



Annual *Report*

2022

International Women's
Association (IWA) Georgia

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President's *Message*

We are extremely grateful for your support. It is with your input that we can help some of the poorest and most marginalized people in Georgia, be it on their path back to health or in their education and empowerment.

On the pages to follow, we will update you on our efforts during the year 2022. All in all, we have spent 142 683 GEL, which is indeed a considerable sum given the fact that we are working on a voluntary basis, and that we were still working under the COVID regime in many aspects. Our finances are being audited; you will soon be able to find the final audit report on our website.

I would like to warmly invite you to live through some of the stories that happened in 2022, and am looking very much forward to future collaboration with you.



Johanna Mühlmann
President 2021 – present

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)*



Charity Projects *Committee*

Principles of CPC

The work of the Charity Projects Committee (CPC) is to provide application based grants to organizations and individuals who apply for funds of different amounts for various projects.

Through the CPC, IWA Georgia improves the lives of women, children, and the elderly, as well as persons who are vulnerable, disabled, sick, or needy. This includes the support of prevention programs. All supported projects fall into one of these areas of interest and must have a direct, positive effect on Georgian citizens.



Margret Schmidt
CPC Chair 2020- 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margret Schmidt'.



Focus Projects



Community Projects



Individual Projects

Applications are open to everyone (Georgian citizens), as our primary goal is to reach those that might be excluded from all other similar opportunities. Individuals usually apply for grants to help with medical care; these are generally people/children with low or no incomes who need help to cover treatments and exhausted all other options. In this way, we can support their live saving treatments and help in other desperate situations.

Organizations often apply for educational projects, for activities that empower women, or for projects to support people that live with different disabilities.

Currently, the motto of our focus projects is “Education and Learning for a Better Future”, meaning that applications that fall into this category enjoy priority. However, all applications from everyone in need are accepted for consideration, and then it is decided, based on the available funds, where we can provide support.

CPC funds, collected through fundraising activities, is spent with fiduciary responsibilities.

Please see on the following pages the projects that the CPC could support in 2022, using the funds collected from last year’s Winter Fair and our other fundraising activities.

MAC Georgia Project



Focus Projects

Details

Childhood Cancer and Superheroes

First website in Georgian language helping with awareness building for parents with children with cancer

First Step Georgia

Materials for creative club/class for children with severe and profound delay of mental development

Taberne Guriashi for Women

Build a space and environment for women's education in Atsana/Guria

Georgian Association for Equality

Training and social media projects, #AllForYouth campaign

NGO Mkurnali Project



Community Projects Details

Georgian Society of Clinical Oncology

Support of Cervical Screening Program in Guria region

Toliskuri Day Care Center

Purchase of a house in Khobi for Day Care for 50 children with disabilities. IWA Georgia received a dedicated donation for this project from the Austrian Police Department Vorarlberg

NGO Mkurnali

Renewal of the roof: shelter for the homeless and for street children

ACE Women's Tennis Club

Support for women's tournament with items like tennis balls, medals and cups

The Salvation Army Georgia

Homeless soup run for the cold months December–March, cooking food & delivering on the street

MAC Georgia

Support for the 6th Parents Conference for people with disabilities – boxes and printing materials and delivery to 150 parents in Georgia

LEPL Public School Nr.200

50 tickets for children with disabilities to attend "Pinocchio" Theater play

Individual Projects

Details

Individual N.K.

Support of medical treatment after kidney removal

Individual M.S.

Scholarship at the Academy of International Education Tbilisi in culinary profession

Individual L.K.

Tomography and medication after Hepatitis diagnose

Individual N.U.

Liver treatment medication

Individual G.C.

Medication and hygienic items, needed for a pulmonary disease

Individual A.T.

Medical support, leukemia

Individual D.K.

Medical consultation and support with medication

Individual I.T.

Support for medical consultation and medication

Individual T.P.

Support with medication and hygiene items

Individual L.M.

Support for eye prothesis

Individual L.R.

Support for dental treatment

From The Beneficiary's Perspective

Childhood Cancer *and Superheroes*

Spreading awareness about childhood cancer – the first website launched in the Georgian language on this subject.

The non-profit organization “Childhood Cancer and Superheroes” is the first parent union working on raising awareness about childhood cancer, and fighting for better treatment and quality of life for children with cancer in Georgia.



Childhood Cancer and Superheroes writes:

"In fighting with childhood cancer, main weapon against it what we have is awareness, because awareness leads to the early diagnosis. Early diagnosis means more saved children's life. Before the project, we didn't have any recourses in Georgian language, so it was very hard for parents to get the right information about pediatric cancers.

IWA Georgia has accepted the project and the organization got the finances and support for creating the first web-page in Georgian language. The idea was to make it easy for parents to navigate in chaotic internet world, in informational era, where it's hard to find true or false.

During the project the team was working on translating the materials, working over the texts and technical issues.

The aim of the project was to contribute to improving the quality of life of children with cancer and their families. Information vacuum breaking and supporting fundraising and other activities for better treatment for pediatric cancer kids.

www.ccs.com.ge is a new platform for every person interested in pediatric cancer, children's rights and supporting superheroes fighting for life. In this platform you can find:

- *Informational materials about childhood cancer*
- *Statistics of childhood cancer in Georgia*
- *Ways to support kids and their families fighting cancer*
- *Planned activities and projects of childhood cancer and superheroes*
- *Real stories about superhero kids*
- *Fundraising for better treatment*
- *Advocacy and spreading awareness about pediatric cancer*

Childhood Cancer and Superheroes Organization continues to work for improving the web-page and organization, to get more tangible results!"

Success Story

Education and Development Centre *Toliskuri*

IWA Georgia supported the purchase a house for more than 50 children with special needs from 5 villages around Khobi, in the Samegrelo Region.

The first idea of the NGO Toliskuri was to extend and enlarge the current place, where 19 children (from 6 to 18 years old) with special needs were supported in the Day Care Center.

But the need for shelter and support in the region is much larger, 50 children should be able to visit the Day Care Center. It would be unrealistic to add rooms or buildings to the existing place. Toliskuri thus searched for a house for sale to be able to cover this need.

Kids in the Day Care Center playing the house-game: they built houses out of paper, painted them and dreamed of a new place, where they can play and learn and have a good time with their friends.



The director of the NGO found a house to purchase, and the owner was ready to reduce the price as it was for a good cause. IWA Georgia received financial assistance from Austrian Police Department Vorarlberg specifically for this project, and at the end of November 2022, the house was handed over to the new owner NGO Toliskuri Day Care Center.

The goals of the NGO – Education and Development Centre "Toliskuri" – that will be supported by being in a larger house:

- Offering new programs for 50 young people with disabilities
- Introduction of rehabilitation/habilitation program
- Development of the skills required for employment of the children visiting the Day Care Center
- Establishment of a social enterprise

Toliskuri and the children wrote a heartwarming thank-you letter to IWA Georgia and Vorarlberg Police Department: *"This world has given us different opportunities, that distinguish us from each other, and for which we are sometimes excluded from the society... however, there are people who love us and care for us! These people do not only live in Georgia. Some of them live far from us..."*

Some time ago they told us that our foreign friends bought a house for us, which will be decorated in beautiful colors; our house-game has come true, and we will have a real house! Thank you for accepting us and caring for us, with love Toliskuri Sunny Children!"



Success Story

Individual *Projects*

IWA Georgia receives applications from individual Georgian people, including women, children, and the elderly, requesting medical support for diagnosis, medicine, treatments and therapies, as well as education costs and scholarships.

The maximum financial support for individual people we can assist with is 5 000 GEL.

A short overview and summary on the kind of individual projects we supported in 2022:

- eye prosthesis
- oncological medication
- support for various surgeries in Georgia, Turkey and Germany
- scholarship
- medication and hygienic items
- kidney medication
- tomography
- dental treatment



Finances

Donations &
Winter Fair 2022

156 162 GEL

Operational
Expenses

- 5 178 GEL

CPC Projects

- 142 683 GEL

BALANCE
Dec.31, 2022

8 301 GEL



Funding summary

22 446 GEL

Focus Projects

97 685 GEL

Community Projects

22 552 GEL

Individual Projects

We'd like to thank all our sponsors for their *generous support*



An enormous THANK YOU also goes to the following embassies and IOs. Without the personal involvement of ambassadors and embassy staff, we would not be where we are in our support to people in need.

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