

Georgia Votes - Supporting Free and Fair Election Cycle in Georgia

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Georgia

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Implementer:
International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED)

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Project description:

As Georgia enters the next important cycle of the 2024 Parliamentary and 2025 Municipal elections, safeguarding an equal electoral playing field is a prerequisite for Georgia's democratic development. Thus, ISFED, the major election watchdog in Georgia, along with co-applicants Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), a reputable think tank in Georgia, and the Georgian Charter of Journalistic Ethics, an organization dedicated to developing journalistic norms, intend to undertake the project - "Georgia Votes - Supporting Free and Fair Election Cycle in Georgia". The overall objective of the project is to improve the electoral environment in Georgia by fostering free and fair elections through comprehensive nationwide monitoring of electoral processes, promoting voter education and facilitating open and transparent communication between political parties and voters. The action consists of a set of activities that correspond to three specific objectives:

1. To safeguard electoral integrity in Georgia by conducting comprehensive, impartial election monitoring of the 2024 Parliamentary and 2025 Municipal elections.
2. To promote civic education on electoral rights, responsibilities, and processes in order to increase citizen participation and protect voters' rights.
3. To facilitate transparent and effective communication between political parties and voters, thereby promoting accountability, openness, and trust in the electoral process.

Expected results:

This project is expected to yield the following results:

Increased transparency and accountability of the electoral process and citizen oversight through professional, nonpartisan observation and improved media coverage of elections.

Increased voter awareness and greater voter participation among youth, socially vulnerable groups and the Georgian diaspora in elections.

Increased knowledge of political parties on voters' needs, enhanced understanding of political parties' programs, and improved communication between political parties and voters.



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