargulia, Medea Badashvili <i>Two-year training program at American universities for young Georgian faculty members (FDF).</i>	Training Program

* Included advertising expenditures for the above-mentioned programs, outreach, recruiting potential applicants, program presentations, consultations, lectures, testing, conduction of pre-departure orientations, organising student travel to the universities, covering courier services and all communication-related expenses, purchasing different guidebooks, test materials and catalogues for the libraries of ISAC and its branch offices, and for staff training and participation in various conferences and workshops.

National Budget of Program Activities:		114 000
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	82 204
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	10 328
	Third party:	25 572
Total amount spent on program activities:		232 104



ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

(Operational Program)

The aim of the Academic Fellowship Program is to support higher education reforms in the region.

In 2005 the Academic Fellowship Program focused on the following priorities:

- Assisting reform-minded departments in their efforts to achieve world-class academic stature and become models for innovation and reform in the region;
- Supporting promising local scholars by promoting their return to the region, their positioning within the academy, and their continued professional development.

The Open Society Institute's International Higher Education Support Program (HESP) launched the Academic Fellowship Program (AFP) in 2004. The program builds on HESP's experience as a core funder of the Civic Education Program (CEP). The AFP is administered by the head office in Budapest, as well as by local offices located in various regions, including Tbilisi. The AFP augments some fellowship opportunities supported previously by the CEP while also adopting new approaches for achieving lasting reform in higher education. Recognizing that universities play an important role in strengthening civil society, the AFP focuses on higher education reforms that will bolster open, democratic societies.

To achieve its goals, in 2005-2006 the AFP selected and supported the following seven university departments in the Caucasus:

Baku State University

1. Department of Civil Law
2. School of Social Work

Tbilisi State University

1. Department of Sociology
2. Center for Social Sciences (CSS)
3. Department of Psychology

Yerevan State University

1. Department of International Relations
2. Chair of Psychology

Program Activities

Tbilisi, Baku and Yerevan State University

Development of Partner Departments

Assisting the partner departments in designing and implementation their development plans and improving curriculum and teaching practices. Inviting international scholars and experts to teach and consult at the selected university departments. Supporting 25 young, western-educated scholars in teaching courses, preparing syllabi, and organizing conferences and trainings, and other efforts towards developing partner departments.

AFP Young Returning Scholars

Supporting Young Scholars

Supporting the positioning of young, western-educated scholars within the program's partner departments. Assisting in the preparation of courses, syllabi and other teaching materials.

International Scholars

International Scholars' Assistance in Developing Partner Departments

Inviting international scholars (ISs) active in the Social Sciences and Humanities to teach and consult at the selected university departments. The ISs introduced their local colleagues to western style methodology, discussed content of the teaching program, assisted by sharing the latest developments in their discipline and introducing new courses, provided books meant as a resource for further development of courses, consulted returning scholars on their applications for Professional Development Funds (PDF) and on other professional development opportunities.

Professional Development of AFP Returning Scholars

Supporting Five AFP Returning Scholars in their Professional Development

Five scholars in the Caucasus Region were granted funds to participate in high level conferences, present papers at workshops, defend their PhDs, etc. These funds were used to cover costs such as conference fees, travel expenses to and from academic events, or other expenses related to activities contributing to the development of the applicant as a scholar.

AFP Scholars, Representatives of Partner Departments

Introduction to AFP

Introducing AFP scholars and representatives of partner departments to the AFP program, setting up goals, elaborating action plans, and supporting department members in their professional development as well as establishing links with international scholars.

AFP Scholars, Representatives of Partner Departments

Training to Improve Teaching Skills

Conducting workshops and trainings on degree structuring and quality control, higher education, teacher training, etc. In partnership with the Curriculum Resource Center of Special and Extension Programs and the CEU.

AFP Returning Scholars, Partner Department Representatives

Inter-Regional Discipline-Based Conference in Social Sciences and Humanities

An inter-regional discipline-based conference in Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Gender Studies, Media, and Philosophy was held in Tbilisi on March 2-4. The event brought together more than 100 AFP Fellows and non-AFP faculty members from partner departments in the four AFP regional programs: Southeast Europe, Belarus/Russia/Ukraine/Moldova, the Caucasus, and Central Asia/Mongolia.

Department of Psychology, Tbilisi State University

Morals, Gender, Language, Mind and Intellect

Conducting a series of seminars for Psychology Department members to enhance their teaching skills, and develop required resources and material; Conducting and assessing a series of workshops on cognitive psychology; Identifying research questions; Developing research models; Developing sustainable training programs in the field, and maintaining theoretical and cognitive psychological knowledge.

Department of Social Sciences and Psychology, Baku State University

Development of a field practice at the MA program in Social Work, Baku State University

Enhancing opportunities for department members to acquire practical knowledge; Improving the outcome of student learning; Developing the skills and knowledge of department members and practical work supervisors.

Social Work MA Program, Tbilisi State University

Social Work Practice and Creation of the Library

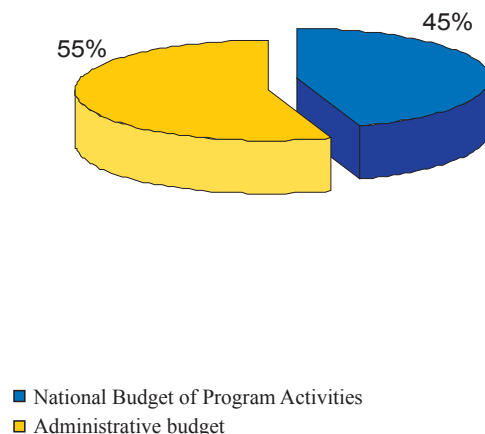
Developing an MA program in Social Work at the Psychology Department. Project components included: Building a social work library; The elaboration of the goals of practical education, and the mission and structure of the MA program in Social Work; Conducting seminars for instructors and faculty members involved in practice; Coordinating idea exchange between partner agencies and department members related to teaching of Social Work as an academic discipline.

Young Scholars

Support of Western-Trained Lecturers within the SCOUT (Support for Community Outreach and University Teaching) Program

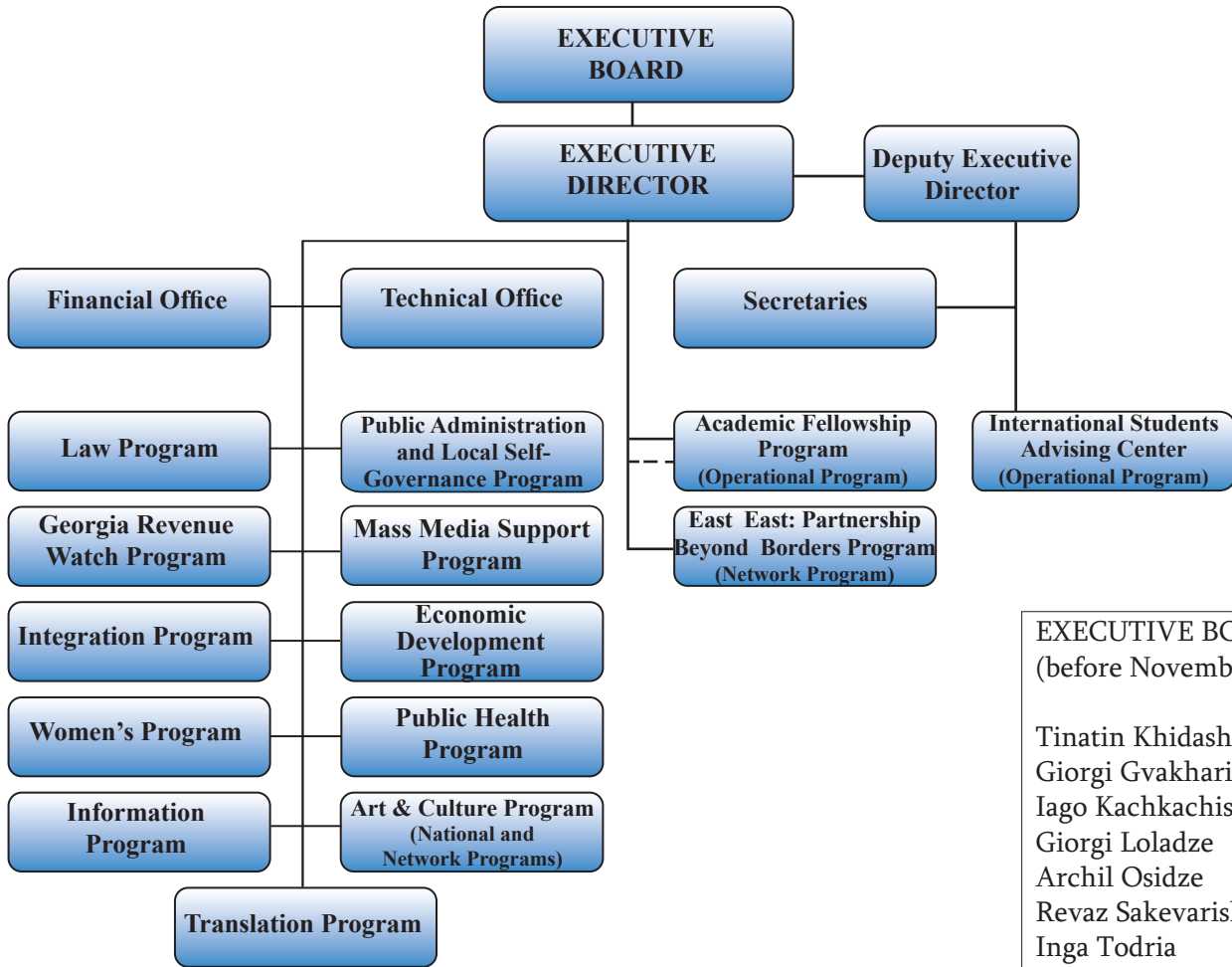
Supporting Muskie Program alumni in applying their knowledge and experience in local higher education institutions to promote the values of open society, rule of law, market economy and democracy among students, professionals and community leaders, and in linking their professional activities with university-level instruction.

National Budget of Program Activities:		0
Funding from other sources	Open Society Institute (OSI):	61 426
	OSGF other programs:	0
	Open Discretionary Fund (ODF):	0
	Third party:	0
Amount reserved for 2006:		0
Total amount spent on program activities:		61 426
Administrative budget:		76 054



OPEN SOCIETY – GEORGIA FOUNDATION CHART

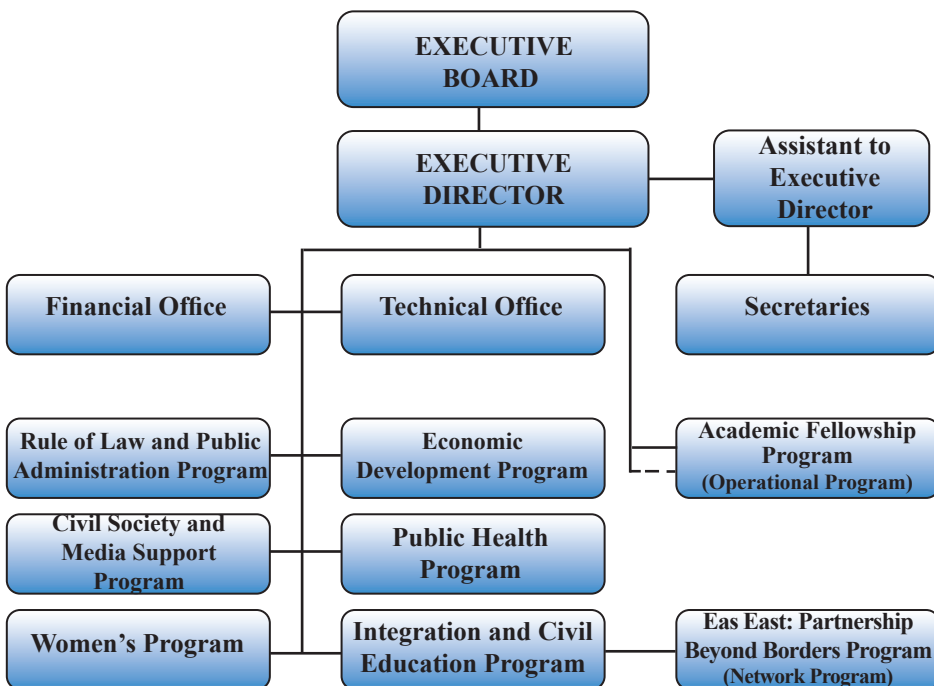
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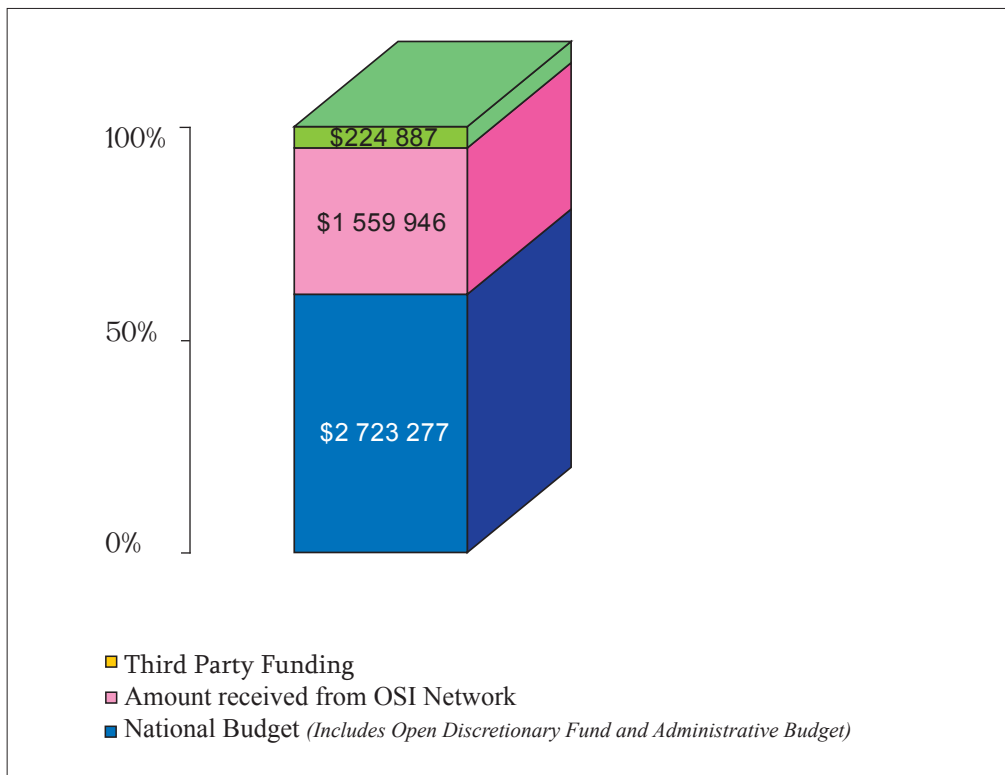
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OPEN SOCIETY – GEORGIA FOUNDATION 2005 BUDGET

Open Society – Georgia Foundation national budget for 2005 was 2 723 277 USD. The Open Discretionary Fund was defined by 140 000 USD. Network programs amount was 1 559 946 USD and third party funding totaled 224 887 USD. The Main Administrative Budget was defined by 366 270 USD. The 2005 Budget included funding from the 2004 budget for National and Network programs as well as third funding totaling to 431 706 USD.

Program Activities

National Budget <i>(Includes Open Discretionary Fund and Administrative Budget)</i>	2 723 277
Amount received from OSI Network Program	1 559 946
Third Party Funding	224 887
TOTAL:	4 508 110



Allocated Amount for the Foundation Programs and Spin-offs from National and OSI Budget 2005

Law Program	350 737
Public Administration and Local Self-Governance Program	546 590
Revenue Watch Program	105 102
Mass Media Support Program	283 655
Integration Program *	388 854
Economic Development Program	292 700
Women's Program	255 944
Public Health Program	513 828
Information Program	282 790
International Student Advising Center	232 104
Arts and Culture Program * <i>(National and Network Programs)</i>	252 740
Translation Program	54 096
Network Program - East East: Partnership Beyond Borders	187 300
Academic Fellowship Program	137 480
International Institute for Education Policy, Planning and Management <i>(Spin-off)</i>	50 000
Union "Educational Debate Center" <i>(Spin-off)</i>	90 000
Center for Educational Initiatives <i>(Spin-off)</i>	100 000
Administrative Budget and Institutional Development	366 270
International Meetings & Conferences <i>(Amount received from network programs)</i>	17 920
TOTAL:	4 508 110

*Program Budget includes Reserved Amount for 2006

