

Development of the Constitutional Justice

Project Title:

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Duration: Two years

Implementing Institution: Constitutional Court of Georgia

Background:

The Constitutional Court of Georgia is the highest judicial body exercising the constitutional control. The purpose of the Constitutional Court is to secure the supremacy of Georgian Constitution and the constitutional justice; protect constitutional rights and freedoms. The Constitutional Court started functioning in Georgia in 1996 and during the period of its existence managed to gain certain experience - it has already considered more than 151 constitutional claims and presentations. Also, it should be mentioned that in 2002 some significant amendments were introduced in the legislation of the Constitutional Court. For example, the rules of receiving and considering complaints were changed, resulting in radical increase of the number of complaints submitted to the Court. In previous years UNDP assisted the Constitutional Court to establish logistic base, popularize its activities and develop professional capacities. At present stage the Constitutional Court needs support to develop the Constitutional Justice in Georgia.

Objectives:

- Support of development of constitutional justice in Georgia;
- Establishment of legal guarantees for protection of constitutional rights;
- Improvement of the appropriate legislation;
- Extension of public servants' knowledge in the sphere of constitutionalism;
- Strengthened capacity to the Constitutional Court as the body executing constitutional justice;
- Extrapolation of the practice of the Constitutional Court.

Activities:

1. Studying the normative base of the Constitutional Court and suggesting proposals.
2. Promoting cooperation of South Caucasian states in development of constitutional justice.
3. Conducting summer workshops for public servants.
4. Seminars: a) Workshops in different regions of Georgia; b) Seminars to discuss the problems of constitutionalism with participation of national experts working in the Constitutional Law.
5. Practical Training: a) organizing scientific-research visits of the Constitutional Court's staff members to foreign courts and educational institutions; b) training of students in the Constitutional Court.
6. Publications: a) Preparing and publishing the commentaries on the Constitution of Georgia; b) Preparing and publishing the commentaries on Georgian Constitutional Court's decisions as a brochure, also making the CD version; c) Preparing and publishing booklets based on studies of foreign practice; d) Ensuring publication of the journal "Human Being and Constitution"; e) Preparing and publishing the digest of the Constitutional Court's decisions including summary of all the cases of constitutional proceeding.
7. Purchasing and assembling a mini printing-house.
8. Preparing and broadcasting TV programs popularizing constitutional justice.
9. Preparing radio programs about the Constitutional Court as a legal guarantor of human rights protection.
10. Ensuring preparation of newspaper articles about constitutional justice by mass media.

11. Purchasing modern legal literature for the library.

Expected results:

1. Constitutional Court' staff members professionally developed and the knowledge of public servants enhanced.
2. Court library equipped with modern literature and periodical editions.
3. More respected and protected human rights in Georgia.
4. Activities of the Constitutional Court extrapolated and development of constitutional justice promoted in Georgia.
5. Young generation legally educated.

The Constitutional Court provided with mini printing-house enabling it to publish its editions independently in future.