



Annual Impact Report

2024-2025



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
GEORGIA**
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History & Mission

IWA Georgia was initiated in 1996 by a group of expatriate and Georgian women living in Tbilisi. Since then, IWA Georgia has supported women, children and elderly people who are at risk due to poverty, poor health and disabilities.

In spring 2017, IWA Georgia obtained official charity status which confers to the Organization a stronger position as an officially recognized, serious and well managed organization.

Currently, the Organization continues to function as:

- a safety net for expatriate women who arrive in Tbilisi, helping them to settle down, explore their interests, mix with Georgian women and learn about the culture and richness of their hosting country
- a charity NGO supporting grass roots organizations and individuals, with focus on women and vulnerable groups of Georgian society

*Founders of IWA Georgia:
Renuka Matagne (left) and Nana Dvali (right)*



President's Message

Dear Benefactors,

Thanks to your generosity and dedication to our many charitable causes, we are pleased to present our accomplishments over 2024-2025 in the following pages. Without your patronage and support, this would not be possible.

As you may be aware, all income from our events goes directly to impactful projects in Georgia that have been submitted and meticulously considered. This improves communities' and individuals' lives in large and small ways. Among the many successes, we were able to fund the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Enkenia Food Bank, the Georgian Portage Association for disabled children, a Ceramics Studio in Zemo Nikozi to support livelihoods and rehabilitation, and many more organisations and individuals in Georgia.

These projects have directly enhanced education, social cohesion, and overall well-being in the communities we serve. Additionally, we invest in the healthcare for people in need, ensuring their access to essential medical services and improving health outcomes for disadvantaged individuals and groups.



Maria Fischer
President 2023 - ongoing

A handwritten signature of Maria Fischer in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Your contributions have made a tangible difference in these communities and individuals' lives, empowering them to build a brighter future.

Please note that IWA has official Georgian charity status and, as such, submits all financial paperwork for an official annual audit. Moreover, the entire IWA team works voluntarily and gratuitously. Your unwavering support has significantly contributed to the success of IWAG's annual events.

The bulk of the financing during this period came from the December 2023 IWAG Winter Fair. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a Winter Fair in December 2024, but we did raise some funds at our May 2024 Spring Fair. Combining the funds raised at these two events, we were able to raise **291,807 GEL** for projects in 2024 and 2025 and distribute it in a variety of ways throughout Georgia. You will be able to delve into the details of these projects and more, as well as the auditor's conclusion.

We are profoundly grateful for your commitment. We thank you once again for being an integral part of our mission and look forward to achieving even greater milestones together.

Parent's Support Project



Charity Projects Committee

Through its Charity Project Committee (CPC), IWA actively supports the social development of Georgia by funding carefully evaluated, selected, and monitored projects.

All supported initiatives are required to deliver a direct and meaningful positive impact on Georgian citizens. Funds raised through IWA Georgia's key fundraising events - primarily the Annual Winter Fair 2023 and Spring Fair 2024 - are allocated with the utmost responsibility, transparency, and rigorous oversight. The work of the CPC is also subject to annual auditing.

The CPC team is delighted to share with our donors and supporters the projects implemented during 2024–2025 and looks forward to continued collaboration in the future.

In the following pages, you will find the list of projects carried out in 2024–2025, presented with pride and deep appreciation for our financial and operational partners.



*Marianna Sofianou
CPC Chair 2024 - 2025*



*Anna Jewell
CPC Chair 2025- ongoing*

Principles of CPC

The Charity Projects Committee (CPC) provides grants to organizations and individuals applying to the IWA for funding in support of various projects in Georgia.

The grants aim to improve the lives of women, children, and the elderly, as well as individuals who are vulnerable, disabled, ill, or have specific needs. The CPC responds to emergencies affecting individual well-being and also supports prevention initiatives. All funded projects fall within these areas of focus and must have a direct and positive impact on Georgian citizens.

Applications are open to all Georgian citizens without restriction, as the primary goal is to reach those who may be excluded from other funding opportunities. Individuals most often apply for medical assistance; these are typically people or children from low-income or poverty-level households who require support for treatment costs and have exhausted all other options. In many cases, CPC support contributes to life-saving care.

Organizations frequently apply for funding for educational initiatives, women's empowerment projects, and programs supporting persons with disabilities.

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Dedicated Projects Program

In 2022, the Charity Projects Committee (CPC) launched the Dedicated Projects Program to give companies and donors greater control over how their contributions are allocated.

Under regular CPC operations, donations from companies and supporters are pooled into a shared budget and distributed throughout the year to support a variety of projects across different sectors.

This model is well suited to companies without strict limitations on the types of charitable initiatives they support, allowing them to contribute with confidence that the CPC team will carefully select deserving applicants - both individuals and organizations - across a broad range of needs.

The Dedicated Projects Program, however, offers sponsors or companies the option to support a specific project or focus on a particular area they are passionate about. This allows for a more tailored allocation of donations, ensuring that a sponsor's preferences are met. We understand that companies often have different focuses within their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives - some may prioritize education, while others may support projects related to the elderly or the environment. Our Dedicated Projects Program ensures that these preferences are reflected in how their contributions to IWAG are used.

If you are interested in this form of sponsorship, please contact our Fundraising Team, and we will provide you with the necessary information to get involved!



Sara Modzmanashvili-Kemecsei
1st Vice-President
Fundraising Chair
2020- ongoing

Dedicated Project

Education and Development Centre **Toliskuri**

In 2022, IWA Georgia supported the NGO Education and Development Centre “Toliskuri” in addressing the urgent need for expanded services for children with special needs in the Samegrelo region. Instead of extending the existing Day Care Center, which could only accommodate 19 children, a decision was made to purchase a larger house to serve more than 50 children from five surrounding villages.

This milestone was made possible through a generous donation from the Austrian Police Department of Vorarlberg, enabling the acquisition of the property in November 2022.

37 682 GEL

Austrian partners visiting the centre



The new space opened opportunities for rehabilitation and habilitation programs, expanded educational activities, and future initiatives such as a social enterprise.

Building on this achievement, in 2024 the project entered a new phase focused on the renovation and full operational development of the facility. The funding for this stage came entirely from donations collected in Austria, reflecting continued commitment and trust from Austrian partners. The Vorarlberg Police Department also donated a van retrofitted with a handicap ramp and Eva Wakalopoulos and Roland Stemer drove six days from Austria to Georgia to personally deliver it.

Eva explained the main reasons why she was so committed to this project: "First, the hospitality and warmth of the country and its people. In some cases we can learn a thing or two from them. Second, thanks to IWA and [former CPC co-chair] Margaret, ***I have confidence that every euro we collect in Austria goes directly to the people in need. No middleman is taking a cut. I feel safe doing this because I vouch for the project in my province with my name and face. It's important to me that I can guarantee to my friends and colleagues that their donations reach the intended place.***

The renovation ensures a safe, accessible, and well-equipped environment where children can benefit from improved care, therapy, and skill-building programs. This continued support from Austria not only strengthens the sustainability of the center but also deepens the long-term impact of the original investment, helping Toliskuri expand its reach and improve the quality of life for even more children and their families.



Community Projects

Details

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| Saba - Association of Social Protection and Rehabilitation of Disabled Children | Support flood victims in Lanchkhuti municipality who were affected by floods on September 8, 2023. The funds covered food and basic supplies, e.g. clothes for the victims of the floods. |
| Georgian Portage Association | Purchase of materials to ensure precise adjustments of wheelchairs for their beneficiaries. |
| Parent's Support | Support to buy materials necessary for various types of therapies (occupational, speech, physiotherapy and others). |
| American Friends of Georgia | Support of project "Access to Education" that aims to provide laptops and internet access to needy but talented students around Georgia. |
| Development Space-2023 | Refurbishment of lower ground floor and purchase of furniture for Centre supporting adults with special needs. |
| Lanchkhuti Youth Caravan | Renovation of two buses in order to turn them into a cafeteria and a space for workshops and various events. |
| Ceramics Studio in Zemo Nikozi | Support to buy windows for the new ceramics studio at the St. Alexander Okropiridze Nikoz Art School |
| Anti-Violence Network of Georgia | Purchase of food supplies for three months – May to June. |

Community Projects

Details

First Step Georgia

Purchase of 3 tablets to help children communicate + provide online training + buy other suitable toys for rehabilitation.

Evang. Luth. Diakonisches
Werk Georgiens

Support for the renovation of a space dedicated to women who have been through traumatic experiences, predominantly domestic or other violence.

2025

Mirabaldebi Organization

Support for women's empowerment project. Mirabaldebi printed illustrations and stories about Georgian and other women's stories and conducted workshops at schools. IWAG financed a color printer, paper, and other printing materials.

MAC Georgia (McLain
Association for Children -
Georgia)

Finance accommodations for 50 parents of disabled children from all over Georgia to attend MAC Georgia's annual Parents' Conference, designed to strengthen parents' emotional, physical, and social well-being by offering practical tools for self-care, techniques for managing stress, and opportunities to connect with other parents facing similar experiences. Most of the families belonged to economically vulnerable groups in rural areas.

Anti-Violence Network
Georgia

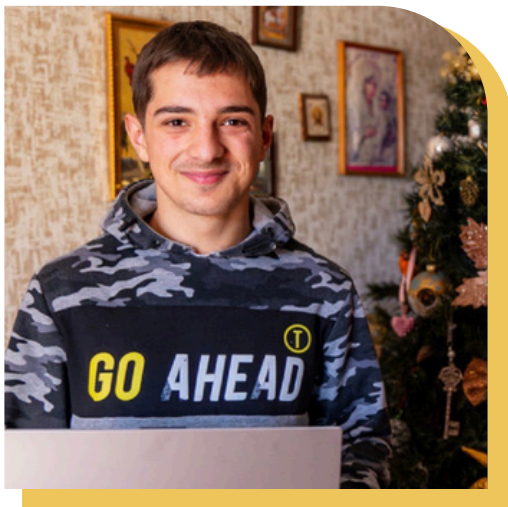
Support for women and children residing in the shelters operated by the Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, to help ensure their continued safety, stability, and access to essential services.

Access to Education

Two-thirds of school-age children worldwide lack Internet access. People from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and minority groups are usually less likely to have Internet access or be able to use the web efficiently. Providing access to the Internet can improve academic achievement, cognitive skills, productivity, income, even health outcomes.

Racha is one of the most beautiful and picturesque high mountainous regions of Georgia; at the same time it is one of the country's poorest parts.

IWAG provided 10 laptops and Internet connectivity to needy but talented students in Racha. Here are two stories of students we were able to help. The American Friends of Georgia also participated in this project, providing an additional 10 computers.



Giorgi (17) aspires to become a business man and has chosen to pursue his education at a Free University of Tbilisi to achieve this goal. His passion lies in football. Expressing his perspective, he states, "The computer and the Internet are essential for my active engagement in the learning process. They provide me with the opportunity to acquire a wide range of information."



Mariam (15) is passionate about literature, with a particular fondness for the Georgian language, which she considers crucial to master as her native tongue. In addition, she has a keen interest in the English language and has aligned her future career aspirations accordingly; she aspires to enroll in the Faculty of English Philology at the University of Georgia. In her leisure time, Mariam engages in painting.

Success Story

Ceramics Studio Zemo Nikozi

IWAG supported the renovation of a ceramics studio in Zemo Nikozi, located in the heart of the historical Kartli Region of Georgia.

During the Russian-Georgian war in August 2008, an air strike destroyed several buildings in this area and threatened local livelihoods.

This project was designed to assist this war-torn region through the revitalization and development of cultural activities. Co-financing from the project came from the Patriarchate, private donors, and the Gori City Hall. IWAG funds were used to purchase and install doors and windows. The studio has allowed for enthusiastic local young people to learn to work on ceramics and sell their creations, becoming self-employed and contributing economically to their families.

The studio is part of the Nikozi St. Aleksandre Oqropiridze Art School which offers classes in fine arts, music, choreography, folk music instruments and singing, chanting, animation, shadow play, embroidery, foreign languages, and computer skills.

The project implementers' ultimate goal is to evolve the ceramics studio into a non-profit organization, with all proceeds reinvested into the development of art and culture in the region.



Special Project

Donations to Armenian refugees In honour of Anush Klimczyk

IWA Georgia made a donation in memory of Anush Klimczyk, our long-standing and dear member who passed away in August 2023.

Anush was a dedicated member of IWAG for 15 years, during which she served on several committees. Her most recent role was with the Charity Project Committee.

Throughout her time with IWAG, she supported people in need in Georgia not only through CPC initiatives but also through her personal contributions and commitment.



In honor of her Armenian heritage, we chose to allocate 7,000 GEL to support Armenian refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh who have relocated to Spitak and Armavir in northern and western Armenia. These funds were raised during the Winter Fair 2023 through the IWAG table and Tombola.

In coordination with the Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Georgia, H.E. Mr. Ashot Smbatyan, four specially designed heating stoves were provided to families who have permanently settled in Spitak. In addition, six families in Armavir received financial assistance to help cover essential daily needs such as clothing and heating.

Many of these families intend to remain in the region and, with the support of NGOs, are working toward establishing sustainable livelihoods through activities such as baklava production and beekeeping.

Individual Projects

IWA Georgia receives applications from individual Georgian beneficiaries - including women, children, and elderly people seeking financial assistance for medical needs such as diagnostics, medication, treatments, and therapies, as well as support for education and scholarships.

The maximum amount of financial support provided per individual case is 5,000 GEL.

Below is a brief overview of the types of individual cases supported during 2024–2025:

- Chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Medication for lung cancer
- Post-operative rehabilitation programs
- Purchase of a cochlear implant
- Payment of gas bills for a vulnerable family
- Medical tests following gallbladder removal
- Surgery in Turkey for kidney removal
- Medication for the treatment of pneumonia



Individual Projects

Details

Individual D.G.

Medication and tests for a displaced citizen from Abkhazia and a pensioner. She suffers from femoral neck fracture; pulmonary artery embolism in acute pulmonary heart disease.

Individual A.M.

Funding for a plane ticket to the US to participate in the Music Academy of the West programme for 3 weeks. The Academy is a summer programme for classical music training.

Individual D.J.

Funding for postoperative rehabilitation so that the boy can walk.

Individual N.M.

Support for her daughter's DNA test which was required by the court.

Individual M.C.

Support for hip joint replacement (surgical operation) for a girl suffering from spastic cerebral palsy.

Individual T.I.

Rehabilitation support for a 21-year old man suffering from glucose transporter protein deficiency.

Individual M.K.

Support for PT scan for a woman with breast cancer.

Individual I.C.

Support for speech therapies for a boy with special needs.

Individual Projects

Details

Individual K.T.

Support for speech therapy for a 9-year old girl with special needs.

Individual V.K.

Support for a prosthetic left arm following an accident.

Individual B.P.

Support for an intensive rehabilitation course in Slovakia for a girl suffering from cerebral palsy.

Individual G.N.

Radiation and chemotherapy for a woman suffering from a cancerous brain tumour.

Individual M.G.

Support to buy medication and care products for a 79 year old bed-ridden pensioner.

Individual A.Z.

Support for physiotherapy for a 4-year old boy suffering from spastic paraplegia and motor retardation.

Individual D.C.

Support for physiotherapy for a 2-year old boy suffering from spastic diplegia, having been born prematurely.

Individual M.O.

Support of eye operation for a woman suffering from ptosis of the upper lid on both eyes.

Individual C.K.

Support for rehabilitation for a 5-year old boy suffering from spastic diplegia, moderate paresis of both lower limbs and delayed development.

Individual Projects

Details

Individual S.L.

Support for tests for a woman suffering from thyroid cancer.

Individual L.M.

Support for the performance of medical tests post virus infection.

Individual G.S.

Support for the fitting of an orthosis before a new operation on right leg.

2025

Individual L.G.

Support for a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan for a person diagnosed with bone lymphoma.

Individual L.L.

Support for early development therapy, behavioral therapy, floortime therapy, and speech therapy for a child diagnosed with delayed developmental milestones.

Individual K.K.

Support for additional courses of chemotherapy for an individual diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Individual I.C.

Support for ongoing therapy sessions for a child with developmental delay.

Individual N.C.

Support for rehabilitation for a child with cerebral palsy.

Success Story

Individual Case

M.C., a 4-year-old girl, suffers from spastic cerebral palsy. She is cared for by her mother, who is unable to work due to the constant care required for M.C. and her brother, who is also living with a disability. As a result, the family depends entirely on social assistance and is considered a highly vulnerable household.

While the state provides partial coverage for M.C.'s medical needs, many essential treatments, rehabilitation services, and surgeries remain unfunded, placing a significant financial burden on the family. Early and consistent medical intervention is critical to improving her mobility, reducing pain, and enhancing her quality of life.

In 2024, IWAG helped finance a complex hip joint replacement operation, which was a crucial step in preventing further complications and supporting her physical development. IWAG continues to stay in close contact with the mother to monitor M.C.'s condition and assess ongoing needs.



Finances 2024

2025

Closing balance 2023,
Donations &
Winter Fair 2023 282 304 GEL

Closing balance 2024,
Donations &
Spring Fair 2024 85 790 GEL

Operational
Expenses - 13 918 GEL

Operational
Expenses - 14 448 GEL

CPC PROJECTS

Money spent - 171 948 GEL

Money pledged - 8 201 GEL

CPC PROJECTS

Money spent - 26 154 GEL

Money pledged - 202 GEL

BALANCE
Dec.31, 2024 76 287 GEL

BALANCE
Dec.31, 2025 44 986 GEL

Funding summary

71 938 GEL
Community Projects

10 500 GEL
Community Projects

37 682 GEL
Dedicated Project

9 790 GEL
Individual Projects

68 002 GEL
Individual Projects

11 950 GEL
Special Projects

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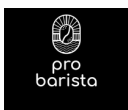
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