

#### **COVID-19 Georgia**

# Situation Report # 26 as of 26 February 2021

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 26 Feb Prime Minister and WHO Director-General hold a phone conversation, discuss vaccination
- 25 Feb Prime Minister announces gradual lifting or restrictions
- 24 Feb 3 Cases of UK COVID19 variant reported
- 15 Feb Schools, Open-air Food Facilities reopen nationwide

| 264,047<br>Total recovered              | 270,137<br>Confirmed cases | 3,485<br>Total deaths | 304 People in quarantine |  |
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| Source: www.stopcov.ge 26 February 2021 |                            |                       |                          |  |

#### **Georgia Situation Overview**

- 26 Feb Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili held a phone conversation with the world Health Organization
  Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to ensure that Georgia, despite the global shortage, has
  greater support from the organization for receiving the first batch of vaccines as soon as possible. Click for
  more info
- 25 Feb Inter-city transport is resuming operation and will be running on weekends as well. Also, ski resort hotels will reopen in full compliance with epidemic norms and regulations from today. Municipal transport will operate throughout the country including the weekends. It was announced by Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia at the Executive Government Meeting today. Click for more info
- 24 Feb According to the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), 3 cases of the UK COVID19 Variant have been confirmed in Georgia.
- 15 Feb As per the Georgian Government's February 4 announcement, schools have reopened in the capital city of Tbilisi, the western city of Kutaisi, and the southern city of Rustavi the only remaining locations in Georgia where they were closed before today. While distance learning will remain an option, all those attending school between 5th and 12th grade will be mandated to wear a face mask. In addition, open-air food facilities, which have been operating exclusively in the coastal Adjara region since February 1, have now reopened nationwide, albeit are only allowed to operate during weekdays.

### Coordination Arrangements

The Prime Minister of Georgia has established and leads an Inter-Governmental Coordination Council to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

#### Mitigation and Response

### Mitigation measures taken by the Government of Georgia

Detailed report on measures taken by the GoG is translated in English and can be accessed at: http://gov.ge/index.php?lang\_id=ENG&sec\_id=41&info\_id=76497

# Response by the UN agencies, funds and programmes (AFPs)

# **WHO**

- WHO announced joint support with EU for COVID-19 vaccine deployment and vaccination in Georgia. Webinar "Check & Fix" has been conducted to make sure that country is ready for Pfizer vaccine deployment.
- Meeting between the NCDC and VPI at RO took place on 3rd February it was agreed that in a week or two WHO will organize causality assessment training for national AEFI committee members and EPI experts at the NCDC.
- EU funding proposal for supporting pandemic vaccine introduction is under development, activities preliminary agreed with the NCDC.
- The National COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Plan (NVDVP) has been adopted by the PM's office and approved as an official document. It is translated into English and shared to the RO.
- Country received official letter from COVAX regarding expected doses and delivery time to the country. Online meetings were conducted for discussion of communication activities for vaccine deployment between the NCDC and RO. RO will cover technical support for cold chain and logistics, as needed. WHO is working closely with NCDC to support with implementation of vaccine communication plan.
- NCDC started human resources capacity strengthening prior to COVID19 vaccine introduction in the country in accordance with the National Deployment Vaccination Plan. 110 personnel of the regional public health centers and hospital sector will receive training by NCDC trainers on practical immunization, on cold chain and logistics, interpersonal and crisis communication in regards of COVID-19 vaccines.
- As a continuation of the activities started in collaboration with GIP-Tbilisi during October-December, new activities was planned for January - March: training sessions of strengthening of PHC personnel will take place in Tbilisi and Batumi, as a result 40 PHC specialists will be equipped with enough knowledge and skills to deliver evidence-based Mental Health care. 930 persons will receive quality MHPSS assessment, management and follow up. 36-hour supervision sessions are delivered to family doctors improve quality of care and back up their work. Research brief and a set of recommendations on integrating of MH into PHC will be developed.



Handover of ventilators

- As part of the EU-WHO Solidarity for Health Initiative, handed over 10 ventilators and 1 000 items of protective equipment for the treatment and care of patients with severe cases of COVID-19. This shipment is a part of the large support provided jointly by the European Union and WHO, which has already provided substantial medical supplies across the region, including more than 1.8 million items of personal protective and medical equipment, such as isolation gowns, protective goggles, oxygen concentrators, medical masks, respirators delivered to Georgia.
- Coordinated and supported custom clearance activities and delivery of COVID19 PPE supplies (70,000 Gowns, 50,000 Masks and 10,000 Respirators) from Tbilisi International Airport to MoH Georgia Warehouse.
- Procured 12 ipads and 2 laptops for NCDCPH staff under "PCR test kits HCW vaccine effectiveness study".



Handover of 300 computers to EMC

- Scheduled and hosted 4 training sessions in Zoom (COVID19 Infection Prevention and Control; COVID19 Case Management) for Georgian and Abkhazian medical staff.
- Initiated the procurement of Emergency Tent under Israel/Mashav Center funds.
- Coordinated the delivery of Video Conference Equipment (8 sets) to Abkhazia procured under USAID
- Data analysis and final report of the qualitative study "Consultations with health care workers on COVID-19 vaccination in Georgia" has been completed. Presentation of the results were shared with participation of representatives of State Chancellery, MoH, Committee of Healthcare and Social issue of the Parliament of Georgia, NCDC and COVID-19 vaccination communication multisectoral group members, NDI.
- Preparations for the 7th wave of COVID-19 Behavioral Insights study ongoing. Field works to be held in February 2021.

# UNICEF

- UNICEF Representative was invited as a quest of honour speaking on children's rights at a session of the Human Rights and Civil Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, as well as at the first meeting of the newly established permanent Parliamentary Council for the Protection of the Rights of the Child. Upholding children's rights during Covid-19 was covered in the speeches of both of the meetings.
- In Abkhazia, Georgia, five WASH facilities in schools were rehabilitated in partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UNHCR and Action Against Hunger and with financial support from the Multi-Partner Trust Fund.





Before and after photos of WASH rehabilitation works conducted in Abkhazia financed by MPTF with technical support from SDC.

- UNICEF issued a statement welcoming the re-opening of schools on 15 February.
- UNICEF reached over 165,000 parents on communication skills with children and motivating the learning process amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- With financial support from USAID, the "Learn more about "COVID-19" TV programme aired over 100 programmes, 40 of which were produced in minority languages, reaching approximately 1,300,000 viewers per week.
- Internet connections were established in more than 50% of the 1,000 rural ambulatories to date. This will support the provision of updated protocols, recommendations, and trainings for rural primary health care doctors.
- UNICEF launched an online version of a course on Applied Pedagogy for pre- and in-service teachers in Abkhazia.
- UNICEF and Mediators Association of Georgia signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support development of a child-friendly alternative dispute mechanism for children in Georgia.



"We will work closely to ensure that the best interests of the child are at the heart of mediation process and alternative dispute mechanisms." - UNICEF Representative Ghassan Khalil

UNICEF Representative in Georgia, Ghassan Khalil, and Head of Mediators Association, Irakli Kandashvili, signing an MoU.

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### UNDP

UNDP Resident Representative Louisa Vinton visited the outpatient clinic in the village of Nikozi in Shida-Kartli region on 29 January to deliver a mobile X-ray machine and other supplies with a total value of USD 12,500. The new equipment will enable the Nikozi clinic to offer free mobile healthcare services at home to persons with limited mobility. Vinton also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with clinic head Nikoloz Dzamukashvili to assist the medical facility in providing local communities with better access to essential health services, both during the pandemic and after it. Located in close vicinity to the administrative boundary line with the South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region, the Nikozi clinic is the only medical service provider to a local population of 3,000, including 1,100 older people from internally displaced and conflict-affected communities. This was UNDP's second delivery to Nikozi; in June 2020 the clinic received supplies of masks, gowns, disinfectant, hand sanitizer and other COVID-19 related medical commodities.



UNDP Head Louisa Vinton donates medical equipment to the outpatient clinic in the village of Nikozi. Photo: Leli Blagonravova/UNDP

At a joint UN-Government meeting on 18 February dedicated to the housing needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Georgia, UNDP presented the results of a study on the living conditions faced by the most vulnerable residents of the 100 "collective centers" - often Soviet-era sanatoriums, hotels or abandoned industrial facilities—judged to be in the greatest disrepair. The study, based on interviews with 500 households conducted by the Charity Humanitarian Center "Abkhazeti," is available online at: http://chca.org.ge/\_FILES/2021/02/26/37f8ecae67fa60ae69eca0faf85ec27da170aac6a0a23b34c48c8053e 9c04888.pdf. It covers a population of around 5,000 of the total 41,000 IDPs currently living in 411 often substandard collective centers. Among the findings: 29 percent say their accommodations are on the brink of physical collapse; 50 percent have to share a toilet with other households; 34 percent are forced to use outdoor pit latrines; 80 percent lack a hot water system in the household; 79 percent lack Internet access; 77 percent report lacking enough income to cover basic needs, including food; 26 percent report going to sleep hungry at least once in the past month; and 19 percent report not eating anything for 24 hours at least once in the past month. UNDP has been delivering supplies of food, protective gear and hygienic

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commodities to the 100 collective centers since the beginning of the pandemic. In addition, following up on the research, UNDP has already conducted ten "quick fix" projects to repair bathrooms and water systems in the worst-off collective centers, with 15 similar initiatives currently in progress, and is establishing ten "ecommunity learning centers" supplied with ICT equipment and Internet access.



UNDP Head Louisa Vinton is visiting a collective centre of internally displaced persons in Surami. Photo: Leli Blagonravova/UNDP

- As part of a business-support scheme designed in response to the COVID-19 crisis, UNDP awarded a second round of grants to seven small businesses and family farms in the four target regions of Guria, Racha-Lechkhumi-Kvemo Svaneti, Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti and Kvemo Kartli. The funding will help micro, small and medium-size enterprises and farmers tap into needed expertise and strengthen the capacity of sectoral business associations to meet members' needs in facing pandemic challenges. Combined with the first round of the grants scheme, UNDP has so far allocated USD 550,000 to support local economic development, with 5,341 direct beneficiaries. The initiative is funded by Switzerland and
- As part of a USD 73,000 initiative supported by Austria, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland, UNDP in partnership with the Association of Women Farmers convened a series of follow-up meetings with participants in the training courses provided in 2020 for women engaged in agriculture and agritourism, including those from vulnerable groups (single mothers, large families, women taking care of persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities and IDPs). The trainings, organized in Samegrelo, Guria and Racha-Lechkhumi-Kvemo Svaneti regions, were designed to provide rural participants with additional skills to weather the pandemic and speed economic recovery. The meetings included the 620 rural women who in 2020 received USD 90,000 worth of basic agricultural supplies (backpack sprayers, fertilizers and pesticides) from UNDP to help them rely on farming as a coping strategy during the COVID-19 crisis.
- UNDP completed a study entitled "Local Economy Challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic" that was prepared in partnership with the National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (NALAG). The research examines the economic impact of the first wave of the pandemic on municipalities in Georgia, with a focus on employment, the performance of SMEs, and trends in the construction sector, tourism and agriculture. It also provides an overview of business support mechanisms provided during the pandemic and the role of the Government and looks at how these mechanisms were perceived by owners and managers of SMEs. The research, to be published in coming weeks, includes recommendations for public and private stakeholders and defines strategies to accelerate economic recovery at the local level.
- With support from Denmark, UNDP also partnered with NALAG to ensure a safe environment for children to study and play while reopening kindergartens in Georgia after the lockdown. The project supplied the

- municipalities of Mtskheta and Marneuli with USD 14,000 worth of personal protective equipment and inventory for municipal kindergartens to disinfect and re-arrange their premises, replace soft toys with safer and easily washable wooden ones, and train teachers and staff to make sure they could protect children and themselves from the virus.
- As part of the effort to halt COVID-19 transmission among IDPs, 30 collective centers in Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, Imereti and Shida Kartli regions underwent a thorough cleaning and disinfection process in February, covering a total area of 4,700 sq m. Community leaders have taken on the responsibility to regularly disinfect the premises with the use of equipment and disinfectants provided by UNDP. Disinfection practices help to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, which is a particular threat in shared kitchens, bathrooms and other common areas used by multiple IDP families. Since the beginning of the year, 118 IDP collective centers have been disinfected thanks to support provided by UNDP.



UNDP provides pandemic support to internally displaced persons living in 100 collective centres across Georgia. Photo: Vladimir Valishvili/UNDP

- In an effort to help rural areas overcome the impact of COVID-19, UNDP provided co-funding worth GEL 2.15 million to 20 small businesses as part of a matching grant scheme. The programme, organized in cooperation with the Rural Development Agency (RDA) as part of the "Improving Rural Development in Georgia" component of the EU-funded ENPARD 3, will create 161 new jobs, of which 86 for women. The joint UNDP-EU initiative focusing on private sector competitiveness provided continued support to companies in the packaging value chain to overcome the impact of COVID-19. Ahead of the launch of a USD 990,000 grants programme to be awarded in 2021-22, UNDP on 25 February organized the first of a series of online open days aimed at building cooperation around strategic investments for growth. With 30 companies participating, the online sessions are designed to facilitate agreement on joint efforts to stimulate growth, create jobs, implement quality schemes and innovation, reduce environmental impact and increase competitiveness, as the packaging value chain works towards a post-pandemic recovery.
- As part of a broader partnership with UK-based NGO Conciliation Resources to support the pandemic response in Abkhazia. UNDP in February organized the delivery of groceries and other humanitarian aid to 173 vulnerable families with a total 579 family members in the Gagra, Gudauta, Gulripshi, Ochachire and Sukhumi districts. In addition, to help shift classroom processes online during pandemic restrictions, 14 English-language teachers received laptops and 83 teachers received Internet packages. Participating teachers also received intensive training in remote teaching methods and use of digital tools. The support

- was organized through the EU Responsive Resource Fund under the Joint EU-UNDP COBERM programme.
- To support rural livelihoods in Abkhazia during the pandemic, UNDP launched a EUR 65,000 call for proposals to support income-generating activities in farming and agriculture. The competitive call was open for five weeks in January and February 2021 for farmers from all seven districts of Abkhazia whose livelihoods have been threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The winners will be announced in March. Funding comes from a COVID-inspired EUR 527,000 supplement to the EU-funded ENPARD 3 programme.
- In February 2021 UNDP undertook a sixth stocktaking exercise on the economic impact of COVID-19 in Abkhazia, building on similar surveys conducted in May, June, July, September and November 2020. The results show worsening conditions across all sectors despite a temporary respite provided by an influx of tourists for the New Year's holidays. Local supply chains see a continuous decline and the business outlook has continued to grow more pessimistic compared to past assessments. According to data collected by the Joint EU-UNDP Programme for Rural Development, demand for local products and services has decreased since the last round of the exercise in November 2020. Revenues have fallen as a result: three of every four respondents reported a drop, a proportion comparable to that in July 2020, when the first round of COVID-19 restrictions was put into force. The data collection also reconfirms that womenled economic activities continue to be more vulnerable to the crisis than those led by male entrepreneurs.
- Through its USAID-funded Horizons project, UNDP in partnership with the local CSO Association Peaceful and Business Caucasus (APBC) organized a series of peer-to-peer online consultations with medical personnel and local community representatives focused on COVID-19 vaccines. APBC also launched an awareness-raising campaign for communities in Abkhazia on the benefits of vaccination. To provide up-todate scientific evidence to the population, APBC prepared analytical articles on topics such as types of COVID-19 vaccines, how vaccines are tested, and how to weigh the benefits and risks of vaccination.
- Through its USAID-funded Horizons project, UNDP launched a practical training course on PCR diagnostics for ten young specialists (nine of them women) at key laboratories in Abkhazia, including the bacteriological laboratory of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Service (SES). Designed by an international expert, the course covers the basics of molecular biology and molecular diagnostic methods; nucleic acid extraction methods; PCR methods; and PCR results analysis and troubleshooting. It also aims to familiarize the participants with pipetting techniques in line with international principles of good laboratory practices for molecular diagnostic techniques. The course is part of a wider UNDP initiative to ensure that local expertise is available to manage both the current crisis and any future outbreaks of infectious diseases.
- Spurred by pandemic challenges, UNDP completed plans for the installation of proper facilities to dispose of COVID-19-related medical waste in Abkhazia. Under its USAID-funded Horizons project, UNDP will equip the SES and the main COVID-19 treatment facility in Gudauta with specialized incinerators. The heads of the two facilities have been briefed on the applicable international standards, and preparations made for the construction of concrete foundations for the incinerators and fuel tanks. The land plots allocated have been monitored to ensure an appropriate setback from the main buildings of the medical facilities. Procurement of the incinerators is under way. The expected cost of the initiative is USD 17,000.
- UNDP continued its regular cycle of monitoring and repair of equipment in key medical establishments in Abkhazia, Bactericidal recirculators at the main COVID-19 treatment facility in Gudauta were cleaned and personnel were instructed on how and when to conduct the cleaning process themselves. In addition, 13 oxygen concentrators were checked and, where needed, repaired. On-the-job training was provided to medical personnel on the proper usage and adjustment of oxygen concentrators and filter maintenance.
- Under the Joint EU-UN Programme on Improving VET in Abkhazia, UNDP organized a training session for administrators and educators from the Gudauta VET College on incorporating WHO-recommended COVID-19 safety measures into the education process. Instructions were provided about social distancing, workplace disinfection and other sanitary and hygienic measures. UNDP also distributed plastic protection shields, information packages and T-shirts bearing WHO safety slogans to college staff and students. In addition, UNDP briefed the college staff on the online tools available for communicating with students and invited the teachers and managers to join UNDP's ongoing series of digital online education courses.

# **UNHCR**

Humanitarian corridor' from Abkhazia to TAT: UNHCR continues supporting the operation of the 'humanitarian corridor' to allow the most vulnerable groups of the population to access their pensions and allowances, and buy essential medicines at mobile services across the bridge. UNHCR teams on both sides of the bridge organize and support the people with transport, documents, banking and pharmacy services provided by the GoG through mobile services close to the bridge. Thanks to this initiative, 2,300 pensioners had crossed and were able to receive pensions and buy urgently needed medicines by the end of 2020. In 2021, the 'corridor' continues for pensioners and also allows other vulnerable groups to cross, including recipients of disability pensions and child allowances. Almost 900 vulnerable people have already been supported to cross in 2021.



- COVID-19 Survey on the socio-economic impact: To support the Administration of the Government of Georgia to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on asylum-seekers, refugees, humanitarian status holders and stateless persons, UNHCR prepared a desk review supported by research on international practices. In addition to this, UNHCR conducted a survey aimed at assessing the coverage and relevance of the state introduced measures following the outbreak of the pandemic on its Persons of Concern and included information on: economic impact; effects on the labor market; psychological aspects of pandemics; wider consequences of challenges accessing rights and services. In total, 296 refugees, asylum-seekers and humanitarian status holders participated in the survey.
- Language Classes: As a COVID-19 response, UNHCR commenced language "catch-up" classes for refugee, humanitarian status holder and asylum-seeker children through the Teacher Professional Development Centre (TPDC). The UNHCR-TPDC project "Georgian Language Distance Learning Catchup Courses for Children" started on 20 July, enrolling 103 child beneficiaries. Due to the Government decision to prolong online education, the project will still be ongoing until the end of March. Some challenges were identified, mainly related to access to technical equipment and internet, and a language barrier for those who do not speak English, etc.
  - In the context of COVID-19 and in the absence of financial assistance provided regularly to asylum-seekers and persons granted international protection, two lockdowns, as well as the increased needs of people in winter, UNHCR Georgia had to expand its Cash Based Intervention for persons of its concern to cover all

those who lost their jobs or were unable to find employment due to the CVD-19 restrictive measures. In total, from April to December 23rd, 2020, COVID related CBI covered 467 households/1008 persons. Additionally, UNHCR covered 239 asylum seeking children with 200 GEL as a one-off assistance complementing State efforts to support all children in Georgia, including children under international protection. 299 new applications for assistance were received between December 2020 - January 2021, out of which 210 were assisted. The increase was mainly caused by the restrictions introduced by the Government as a response to the COVID outbreak from 28th November 2020 to 31st January 2021.



#### Abkhazia

- Improvement of WASH facilities in Gali district: In response to the COVID-19 situation, UNHCR completed a small-scale community support project in Shashikvara village in Gali district aimed at improving water, hygiene and sanitary conditions in the school and at the healthcare point.
- Rehabilitation of a mill in Tkvarcheli district: UNHCR implemented a small-scale community support project in Tkvarcheli district to improve maize grinding facilities in the community. Maize plays an important nutritional role for the local population and it is a primary source of food for their livestock as well as a source of small income for some families. The new facilities ensure access to maize grinding services on a free of charge basis.
- Humanitarian assistance: UNHCR provided urgent humanitarian assistance in the form of food and hygiene items to two families in Gali district whose houses were destroyed in the fires. In coordination with partners and stakeholders, UNHCR is looking into different possibilities for provision of assistance to population affected by the fires.

# **FAO**

- Since 27th of January 2021, FAO has signed 3 grant agreements for the total budget of \$63,386.67 and paid 6 grants for the total value of \$ 209,250.63. Co-funded capital agricultural investments for the COVIDaffected farmers in Georgia are delivered under the FAO-EU project under ENPARD.
- Under the ENPARD programme, FAO organized series of training or the female beekeepers of the Akhmeta municipality, allowing the beekeepers to expand their productions or start them from scratch.

# IOM

- IOM provided pre-departure cash assistance to 16 vulnerable migrants from Algeria, Bangladesh, India, Jordan, Morocco, South Africa and Turkmenistan and mediated in obtaining consular services for 4 migrants from Bangladesh, Haiti, Moldova and Somalia, all stranded in Georgia due to COVID-19.
- IOM assisted 19 migrants stranded in Georgia due to COVID-19 with voluntary return to Bangladesh, India, Iran, Pakistan and South Africa.
- Since 27 January 234 Georgians have returned with the help of IOM. Countries of return Greece, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Finland and Poland. On 16 February big charter flight was organized from Greece in coordination with the Government of Georgia. One hundred and forty three Georgian nationals were on board, most of them eligible for post-arrival reintegration assistance. IOM Georgia continues extending reintegration support to Georgian nationals returning from EU countries and Switzerland.



- On 11 February, IOM hosted a live Facebook session with the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs as part of its Safe Migration Campaign, to provide the public with information on the latest developments on the visa-free travel for citizens of Georgia to the EU/Schengen countries, including the impact of COVID-19 on travel opportunities to the EU/Schengen countries and the perspectives of Georgia opening its land borders to neighbouring countries. More than 11,000 people viewed the session and participated with questions and comments.
- IOM continues to provide online consultations on COVID-19 travel restriction and regulations to Georgian nationals, planning to return home or thinking of traveling abroad, including those, currently registering and interested in temporary labour migration opportunities to Germany.
- Jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IOM produced a video (teaser), to be aired on 26 February 2021, summarizing Georgia's efforts, jointly with IOM, towards Repatriation of Georgian Nationals during COVID-19.

#### IMPORTANT LINKS TO FOLLOW

#### General:

- https://hr.un.org/page/coronavirus-disease-covid-19
- https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public
- https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/
- https://coronavirus.ihu.edu/map.html
- https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/covid-19-outbreak-readiness-and-response
- https://www.who.int/publications-detail/strategic-preparedness-and-response-plan-for-the-new-coronavirus
- Disaster management and contingency planning: https://www.preventionweb.net/publications/view/2527
- WHO Whatsapp Thread for Q&A: http://bit.ly/who-covid19-whatsapp
- UNIDO COVID-19 Industrial Recovery Programme, https://www.unido.org/news/unido-launches-covid-19industrial-recovery-programme
- UNIDO's publication "COVID-19: Digital Transformation and Industrial Recovery" https://hub.unido.org/sites/default/files/publications/UNIDO-COVID-Digital%20Transformation.pdf.

#### Georgia:

- Government of Georgia website on COVID-19 https://stopcov.ge/en
- National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health [COVID-19 related information, including epidemiology, education materials and regulations: https://www.ncdc.ge/Pages/User/News.aspx?ID=66254a4e-6c23-49ef-9157-4fcc247db00c
- Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia hotline: 1505 U
- UNICEF Georgia supported COVID-19 hotline to provide assistance to children and their families: 111
- Government of Georgia hotline: 144
- Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Emergency and Operative Response Centre: 112
- COVID-19 Georgia live blog: https://civil.ge/archives/342486