

INCORRECTLY FILLED-IN ASSET DECLARATIONS OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT OF ADJARA

The public asset declarations of 6 public officials of the Government of Adjara, subordinate bodies and the Supreme Council have not been filed correctly. Transparency International Georgia has reviewed the asset declarations submitted by 48 officials in 2019-2020.

Four of the identified violations is connected to the incomplete declaration of property (real estate, shares in enterprises) owned by officials and their family members. At the same time, in two cases, officials holding shares in various enterprises did transfer the management rights of their shares to another person, which is also a violation of the requirements of the Law On Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service.

The review of the asset declarations of officials is one of the most important anti-corruption tools. Based on the findings of the report, Transparency International-Georgia calls on the Public Service Bureau to investigate the public asset declarations provided in this report and to take appropriate measures.

TORNIKE RIZHVADZE

Chairperson of the Adjara Government



Tornike Rizhvadze indicated ownership of 25% shares in LLC [Adjara Berry Limited](#) in his [public asset declaration](#) filed on September 30, 2019. Rizhvadze should have transferred the management rights of his shares to another person, which he has not done. According to the Public Registry, on July 31, 2017, Tornike Rizhvadze [gifted](#) these shares to Tornike Kuchava (Kuchava [became](#) the Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Adjara after Tornike Rizhvadze was [approved](#) as the Chairperson of the Government of Adjara). However, due to incomplete submission of relevant documents, the Public Registry [did not register](#) Rizhvadze's request. Therefore, Tornike Rizhvadze still holds 25% of the company.

ZURAB TENIESHVILI

Adjara's Deputy Healthcare and Social Protection Minister



Zurab Tenieshvili, in his public asset [declaration](#) filed on January 17, 2020, did not indicate income received from the sale of a 175 sq.m commercial [property](#) that he co-owned. Tenieshvili was the owner of half of the commercial space at 92/94 King Parnavaz Street until January 9, 2019, so the income received from its sale had to be indicated in the declaration submitted in early 2020.

MUKHRAN KAKABADZE

Head of Adjara's Roads Department



In his public asset [declaration](#) that was filed on September 10, 2019, Mukhran Kakabadze did not indicate the entrepreneurial activity of his father, Nodar Kakabadze, who is the director of LLC [House of Piazza](#) and owner of 20% of the shares. At the same time, Kakabadze has not declared the following real estate properties: a 57.22 sq.m. [apartment](#) in Batumi and a 38.28 sq.m. [space](#) registered to his mother, Tatiana Eminzadze's name in Batumi.

NUGZAR SURMANIDZE

Member of the Supreme Council of Adjara, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Social Affairs



In his public asset [declaration](#) filed on January 24, 2020, Nugzar Surmanidze indicated that his wife, Svetlana Surmanidze, had not received any income from the management of 10% shares in LLC [Vitafarm](#) in 2019. Notably, the company received a total of GEL 56,920 from state and simplified procurement in 2019.

KHVICHA SHARASHIDZE

Member of the Supreme Council of Adjara



According to his 2020 public asset [declaration](#), Khvicha Sharashidze, who is the member of the Supreme Council of Adjara, owns 50% of the shares of LLC "[My House](#)", LLC "[Duplex-Construction Company](#)" and LLC "[Vox](#)". Sharashidze should have transferred management rights to another person in a short period of time after his appointment, which he has not done.

VAKHTANG TSULADZE

Member of the Supreme Council of Adjara, Chairman of the Committee on Agrarian and Environmental Affairs



In his public asset [declaration](#) filed on February 28, 2019, Vakhtang Tsuladze did not indicate a 23.10 sq.m [space](#) that he owns in Batumi.