



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

GEORGIA - GENDER EQUALITY INDICATORS 2007

Population¹

Total: 4 361 400

Female: 52.6%

Male: 47.4%

1. STATE MACHINERY AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

1.1	Ratification and reporting under the UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	Yes ²	Year of ratification: 1994 Ratification of the Optional Protocol: 2002 ³ Initial report (09/03/1998), Combined Second and Third report (16/04/2004).
1.2	Human rights problems as specified in Conclusions of the CEDAW Committee		CEDAW Concluding Comments in response to the combined Second and Third report of Georgia (issued in August 2006) ⁴ Main concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited availability of data disaggregated by sex;• Lack of comprehensive approach to women's equality;• Low level of awareness of CEDAW and related documents;• Lack of permanent institutional mechanism to address women's equality issues;• Continued stereotypes and patriarchal attitudes;• Lack of data on domestic violence and shortcomings in the new legislation on domestic violence;• Persistence of trafficking in women and girls;• Underrepresentation of women in public and political life;• Segregation of women and men in the labour market;• Lack of programmes targeting vulnerable groups of women;• Lack of information and data on women's health;• Lack of information on the situation of rural and ethnic minority women.
1.3	Reports made by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women	No	
1.4	National government body on gender or women	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Commission on Gender Equality;• Gender Equality Advisory Council. Note: Within the public defender's office there is a special group dedicated to women's and children's issues.

1.5	Constitutional protection from discrimination on the basis of sex	Yes	Article 14 "Everyone is born free and is equal before the law, regardless of race, skin colour, language, sex, religion, political and other beliefs, national, ethnic and social origin, property and title status or place of residence."
1.6	Gender equality law	No	
1.7	National gender mainstreaming measures (e.g.: National plan of action on gender equality or gender mainstreaming or other similar commitments)	Yes	New Plan of Action for the Implementation of Gender Policy in Georgia 2007 to 2009.
2. POLITICAL SECTOR			
2.1	Per cent of women in parliament (is there a quota for women)?	Single (2004) No quota ⁵	Parliament elected in 2004 Total number of seats: 235 Total number of seats won by women: 22 Percentage of women: 9.4% ⁶ The speaker of Parliament as well as the Head of the majority of Parliament is a woman and some women hold important committee chairs.
2.2	Is there a fixed quota for electoral lists?	No ⁷	
3. ECONOMIC SECTOR			
3.1	Per cent of women in the paid labour force	46.9% ⁸	
3.2	Adult unemployment rate: Total Female Male	13.8% 12.6% 14.8% ⁹	
3.3	Estimated earned income (PPP US\$) Female Male	1 561 4 273 ¹⁰	
3.4	Ratio of estimated female to male earned income	0.37 ¹¹	
3.5	Right of women to own property	Yes ¹²	
3.6	Women as percentage of international migrants	37.4% ¹³	
4. SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SECTOR¹⁴			
4.1	Life expectancy at birth: Female (years) Male (years)	74.4 66.6	
4.2	Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (deaths of mothers per 100,000 live births), year 2000	66	

4.3	Adult literacy rate (ages 15 and older) Female Male	N/A N/A
4.4	Net primary school enrolment Female Ratio of female to male	93% 0.99
4.5	Net secondary school enrolment Female Ratio of female to male	81% 1.00
4.6	Gross tertiary school enrolment Female Ratio of female to male	42% 1.03
5. TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS		
5.1	Ratification of Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	September 2006 ¹⁵
5.2	Relevant criminalization legislation	The Government is implementing a new anti-trafficking law that makes it easier to prosecute traffickers, increases the minimum sentences for convicted traffickers and clarifies the Government's responsibilities for victim identification and assistance. Moreover, the Permanent Interagency Anti-trafficking Council was established as the body responsible for the co-ordination of government efforts against trafficking.
5.3	Availability of shelters for victims of trafficking	Yes (one in Tbilisi and one in Batumi).
6. MAJOR GENDER EQUALITY ORGANIZATIONS IN GEORGIA		
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7. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR GENDER ISSUES AT THE MISSION OFFICE (focal point, part-time, full-time)		

This focal point function is currently under review.

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- ¹ <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/georgia.pdf>
 - ² <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/states.htm>
 - ³ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/protocol/sigop.htm>
 - ⁴ <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm>
 - ⁵ <http://www.quotaproject.org/noquotas.cfm>
 - ⁶ <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>
 - ⁷ <http://www.quotaproject.org/noquotas.cfm>
 - ⁸ <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2007/georgia.pdf>
 - ⁹ <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>
 - ¹⁰ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_GEO.html
 - ¹¹ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_GEO.html
 - ¹² http://www.ihf-hr.org/viewbinary/viewdocument.php?doc_id=2059
 - ¹³ <http://esa.un.org/migration/index.asp?panel=2>
 - ¹⁴ http://hdrstats.undp.org/countries/data_sheets/cty_ds_GEO.html
 - ¹⁵ http://www.unodc.org/unodc/crime_cicp_signatures_trafficking.html