

AKHALTSIKHE, GEORGIA

Improving open data management practices in Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall (GEAKH0002)

Overview

At-a-Glance

Action Plan: [Action plan – Akhaltsikhe, Georgia, 2021 – 2021](#)

Commitment Start: Jul 2021

Commitment End: Oct 2021

Institutions involved:

- Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall
- Samskhe Javakheti Development Center
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Good Governance Initiative program in Georgia (USAID GGI)

Primary Policy Area: Open Data

Primary Sector: Public Services (general)

OGP Value:

- Access to information
 - Technology and Innovation for Transparency and Accountability
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Description

Commitment ID

GEAKH0002

Commitment Title

Improving open data management practices in Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall

Problem

Development of the internet and new technologies has played an important role in ensuring the openness of the governments and transparency of their activities. Innovative applications and platforms have given governments a unique opportunity to better understand the needs and requirements of their citizens. Therefore, the importance of public information and open data increases even more. Open data facilitates the development of civic monitoring mechanisms, improves public welfare and the efficient use of public resources. Akhaltsikhe is fully cognizant that the accessibility of data in public institutions, in addition to increasing the accountability of the government, can bring economic benefits. In order to improve the practices of open data collection, processing and publication, in 2019 Akhaltsikhe Municipality, with the support of USAID GGI and with the involvement of one of the leading local CSO's (IDFI), developed and approved an open data strategy and action plan. Effective implementation of the activities envisaged by the Action Plan is a priority of Akhaltsikhe City Hall. Akhaltsikhe Municipality aims to identify categories of relevant and important information for various stakeholders, especially for the private sector, which will be collected, processed and published in open data format on a permanent basis. Publishing information in open data format will significantly strengthen the transparency and integrity credentials of Akhaltsikhe Municipality.

Status quo

Currently the City Hall does not systematically collect, process and publish open data, even though Akhaltsikhe City Hall has an open data strategy and action plan.

Action

In order to improve open data management practices Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall will:

- Identify categories of relevant and important public information that are of interest to various stakeholders, especially to the private sector;

Collect, process and publish information in open data format on the website of the City Hall based on the defined categories.

How will the commitment contribute to solving the public problem described above?

Through effective implementation of the commitment Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall will significantly improve open data management practices. As a result, a level of transparency, openness

and accountability of the Municipality will be considerably strengthened.

What long-term goal as identified in your Open Government Strategy does this commitment relate to?

The Municipality strives to improve the relationship between the local authorities and the public and to strengthen public trust in governance by making ambitious steps towards more openness and inclusion. Increasing transparency of the work of the City Hall and its subordinate units is essential for achieving this long-term vision. While Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall has already made significant steps in this direction, this commitment will bring the process closer to the envisioned goal.

Primary Policy Area

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What OGP value is this commitment relevant to?

<p>Access to information</p>	<p>Standardized open data practices will ensure the transparency of the work of the Municipality City Hall and its subordinate entities. Improving open data practices in the Municipality is directly relevant to making the City Hall and its subordinate entities more accountable to the public, as it will ensure that the information about the work of the Municipality (i.e. projects, budget, etc.) will be more accessible to the public and will simplify public oversight.</p>
<p>Technology and Innovation for Transparency and Accountability</p>	<p>With increasing access to internet and reliance on technologies in the regions as well, Akhaltsikhe Municipality would like to utilize this opportunity to use the municipal webpage for increased transparency. Having standardized open data practices in the Municipality will ensure the availability of public information through online means and therefore, will contribute to increased trust of the public towards institutions.</p>

Milestones



2 Milestones

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Define categories of information to be published in open data format in consultation with the private sector and other interested stakeholders. Output 1: Consultations with private

sector and other interested stakeholders are held to identify categories of information to be published in open data format. Output 2: Categories of information to be published in open data format are defined.

Start Date	End Date
07/2021	08/2021

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Collection of information in the system of Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall; Analyze and process to ensure the quality of open data and publish in open data format on the website of the City Hall. Output: At least 20 open data sets are published by Akhaltsikhe Municipality on its website.

Start Date	End Date
08/2021	10/2021

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Commitments

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Title	ID	Submitted	Country	Policy Areas
Improvement of Corruption Risk Management in the Akhaltsikhe Municipality	GEAKH0001	2021	Akhaltsikhe, Georgia	Anti-Corruption
Improving open data management practices in Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall	GEAKH0002	2021	Akhaltsikhe, Georgia	Access to Information

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