VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED IN ASSET DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN IMERETI MUNICIPALITIES

Transparency International Georgia examined the asset declarations of about **400** public officials of the City Hall and City Council of the twelve municipalities of Imereti and identified **46** violations and factual inaccuracies. In particular, **36** public officials incompletely submitted asset declarations, **12** officials did not delegate the right to manage their shares to another person and also, and **7** cases of incompatibility of duties were found.

It is noteworthy that Transparency International Georgia lacks the ability to verify whether the companies mentioned in the report are active as this information is considered a tax secret. The information provided in the report is based on the data available in the public registry.

KUTAISI MUNICIPALITY

ANTONI CHIKHLADZE

Head of Housing Infrastructure Management and Development Service of the Kutaisi City Hall

Anton Chikhladze did not indicate in his asset declaration submitted in October 2022 that he is a managing partner of GPC Chikhladze-Medea 2000.

JONDO ARABIDZE

Head of Housing Infrastructure Management and Development Service of the Kutaisi City Hall (former)

Jondo Arabidze did not disclose that he is an individual entrepreneur (Jondo Arabidze – Jami) and an authorized representative of Baghis Kide XXI LLC in his asset declaration submitted on 10 February 2023.

ZAKRO MAMASAKHLISI

Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream faction in the Kutaisi City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Zakro Mamasakhlisi indicated that he is a shareholder in eight companies, however, Mamasakhlisi did not disclose that his wife, Madona Basiladze, is the director of several of these companies. In particular, Madona Basiladze is the director of Elite-Taxi LLC and New Taxis 2009 LLC. The information about her directorship was updated in the public registry on the same day when the asset declaration was submitted, previously Zakro Mamasakhlisi had been the director of the company. Mamasakhlisi also did not disclose that Madona Basiladze is registered as an individual entrepreneur.

TKIBULI MUNICIPALITY

IOSEB ROBAKIDZE

Chairperson of the Tkibuli Municipality Council

In the asset declaration submitted on 27 January 2023, Ioseb Robakidze showed that he is a 50% shareholder of SZ Group, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to another person as it was required by law.

TEMURI DZAGNIDZE

Chairperson of the Legal Affairs, Mandate, Procedural and Ethics Commission in the Tkibuli Council

In the asset declaration submitted in August 2022, Temuri Dzagnidze did not disclose that he is an individual entrepreneur.

TEIMURAZ KELBAKIANI
Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Commission of the Tkibuli City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Teimuraz Kelbakiani indicated that he is a 20% shareholder of Ukraine-Georgia Invest LLC and a 24.5% shareholder of Mtis Nobati LLC, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to other person.

TSOTNE ABESADZE
Deputy Chairperson of the United National Movement faction of the Tkibuli City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Tsotne Abesadze showed that he is a 49% shareholder of Brothers LLC, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to another person.

VAKHTANG GVENETADZE
Head of the Economic and Property Management Service of the Tkibuli City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Vakhtang Gvenetadze did not indicate that his wife, Ketevan Janelidze, is an individual entrepreneur.

TERJOLA MUNICIPALITY

MANUCHAR ROBAKIDZE
First Deputy Mayor of Terjola

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Manuchar Robakidze did not indicate that he is the co-owner of a house and four plots of land with a total area of 8,101 sq. m in the village of Gogni, Terjola Municipality.

NATIA SAKHECHIDZE
Acting Head of the Legal Service of the Terjola City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Natia Sakhechidze did not disclose that she is the co-owner of a house and five plots of land with a total area of 13,604 sq. m in the village of Etseri, Terjola Municipality.

GODERDZI TURKADZE
Acting Head of Spatial Arrangement, Infrastructure and Architecture Service of the Terjola City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in April 2022, Goderdzi Turkadze did not indicate that he is the owner of the 4,020 sq. m land plot in the village of Zemo Sazano, Terjola Municipality.

DIANA POTSKHVERASHVILI
Head of the Healthcare and Social Issues Service of the Terjola Municipality City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Diana Potskhverashvili did not indicate that she is a co-owner of a house and four plots of land with a total area of 9,068 sq. m in the village of Rupoti, Terjola Municipality.

GIORGI BARATASHVILI
Chairperson of the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2022, he did not indicate that he is a 25% shareholder of Agrogeorgia + LLC, a 95% shareholder of Zedazeni Imereti LLC and a 100% shareholder and the director of Berta Imereti LLC. He did not delegate the right to manage his shares to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirements of the law. It should be noted that Giorgi Baratashvili has the right to manage a 5% share owned by Zaza Kedalashvili in Zedazeni Imereti LLC. Giorgi Baratashvili indicated this information in the 2022 asset declaration.

Giorgi Baratashvili did not also disclose in the asset declaration that he is a 25% shareholder of Crystal-2010 LLC too.

JEMAL ISAKADZE

Deputy Chairperson of the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Jemal Isakadze did not indicate the five plots of land and a house owned by him and his family members in Terjola.

GOCHA VERULASHVILI

Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Gocha Verulashvili did not indicate that he is an individual entrepreneur.

IZA MAGRAKVELIDZE

Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Iza Magrakvelidze did not disclose that her father Bondo Magrakvelidze is an individual entrepreneur.

AMIRAN VERULASHVILI

Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Amiran Verulashvili did not indicate that he is the owner of a house and seven plots of land with a total area of 15,000 sq. m including buildings attached to them in the village of Dzevri, Terjola Municipality. Amiran Verulashvili did not disclose that he also owns the 800 sq. m land plot in the village of Tserovani, Mstkheta, and the 677 sq. m land plot with a building attached to it at Arthur Leist street in Tbilisi.

KOBA KATSADZE

Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Terjola Municipality City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Koba Katsadze did not indicate that he is the co-owner of the 2,674 sq. m land plot in the village of Etseri, Terjola Municipality.

TEMURI KOCHIASHVILI

Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Commission of the Terjola City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in November 2022, Temur Kochiashvili indicated that he is a 50% shareholder of Kochika LLC, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to other person.

SACHKHERE MUNICIPALITY

PETER CHIKHORIA
Head of the Infrastructure and Spatial Arrangement Service of the Sachkhere City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in October 2022, Petre Chikhoria did not disclose that he is an individual entrepreneur.

MAMUKA BEDIANIDZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Sachkhere City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Mamuka Bedianidze did not indicate that he is an individual entrepreneur, a 100% shareholder and a director of Mamuka LLC. He did not delegate the right to manage his share to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirement of the law.

TSKALTUBO MUNICIPALITY

GENADI BALANCHIVADZE
Mayor of Tskaltubo

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, he indicated that he is a 30% shareholder and a director of Imedi 2020 LLC, however, after being elected as the Mayor, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirements of the law.

VLADIMER KHURTSIA
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Tskaltubo City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Vladimer Khurtsia indicated that he is a 100% shareholder of Luka LLC, but the company has not "actually" functioned since 2018. However, pursuant to the law, he was still required to delegate the right to manage his share to another person and leave the position of director.

LEVAN CHANKSELIANI
Chairperson of the Culture, Education, Sport and Youth Affairs Commission of the Tskaltubo City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Levan Chankseliani indicated that he is a 50% shareholder and a director of Caucasus Travel LLC as well as a 25% shareholder of Mtani Maghalni LLC. However, he did not delegate the right to manage his shares to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirements of the law.

SAMTREDIA MUNICIPALITY

DAVIT BAKHTADZE
Mayor of Samtredia

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2022, Davit Bakhtadze did not indicate that he is the owner of the 98 sq. m apartment and two plots of land in Samtredia. However, this information was reported in the declaration last year.

DAVIT BAGHDAVADZE
Head of the Budget and Finance Service of the Samtredia City Hall

In the asset declaration filed in September 2022, Davit Baghdavadze did not disclose that his spouse, Khatuna Ivaniadze, is an individual entrepreneur.

PAATA KHAREBAVA
Head of the Internal Audit Service of the Samtredia City Hall

In the asset declaration filed in May 2022, Paata Kharebava did not indicate that he is an individual entrepreneur.

ZAKRO KACHAKHIDZE
Head of Military Service of the Samtredia City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in September 2022, Zakro Kachakhidze did not indicate that he is the co-owner of a house and a plot of land in the village of Didi Jikhaishi, Samtredia.

TARIEL TSOMAIA
Chairperson of the Infrastructure Commission of the Samtredia City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Tariel Tsomaia did not indicate that he is an individual entrepreneur, a 50% shareholder and a director of Trans 2 LLC as well as a 100% shareholder and a director of Partni 2 LLC. He did not delegate the right to manage his shares to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirements of the law.

BADRI SHENGELIA
Chairperson of the Commission of the Samtredia Municipality City Hall (former)

In the asset declaration filed in September 2022, Badri Shengelia disclosed that he is a 30% shareholder and a director of Ghaniri 2 LLC, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his shares to other person nor did he leave the position of director despite the requirements of the law.

KHARAGAULI MUNICIPALITY

GRIGOL CHIPASHVILI
Head of Military Registration and Enlistment Service of the Kharagauli City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Grigol Chipashvili did not indicate that he is one of the directors and a member of the board of cooperative RK Tafli Margebeli.

DAVIT KIKNADZE
First Deputy Chairperson of the Kharagauli Municipality City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Davit Kiknadze did not disclose that he owns a plot of land with a total area of 3,434 sq. m in Kharagauli.

KHONI MUNICIPALITY

SERGO BALAVADZE
Head of the Internal Audit and Control Service of the Khoni City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Sergo Balavadze did not indicate that he owns an apartment in Kutaisi and that his son, Shalva Balavadze, is the owner of a plot of land in the village of Kutiri, Khoni Municipality. Sergo Balavadze did not also disclose that his spouse Mzia Meparishvili is an individual entrepreneur.

IRAKLI ZHORZHOLIANI
Head of the Economy, Property Accounting and Management Service of the Khoni City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in June 2022, Irakli Zhorzholiani did not disclose that he is an individual entrepreneur.

ARCHIL SAGHARADZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Khoni City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Archil Sagharadze did not indicate that he is a 20% shareholder of Ioveli LLC and a 34% shareholder of Pharmacy 20 LLC as well as he is an individual entrepreneur. Archil Sagharadze did not also disclose that his mother - Manana Sebua is a director of Ioveli LLC and his father Giorgi Sagharadze is a 20% shareholder of the company.

CHIATURA MUNICIPALITY

DAVIT LABADZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Chiatura City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in January 2023, Davit Labadze did not indicate that he is a 33% shareholder of D.D.K Invest LLC. He did not delegate the right to manage his share to another person.

BATU GHVALADZE
Head of Military Registration and Enlistment Service of the Chiatura City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in March 2023, Batu Ghvaladze did not indicate that he owns nine plots of land with a total area of more than 15,000 sq. m in the village of Sveri, Chiatura and a garage in the city of Chiatura.

ZESTAPONI MUNICIPALITY

ZVIAD TAVKHELIDZE
Head of the Internal Audit and Monitoring Service of the Zestaponi City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in December 2022, Zviad Tavkhelidze indicated that he is a 40% shareholder of Style LLC, however, he did not delegate the right to manage his share to other person which is a violation of the law.

VANI MUNICIPALITY

DAVIT GABUNIA
Head of the Administration Service of the Vani City Hall

In the asset declaration filed in September 2022, Davit Gabunia did not indicate the is an authorized representative – director of the cooperative RK Dikhashkho Agricultural Cooperative, Vani District, Republic of Georgia.

TARIEL DZAGNIDZE
Head of the Supervision Service of the Vani Municipality

In the asset declaration submitted in October 2022, Tariel Dzagnidze did not disclose that he is a 66% shareholder of Princess LLC.

KOBA TOKHVADZE
Chairperson of the Commission of the Vani City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in December 2022, Koba Tokhvadze did not indicate that his spouse Tea Kapanadze is an individual entrepreneur.

SHALVA LORTKIPANIDZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Vani City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Shalva Lortkipanidze did not indicate that he is registered as an individual entrepreneur.

TAMAR SHENGELIA
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Vani City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Tamar Shengelia did not indicate that she carries out individual entrepreneurial activity.

SANDRO KHURTSIDZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia faction in the Vani City Council

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Sandro Khurtsidze did not indicate that he is an individual entrepreneur.

BAGHDATI MUNICIPALITY

MAMUKA KHURTSIDZE
Head of the Supervision Service of the Baghdati City Hall

In the asset declaration submitted in February 2023, Mamuka Khurtsidze did not indicate that his parents Nanuli Bazadze and Teimuraz Khurtsidze co-own two plots of land and a house attached to it in the village of Vartsikhe, Baghdati Municipality.