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Kvemo Kartli:
Bolnisi, Dmanisi, Gardabani,
Tetritskharo, Marneuli
Kakheti:
Sagarejo

**Citizen participation in local government decision-making |
Increasing and improving access to services in local
government | Increasing access to education
(kindergartens, 1+4, etc.) |**

**Empowering youth, women, and persons with disabilities |
Protecting the environment | Putting the needs and
concerns of ethnic and religious minorities on the agenda
at the local and central levels**

Monitoring of budget and equality in policy



- Participation in training seminars - more than 400
- Signatories to initiatives (legislative initiative, petition, statement - more than 35,800)

- More than 70% of ethnic minorities have not applied to local self-government
- Infrastructural problems
- Lack of kindergartens and dilapidated schools
- Lack of information about social services
- Lack of information on city council meetings
- Lack of practical citizen engagement mechanisms
- Nihilism and distrust
- And more...



Participatory Monitoring of the “State Rural Support Program”

Bolnisi
Dmanisi
Gardabani
Marneuli

25-30% Villages

- Everyday reporting on social media
- Taking real pictures
- Counting participants

2019
2023
2024



Participatory Monitoring of the “State Rural Support Program”

More than 25 youths started monitoring their local governance within this projects



Informing local community about the “State Rural Support Program”

**In the target villages
informing people
personally**

**At the same time sharing information
about the budget of village.**

**Make small survey/research from
locals about their needs. For analyzing
difference between offer of governance
and needs of locals**



Reporting the program officially and sharing recommendations

- Sharing document officially
- Putting in agenda of local media
- Sharing on social media



Evaluation of the program

- Lack of awareness among the population
- Time of village meeting
- Location of village meeting
- Women's involvement
- Involvement of PwD's
- Youth involvement
- Low attendance
- Meetings held near schools



Recommendations



The local self-government of the municipality should ensure maximum citizen involvement in the general meetings of the settlement. For this purpose, the City Hall can use the resources of the mayor's representatives in the villages, more effectively, on a door-to-door basis, to ensure that the population is informed about the meeting through various information sources.



Publishing only the schedule in Georgian, in a reality where some minority representatives do not know the Georgian language well and others do not have access to the schedule, is better and even necessary for the purpose of making information available to all citizens regarding the holding of the village assembly, which is the obligation of local self-government.

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გამარჯობა!



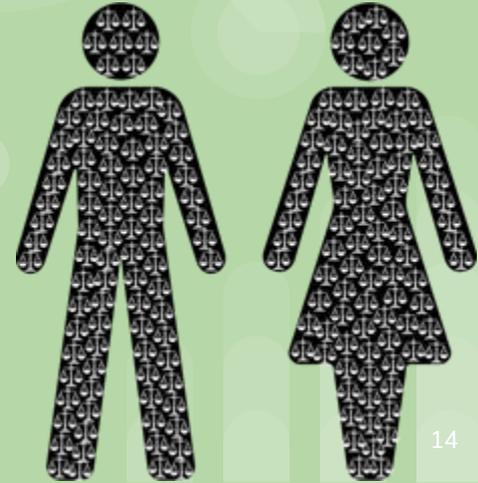
Local governments should ensure the posting and distribution of schedules in the languages of ethnic minorities on their official websites and Facebook pages. The full version of the schedule should also be distributed in written form in the languages of the minorities by village.



Youth

PwD

Womens



As for the shortcomings. Priorities were set in advance and the gathered population already knew the list of projects, the City Hall simply asked which project they supported. In this case, we believe that citizens should also have the opportunity to raise their problematic issues at the meeting. Because they can bring forward more real and necessary topics, and this will also increase their motivation for involvement in the processes.



It is important not to violate the officially shared schedule (address, time, date) of the municipality, so as to avoid any confusion among the local population.



The Mayor of Marneuli, the Chairman of the City Council and his deputies should directly participate in the meetings. The direct participation of these officials has a positive impact on the involvement of the population and reduces the "bridge-breaking" between these officials and the population.



Bolnisi Municipality local government representatives should stop their hostile attitude towards non-governmental organizations.

Bolnisi Municipality local government representatives should stop their hostile and negative attitude towards critical citizens and use of words such as “provocateur”.



The Dmanisi Mayor and the Chairman of the City Assembly, accompanied by their deputies and City Hall administrative staff, directly participated in the village meetings held in the communities of Dmanisi Municipality.

After the meeting, citizens were listened to individually about their concerns and needs.



Informing local community about the programs of Local Governance/Municipality



Participating in city assembly (Discussing budget and challenges)

22 ნოემბერი 12:00 ბიუჯეტის განხილვა საკრებულოებში
22 noyabr saat 12:00 şəhər şuralarında büdcənin müzakirəsi



ბოლნისი
Bolnisi



დმანისი
Dmanisi



გარდაბანი
Qardabani



მარნეული
Marneuli

Human stories



იალჩინ Yalchin

"...არ უნდა დაგვაფიწყდეს, რომ ჩვენს გარდა არავინ ამოიღებს ხმას იმ საკითხებზე, რაც ჩვენ გვაწუხებს."
"...Unutmamaliyiq ki, bizi narahat edon mövzular da bizdən başqa heç kəs səs çıxarmayacaq."

ფარიზა Fərizə



"...განცხადების წერა და ხელმოწერების შეგროვება უცხოა ჩვენი თემისთვის"
"...icmamıza ərizə yazmaq, imza toplamaq yaddır."



სალექს Saleh

"...სოფლის მცხოვრებლებს აღნიშნული პრობლემა წლებია აწუხებს. ასე იყო საბჭოთა პერიოდში და ასე ახლა 21-ე საუკუნეშიც..."
"...kəndin sakinləri illərdir adicəkilən problem qarşısındadır. Bu Sovetlər dövründə də belə idi, indi, 21-ci əsrdə də, belədir."



Petitions and initiatives



Village Assembly



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