

PROJECT BRIEF



TRANSFORMING SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN GEORGIA

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	IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:	UN Women, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, UNFPA, OHCHR
	DONOR:	Joint SDG Fund
	TOTAL BUDGET:	USD 2,200,000
	UN WOMEN BUDGET:	USD 220,000
	DURATION OF THE PROJECT:	1 January 2020 – 31 January 2022

The UN Women Georgia Country Office in partnership with five UN Agencies (OHCHR, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO) and with the generous support of the Joint SDG Fund is implementing a joint programme entitled “Transforming Social Protection for Persons with Disabilities in Georgia”. The programme was launched in January 2020 with an overarching goal of addressing one of the largest gaps in Georgia’s social protection system and transforming the situation of persons with disabilities in the country. The joint action will address data, legal and institutional frameworks on disability while simultaneously increasing societal awareness and stimulating

change in social norms, providing support to empower organizations of people with disabilities as important change agents.

Within the framework of the joint programme, and guided by the global UN Women strategy “The Empowerment of Women and Girls with Disabilities: Towards Full and Effective Participation and Gender Equality”, UN Women supports national partners in implementing their commitments to women and girls with disabilities under relevant human rights and gender equality normative frameworks to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities. The project

works with national stakeholders including government institutions, development partners and civil society organizations to realize the following two outputs:

- 1.** Civil society organizations are capacitated to monitor and lobby the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in the context of national and international commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment (CEDAW, BPfA, UPR, CSW Agreed Conclusions).
- 2.** The collection and utilization of data from a disability and gender perspective is improved.

Within the framework of the joint programme, UN Women further strives to combat harmful stereotypes and prejudice relating to women and girls with disabilities, including those based on age, race, ethnicity, gender expression, class and type of impairment, in all areas of life. In this regard, UN Women supports civil society initiatives focused on enhancing the visibility of women and girls with disabilities and their contribution to society, raising

awareness about the rights of women and girls with disabilities as well as the intersecting forms of discrimination they face based on gender and disability.

The project also works closely with civil society organizations to mobilize a network of disabled women's organizations and capacitate them to lobby and monitor the implementation of international and national commitments to the rights of disabled women and girls.

The action further contributes to improving gender and disability data collection and analysis practices in Georgia by conducting an assessment of available data sources from a disability and gender perspective and preparing a gender and disability data roadmap based on international benchmarks set by the CRPD, CEDAW, the BPfA and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the recommended national set of indicators on gender and disability. The project will also assess the implementation of gender equality and women's empowerment commitments under the CRPD aligned with the SDGs, CEDAW and the BPfA in Georgia.