

VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED IN ASSET DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI MUNICIPALITIES

Transparency International Georgia examined the asset declarations for the years 2022-2023 submitted by public officials of Samtskhe-Javakheti municipalities (Akhaltzikhe, Ninotsminda, Akhalkalaki, Aspindza, Adigeni, and Borjomi). A quarter of these declarations contained violations.

- We examined the asset declarations of 202 public officials of City Halls and City Councils, as well as municipal non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities (N(N)LEs);

- Violations and factual inaccuracies were found in 50 asset declarations; The mayors of Adigeni, Borjomi and Aspindza municipalities, as well as the chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council, filled their declarations with violations;

- Among the municipalities, Akhaltzikhe has the highest number of public officials, specifically 12 individuals, whose asset declarations contained violations.

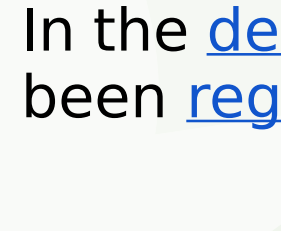
- A total of 31 instances of incompatibility or incompatible activities for the public office were identified;

- The involvement of companies associated with 4 public officials in state procurement is particularly significant.

In cases where a public official is associated with an enterprise that has not generated any turnover for a period of six years or more before the declaration filing date or has had a turnover of no more than 500 GEL throughout the entire year, there is no obligation for the official to disclose such an enterprise in the declaration. As information regarding the turnover of the enterprise is considered a tax secret, Transparency International Georgia does not have the means to verify whether the companies mentioned in the research had any turnover or not.

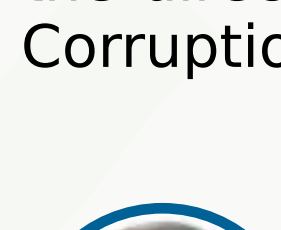
ADIGENI MUNICIPALITY

Out of 30 public officials in Adigeni Municipality, violations were revealed in the asset declarations of 9 individuals.



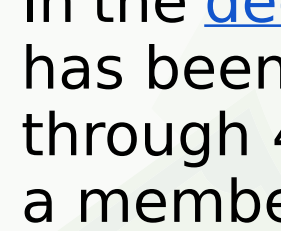
GOCHA KIMADZE
Mayor of Adigeni Municipality

In the [declaration](#) filed on December 23, 2022, Gocha Kimadze did not mention that his wife Nino Jvaridze has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2009.



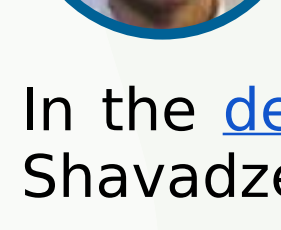
TEIMURAZ MIKELADZE
Deputy Chairperson of the Adigeni Municipality City Council

In the [declaration](#) filled out on January 24, 2023, Teimuraz Mikeladze did not indicate that he has been the director of the cooperative "Adigeni Nobati" since 2015. According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant has no right to hold any other position in any public institution or private legal entity.



GENADI BOLKVADZE
Chairman of the Financial-Budgetary, Economy, and Property Management Commission at Adigeni City Council

In the [declaration](#) filed on September 30, 2022, Genadi Bolkvadze did not state that his wife Tamar Oganessian has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2017. In the years 2018-2019, he received a total of 8,165 GEL through 4 direct purchases from the Adigeni Municipality City Hall. During this period, Genadi Bolkvadze was a member of Adigeni City Council, and then the chairman of the "Georgian Dream - Greens" faction.



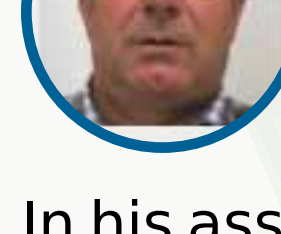
GELA SHAVADZE
Deputy Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In the [declaration](#) filled out on March 4, 2022, Gela Shavadze did not indicate that his grandfather, Ioseb Shavadze has been the [director](#) of the cooperative "Adigeni Nobati" since 2015.



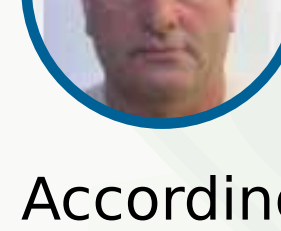
NUGZAR KASHIBADZE
Deputy Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

According to Nugzar Kashibadze's asset [declaration](#) of February 22, 2023, he is also employed as a guard at the Adigeni Educational Resource Center. According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant is not allowed to perform any paid work, except scientific, educational, creative, or work in the reserve of the defense forces.



IAGOR ASANIDZE
Deputy Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In his asset [declaration](#), filled out on March 1, 2022, Iagor Asanidze did not indicate that his son, Levan Asanidze has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2019.



BADRI VASHAKMADZE
Deputy Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

According to the asset [declaration](#) filed out on February 22, 2023, Badri Vashakmadze is an individual [entrepreneur](#) which is a violation of the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption. He received 25,000 GEL from 2 direct purchases from Adigeni City Hall in 2021 during his tenure in Adigeni City Council.

In the asset declaration, Badri Vashakmadze also indicates that his son, Nugzar Vashakmadze, is registered as an entrepreneur, however, he hides his income and writes that in 2022, Nugzar Vashakmadze's income was 0 GEL, while, in the same year, Nugzar Vashakmadze received 43,430 GEL through 4 direct purchases signed with Adigeni Municipality City Hall. In total, the family received 68,430 GEL from the Adigeni Municipality City Hall in 2 years.

According to the same declaration, Badri Vashakmadze is the director of the cooperative "Naminauri". A civil servant has no right to hold another position in any public institution or private legal entity.



GIVI AGHLEMASHVILI
Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "National Movement"

According to Givi Aghmelashvili's asset [declaration](#) filed out on February 9, 2023, he is an individual [entrepreneur](#) which is a violation of the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption.

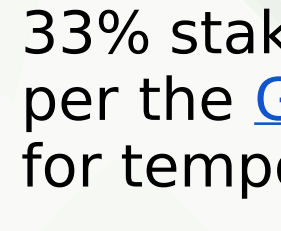


TENGIZ KOMOSHVILI
Deputy Chairman of Adigeni City Council faction "National Movement"

According to Tengiz Komoshvili's asset [declaration](#) filed out on March 1, 2022, he is an individual [entrepreneur](#) which is a violation of the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption.

AKHALTSIKHE MUNICIPALITY

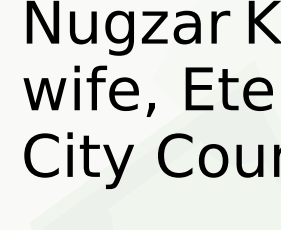
Violations were identified in 12 out of the 37 declarations of public officials in Akhaltzikhe Municipality.



ALEKSANDRE MELIKIDZE
Head of Spatial Arrangement and Infrastructure Service of Akhaltzikhe City Hall

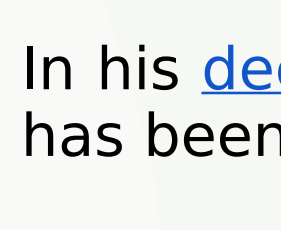
In his asset [declaration](#) submitted on May 30, 2022, Aleksandre Melikidze failed to disclose his ownership of a 33% stake in "Popular" LLC since 2012, as well as 100% ownership of "SM Development" LLC since 2020. As per the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption, it was required for him to transfer the stake to someone else for temporary management, which he failed to fulfill.

He also did not indicate in the declaration that his wife, Lali Samsonidze-Melikidze is the owner and director of "S L Company" LLC since 2016, and of "S L Company +" LLC since 2021.



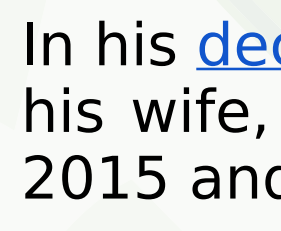
NUGZAR KAPANADZE
Head of Public Health and Social Services Service of Akhaltzikhe City Hall

Nugzar Kapanadze's asset [declaration](#) submitted on November 7, 2022, did not disclose the information that his wife, Eter Merabishvili, is the director of "Akhaltzikhe District Agara ambulatory" LLC, founded by Akhaltzikhe City Council.



DAVIT LOMIDZE
Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council

In his [declaration](#) submitted on March 25, 2022, Davit Lomidze did not indicate that his son, Mindia Lomidze has been a 25% shareholder of "Migitomi" LLC since 2011.



AMBARTSUM BABOYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council

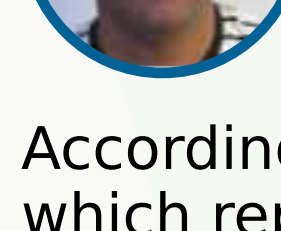
In his [declaration](#) submitted on October 26, 2022, Ambartsum Baboyan failed to disclose the information that his wife, Asya Epranosyan-Baboyan has been the director and 100% shareholder at "Nat-ella Group" since 2015 and has also been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2013.



NODAR KHITARISHVILI
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

According to the [declaration](#) submitted on March 7, 2022, Nodar Khitarishvili is a 100% shareholder of "Export Elta" LLC. As per the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption, it was required for him to transfer the stake to someone else. Additionally, he did not declare that his son, Giorgi Khitarishvili is the director of the same company - "Export Elta" LLC.

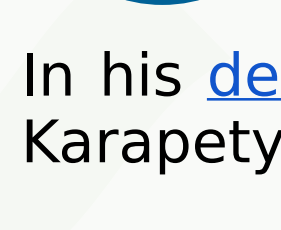
In his declaration, Nodar Khitarishvili failed to declare his ownership of a 15% stake in "Gela and Company" LLC.



ZURAB BARDZIMADZE
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

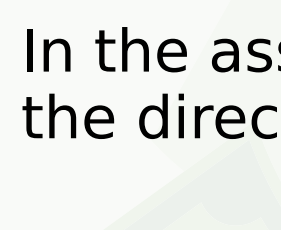
According to the asset [declaration](#) submitted on March 5, 2022, Zurab Bardzimidze is an individual [entrepreneur](#) which represents a violation of the [Georgian Law](#) on Combating Corruption.

Additionally, he did not indicate that his father, Anzor Bardzimidze has been a director of the cooperative "Atskurirdze" since 2008.



ARUTUN AGABABYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

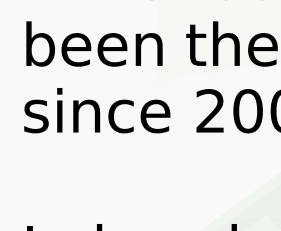
In his [declaration](#) submitted on February 17, 2023, Arutun Agababyan failed to disclose that his wife, Srbui Karapetyan has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2014.



TARIEL TABATADZE
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "Akhaltzikhe for Georgia"

In the asset [declaration](#) submitted on September 20, 2022, Taniel Tabatadze did not indicate that he has been the director of cooperative "Elioba" since 2016.

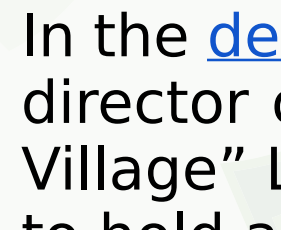
Moreover, Taniel Tabatadze works at "Kvanti" LLC as a craftsman, which is an incompatible activity for the public office according to the [Georgian Law](#) on Combating Corruption.



KETEVAN BARDZIMADZE
Deputy Chairperson of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "United National Movement"

In her asset [declaration](#) filled out on November 29, 2022, Ketevan Bardzimidze did not mention that she has been the director and 100% shareholder of "Ecopark 2021" LLC. She has also been an individual [entrepreneur](#) since 2009, which is a violation of the [Georgian Law](#) on Combating Corruption.

In her declaration, she also failed to mention that her son, Amiran Bardzimidze has been the director and 50% shareholder of "Georgia Business Center 2014" LLC since 2014; Director of the cooperative "Farmer's House" since 2016; Individual [entrepreneur](#) since 2013.



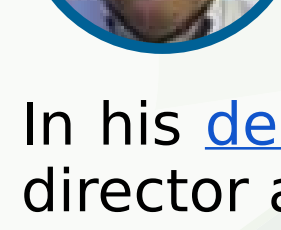
KOBA SANDROSHVILI
Deputy Chairperson of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "United National Movement"

In the [declaration](#) submitted on July 29, 2022, Koba Sandroshvili fails to mention that he has been the general director of the "Democratic Management Development Fund of Samtskhe-Javakheti Akhaltzikhe Eliatsminda Village" LLC since 2017. According to the [Georgian Law](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant has no right to hold another position in any public institution or private legal entity.



GIORGI GIORGADZE
Deputy Chairman of Akhaltzikhe City Council faction "Akhaltzikhe for Georgia"

In his [declaration](#) submitted on March 5, 2022, Giorgi Giorgadze failed to mention that he has been the director and 100% shareholder at "Saba" LLC since 2017.



ANZOR SAGINADZE
Director of NN(L)E "Akhaltzikhe Service Group"

In his [declaration](#) submitted on February 20, 2023, Anzor Saginadze failed to mention that he has been the director and 100% shareholder at "Quality Service" LLC since 2016. He also did not mention his ownership of 50% of stakes in the "Royal Construction" LLC since the same period.

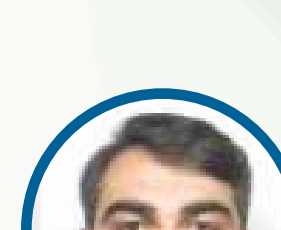
BORJOMI MUNICIPALITY

Out of 40 officials of Borjomi Municipality, violations were revealed in 6 declarations.



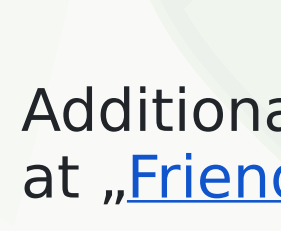
OTAR ARBOLISHVILI
Mayor of Borjomi Municipality

In his [declaration](#) submitted on May 30, 2022, Otar Arbolishvili failed to mention that his wife, Maka Mtiulishvili has been an individual [entrepreneur](#) since 2013.



MAGDA BAGHAKASHVILI
Head of Architecture Service of Borjomi City Hall

In her [declaration](#) submitted on July 26, 2022, Magda Baghakashvili did not mention that her mother-in-law, Zoia Barabadze has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2017.



NIKOLAZ KIKNADZE
Deputy Chairman of Borjomi City Council

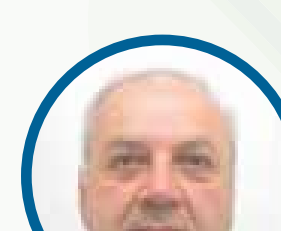
In his [declaration](#) submitted on February 9, 2023, Nikoloz Kiknadze failed to mention that he has been the director and 33% shareholder at "Kikna" LLC since 2014; Director and 100% shareholder at "13" LLC since 2013 and 50% shareholder at „პროფ ბიუტი - Prof Beauty" LLC since 2013.

Additionally, he did not declare that his wife, Ketevan Darbaidze has been the director and 50% shareholder at „Friendly Georgia" LLC and 50% shareholder at „გეოჯი NQ" LLC since 2013.



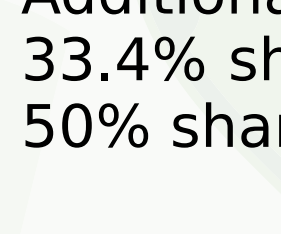
MERAB IOBASHVILI
Chairman of Environmental Protection and Agrarian Issues Commission of Borjomi City Council

In his [declaration](#) submitted on September 29, 2022, Merab Iobashvili did not indicate that his children [Zurab Iobashvili](#) and [Meri Iobashvili](#) are registered as entrepreneurs.



MAMUKA LURSMANASHVILI
Chairman of the Culture, Education, Sports, and Youth Affairs Commission of Borjomi City Council

Mamuka Lursmanashvili in his [declaration](#) submitted on January 26, 2023, did not mention that he has been an [entrepreneur](#) since 2013.



VAZHA GELASHVILI
Director of N(N)LE "Borjomi Municipality Socially Vulnerable Population Service Center"

In his [declaration](#) submitted on April 20, 2022, Vazha Gelashvili did not indicate that he is a 5% shareholder of "Kechkhobi" LLC and also 33% shareholder at "Nektari 2" LLC.

Additionally, he did not declare that his wife, Nanuli Imedashvili is the director of "Pansionati Kechkhobi" JSC, 33.4% shareholder of "Nektari 2" LLC, 50% shareholder of "GNN" LLC, 20% shareholder of "Noel Plaza" LLC, 50% shareholder of "Noelgrand" LLC, 50% shareholder of "Kokhta" LLC.

Vazha Gelashvili has [held](#) the position of director of the above-mentioned N(N)LE since 2015. In the years 2014-2021, his wife's "GNN" LLC [received](#) 485,000 GEL through state procurement. Among them, direct purchases worth 18,500 GEL were received by Borjomi City Hall between the years 2014 and 2017. In 2020, the same company [received](#) 19,279 USD for the hotel from Enterprise Georgia.

One of the companies of his wife Noelgrandi LLC signed 10 direct procurements worth 1 009 595 GEL in total in 2020 with the Georgian National Tourism Administration.

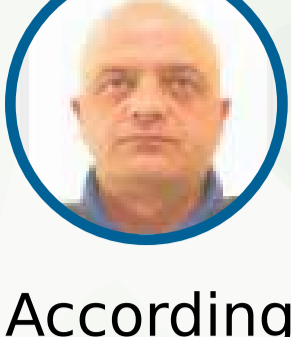
ASPINDZA MUNICIPALITY

5 out of 33 public officials of Aspindza municipality had errors in their declarations.



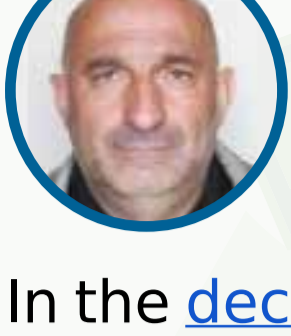
ROSTOM MAGRAKVELIDZE
Mayor of Aspindza Municipality

In the [declaration](#) submitted on January 26, 2023, Rostom Magrakvelidze did not mention that he is a [director](#) of cooperative "Tsekavshiri". According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant has no right to hold any other position in any public institution or private legal entity.



ROIN VACHARIDZE
Head of Military Registration and Recruitment Service of Aspindza City Hall

According to the [declaration](#) submitted on May 29, 2022, Roin Vacharidze is the director of the cooperative "Agara". According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant has no right to hold any other position in any public institution or private legal entity.



GIORGI JVARIDZE
Chairman of the Legal Affairs Commission of Aspindza City Council

In the [declaration](#) filled out on September 23, 2022, Giorgi Jvaridze did not mention that he has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2008.



PAVLE BERIDZE
Deputy Chairman of Aspindza City Council faction "United National Movement"

Pavle Beridze in his [declaration](#) filed out on March 4, 2022, indicated that he has started the process of leaving the cooperative "Zeda Tmogvi", where he is the director. However, according to the extract from the public registry, he remains in the mentioned position until now.



MERAB NARIMANIDZE
Director of N(N)LE "Aspindza Reclamation Center"

In the [declaration](#) filled out on March 9, 2022, Merab Narimanidze did not indicate that he has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2006.

AKHALKALAKI MUNICIPALITY

Violations were identified in the asset declarations of 11 out of 32 public officials in Akhalkalaki municipality.



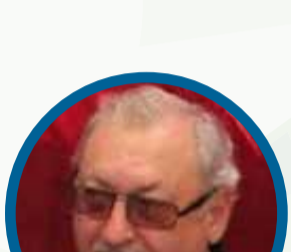
MKRTICH MGHDESYAN
Deputy Mayor of Akhalkalaki Municipality

In the [declaration](#) submitted on February 11, 2022, Mkrtich Mghdesyan did not indicate that his son, Rachik Mghdesyan has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2020.



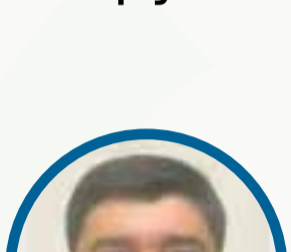
MNATSAKAN PAMBUKHCHYAN
Head of Economic Development and Property Management Service of Akhalkalaki City Hall

According to the [declaration](#) submitted on April 29, 2022, Mnatsakan Pambukhchyan is the director of cooperative "Megobroba".



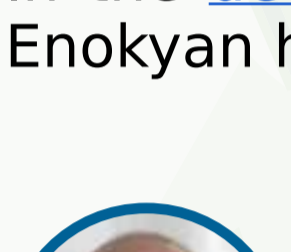
VALERI STELMASHOV
Head of Education, Culture, Sports, Monument Protection, Youth Affairs and Tourism Service of Akhalkalaki City Hall

In the [declaration](#) submitted on August 2, 2022, Valeri Stelmashov did not indicate that his wife, Anaida Akopyan has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2016.



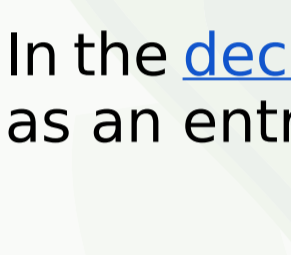
EDUARD AGHASARYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council

In the [declaration](#) submitted on January 13, 2022, Eduard Aghasaryan did not indicate that his wife, Lana Enokyan has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2013.



KARAPET PALOYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In the [declaration](#) submitted on February 28, 2022, Karapet Paloyan did not indicate that he has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2016 and his [wife](#), Siranush Paloyan since 2014.



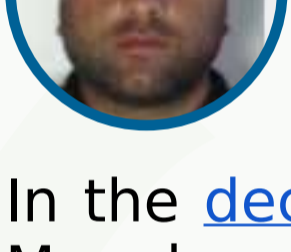
ALBERT MANUSHYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

According to the [declaration](#) filed on February 14, 2022, Albert Manushyan is [engaged](#) in entrepreneurial activities. According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption he does not hold the right to do so.



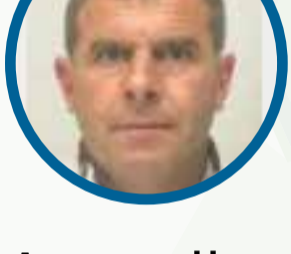
ARAMAIS ZAKARYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In the [declaration](#) submitted on February 28, 2022, Aramais Zakaryan did not indicate that his wife, Vardui Manukyan has been [registered](#) as an entrepreneur since 2021.



VARDAN PAPOYAN
Deputy Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

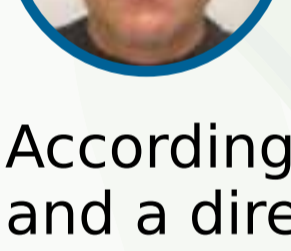
According to the [declaration](#) submitted on February 15, 2023, Vardan Papoyan is registered as an entrepreneur, which is a violation of the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption.



ABRAHAM KARAPETYAN
Chairman of Akhalkalaki City Council faction "European Georgia-Lelo"

According to the asset [declaration](#) filed on February 4, 2022, Abraham Karapetyan is an individual [entrepreneur](#) and a director of the cooperative "Mate" which is a violation of the [Georgian law](#) on Combating Corruption.

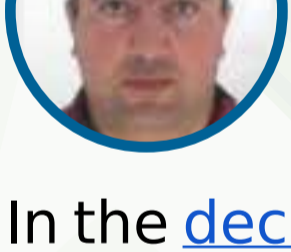
The declaration does not disclose that his wife, Narine Karapetyan has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2015.



GENADI ELIZBARYAN
Chairman of the Spatial Arrangement and Infrastructure Commission of the Akhalkalaki City Council

In the [declaration](#) submitted on January 14, 2022, Genadi Elizbaryan did not declare that he has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2012.

Furthermore, he did not indicate that his wife, Karine Elizbaryan has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2010.



SIPAN SHIPAKTSYAN
Chairman of Mandatory Procedural, Legal Issues and Ethics Commission of Akhalkalaki City Council

In the [declaration](#) filed on January 27, 2022, Sipan Shipaktsyan did not indicate that his father, Pavel Shipaktsyan, and his mother, Kishmish Tsormutyanyan founded a cooperative "Azavreti" in 2016 and serve as its directors.

Additionally, he did not indicate that his mother, Kishmish Tsormutyanyan has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2007.

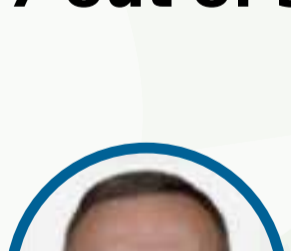
NINOTSMINDA MUNICIPALITY

7 out of 30 officials submitted their asset declarations with violations in Ninotsminda Municipality



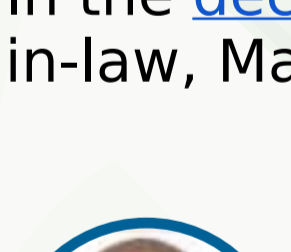
ALEKSANDRE MIKELADZE
First Deputy Mayor of Ninotsminda Municipality

In the [declaration](#) submitted on September 15, 2022, Aleksandre Mikeladze did not declare that his daughter-in-law, Marine Pasanidze has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2020.



SAIAT MKOYAN
Head of Economic Development and Property Management Service of Ninotsminda City Hall

In the [declaration](#) submitted on September 14, 2022, Saiat Mkoyan did not declare that his wife, Seda Plikyan has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2019.



ARMEN BDOYAN
Head of the Infrastructure, Spatial Arrangement, Architecture and Construction Service of Ninotsminda City Hall

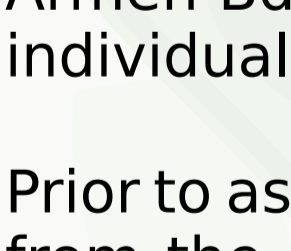
Armen Bdoyan in his [declaration](#) filled out on July 7, 2022, did not mention that he has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2005.

Prior to assuming the aforementioned position, he [received](#) over 41,000 GEL through 60 simplified procurement from the Ninotsminda City Hall, its legal entities, and public schools within the same municipality between 2012 and 2021.



KHOREN AVETISYAN
Head of Legal Service of Ninotsminda City Hall

According to Khoren Avetisyan's asset [declaration](#) of September 23, 2023, he is also employed as a lawyer at the Akhalkalaki Educational Resource Center. According to the [Law of Georgia](#) on Combating Corruption, a civil servant is not allowed to perform any paid work, except scientific, educational, creative, or work in the reserve of the defense forces.



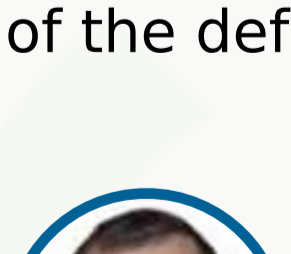
KONSTANTIN VARDANYAN
Deputy Chairman of Ninotsminda City Council

In his asset [declaration](#) submitted on June 3, 2022, Konstantin Vardanyan failed to disclose that his wife, Albina Vartanyan, serves as the director of "Public Organization Radio-Television Parvana" N(N)LE. In July 2020, "Transparency International - Georgia" [reported](#) on alleged corrupt procurement cases involving this company at the Ninotsminda Municipality City Hall. Over the past two years, Vardanyan's wife's television has won two tenders in the Ninotsminda City Hall without competition, amounting a total of 130,000 GEL. Throughout Vardanyan's term, his family's television network has received a total of 450,645 GEL from the Ninotsminda City Hall.



ARUTYN OGANESYAN
Deputy Chairman of Ninotsminda City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In the [declaration](#) submitted on February 25, 2022, Arutyn Oganesyan did not declare that his wife, Azatuhi Oganesyan has been [registered](#) as an individual entrepreneur since 2014.



SAMVEL DARBANYAN
Deputy Chairman of Ninotsminda City Council faction "Georgian Dream-Democratic Georgia"

In the [declaration](#) submitted on March 4, 2022, Samvel Darbanyan did not indicate that he has been the director of the cooperative "Akhali Sopeli" since 2017.

Additionally, he did not mention that his wife is a member of the same cooperative.

Verification of asset declarations of public officials is one of the major instruments for combating corruption. Accordingly, TI Georgia requests the Civil Service Bureau to study the asset declarations of the individuals mentioned in this study on the basis of the presented information with the aim of providing a relevant response.