

AKHALTSIKHE, GEORGIA

Improvement of Corruption Risk Management in the Akhaltsikhe Municipality (GEAKH0001)

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
- Samtkhe Javakheti Development Center
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Good Governance Initiative program in Georgia (USAID GGI)

Primary Policy Area: Audits & Controls

Primary Sector: Cross-sectoral, Public Services (general)

OGP Value:

- Public Accountability
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Description

Commitment ID

GEAKH0001

Commitment Title

Improvement of Corruption Risk Management in the Akhaltsikhe Municipality

Problem

Akhaltikhe Municipality City Hall is one of the first local government bodies in Georgia which elaborated 2019-2020 Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan through civil society involvement and with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Good Governance Initiative program in Georgia (USAID GGI). Despite a number of important activities carried out by the Akhaltikhe Municipality City Hall in the area of fight against corruption, complete identification and analysis of corruption risks remains an important challenge the improvement of which will significantly help the City Hall to effectively manage corruption risks. The commitment will include open government approaches including citizen participation as well as the transparency of the assessment results.

Status quo

Although Akhaltikhe Municipality City Hall has developed Building Integrity and Transparency Strategy and Action Plan and is carrying out specific activities to develop anti corruption capabilities, the City Hall does not have a corruption risk assessment system in place. Subsequently, there is no comprehensive analysis and assessment of corruption risks, which complicates the effective management of corruption risks.

Action

In order to improve corruption risk management Akhaltikhe Municipality City Hall will:

- Examine in detail the internal business processes in the City Hall and its subordinate agencies related to the identification, analysis, assessment and mitigation of corruption risks.
- Develop and approve the corruption risk assessment methodology addressing specifics of the municipal governance and taking into account the best international practices and experience as well as the corruption risk assessment methodology prepared by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.
- Carry out corruption risk assessment based on the corruption risk assessment methodology addressing specifics of the municipal governance.

Prepare and approve a corruption risk assessment report.

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

Through effective implementation of the commitment, Akhaltikhe Municipality City Hall will institutionalize corruption risk assessment system which will significantly improve corruption risk

management in the municipality. As a result, level of public accountability and transparency of the Municipality will be considerably strengthened.

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

Akhaltzikhe Municipality is committed to strengthening democratic governance at the local level through improving transparency, accountability and integrity of its institutions. Improving the existing system of accountability and integrity primarily entails establishing tools for rapid and efficient response to corruption risks and strengthening anti-corruption standards and practices in the Mayor's Office and its affiliated institutions, which is one of the long-term strategic objectives of the Municipality. Therefore, the commitment is directly in line with the strategic vision of Akhaltsikhe City Hall.

Primary Policy Area

Audits & Controls

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Cross-sectoral, Public Services (general)

What OGP value is this commitment relevant to?

Public Accountability	<p>Having a standardized corruption risk assessment methodology in place ensures that the risks are detected and addressed in a timely manner. This bolsters efficient work of the units under the City Hall and results in appropriate use of public resources and integrity of the staff, contributing to strengthening of public accountability. Having a standardized corruption risk assessment methodology in place ensures that the risks are detected and addressed in a timely manner. This bolsters efficient work of the units under the City Hall and results in appropriate use of public resources and integrity of the staff, contributing to strengthening of public accountability.</p>
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Milestones



4 Milestones

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Examine in detail the internal business processes in the City Hall and its subordinate agencies related to the identification, analysis, assessment and mitigation of corruption risks. Output: Detailed examination of the internal business processes in the City Hall and its subordinate agencies related to the identification, analysis, assessment and mitigation of corruption risks is conducted.

Start Date

End Date

07/2021

08/2021

Not started In progress Stuck Finished Incomplete

2

Develop and approve the corruption risk assessment methodology. Output: Corruption risk assessment methodology addressing specifics of the municipal governance is developed and approved.

Start Date
07/2021

End Date
08/2021

Not started In progress Stuck Finished Incomplete

3

Carry out corruption risk assessment in the Akhaltsikhe Municipality City Hall and its subordinate agencies based on the corruption risk assessment methodology with consultations with the relevant stakeholders from the civil sector (civil society organizations, businesses, etc.). Output: Corruption risk assessment is carried out based on the corruption risk assessment methodology.

Start Date
08/2021

End Date
09/2021

Not started In progress Stuck Finished Incomplete

4

Prepare and approve a corruption risk assessment report, and make the results available to the public. Output: Corruption risk assessment report is prepared and approved

Start Date
09/2021

End Date
10/2021

Not started In progress Stuck Finished Incomplete

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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