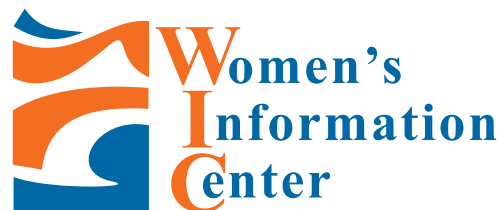


WOMEN'S INFORMATION CENTER

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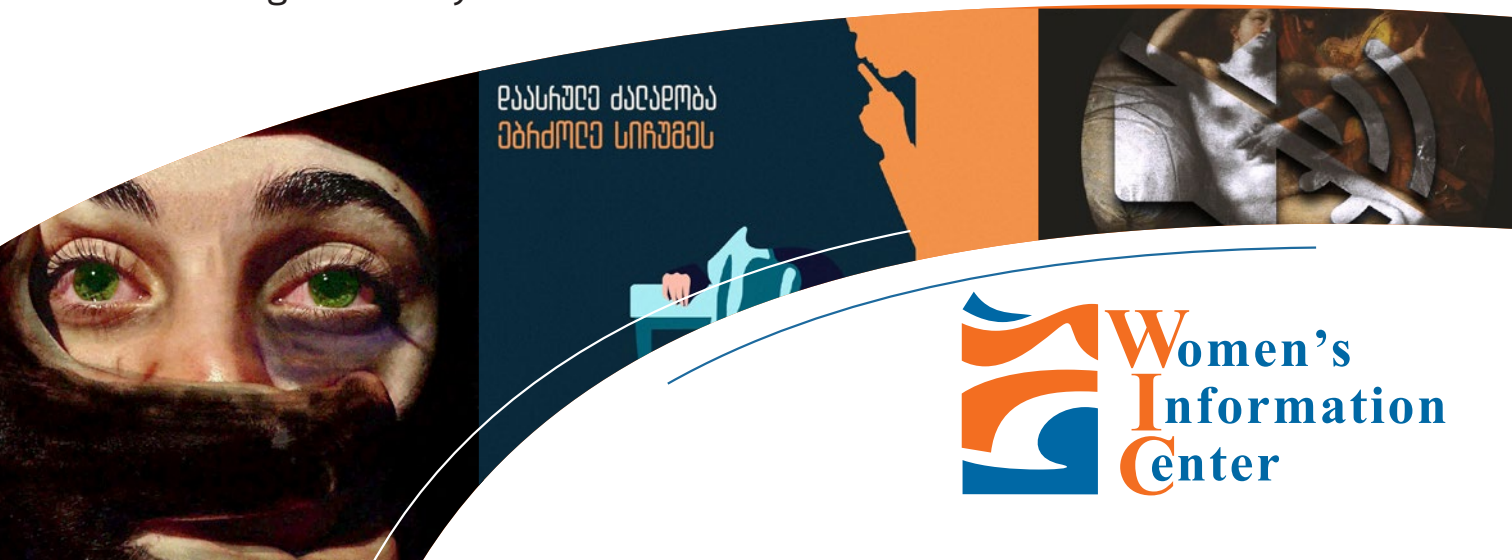
MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS





The new year of 2024 is coming and it's time to reflect on the past year of 2023. We would like to express our gratitude to our comrades, partners and supporters. We believe that, together, we will overcome many more challenges and the outcomes of our efforts will contribute significantly to gender equality and the protection of women's rights in Georgia.

As in previous years, WIC actively cooperated with international, regional, and local non-governmental/community organizations and women activists throughout the year.



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In 2023, WIC gained international recognition, winning the CAREC award in a prestigious international program and earning the GENDER CHAMPION 2023 from Georgia among various countries worldwide.

CAREC Gender Champions 2023



Gender Hub Azerbaijan
AZERBAIJAN



Women's Information Center
GEORGIA



Waipula Village, Yunnan
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



JSC Housing Construction
Savings Bank "Dibasy Bank"
KAZAKHSTAN



National Federation of Female
Communities of Kyrgyzstan
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MONGOLIA



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To localize the gender policy, policy documents were developed in 9 municipalities of Georgia. These documents encompass components addressing violence against women, domestic violence, and the promotion of women's political participation. Gender equality Action Plans integrate the principles of Resolution #1325.

Additionally, two legislative initiatives have been submitted to the Parliament of Georgia, focusing on improving gender statistics and creating inter-agency commissions for the prevention of violence against women and/or domestic violence and protection and assistance of victims of violence.



In addition, in the direction of the effective implementation of the WPS agenda, WIC continues actively to work at the international and regional levels, participating in networks that unite women peacebuilders from Europe, the South Caucasus, and Central Asia. It should be noted that in addition to working at the local level, WIC continues to work in a networked manner at the international level. The organization became a member of Equality Now, focusing on the fight against sexual violence.



WIC, as a member of the Women's Political Participation Task Force and an organization that has been supporting the increase of women's political participation for decades, this year held 10 working meetings with women politicians and women leaders in the target municipalities.



On the initiative of WIC and with the expert support of the organization, for the first time in 5 municipalities of Georgia (Zugdidi, Khashuri, Bolnisi, Kharagauli, Keda) the inter-agency commissions for Prevention of Violence, protection and Assistance of Victims of Violence were created and are functioning. To strengthen the commissions, 6 working meetings were held.



Throughout the year, WIC conducted an active advocacy campaign, within the framework of which 26 issues were solved with the involvement of women leaders of the community, and approximately 15 issues are currently in the active resolution process. Challenges faced by women were presented by empowered women themselves, using the methodology of the one-window principle, in the meetings held on different platforms. Many social and infrastructural issues, which were a challenge for displaced and conflict-affected women and their families, were put on the agenda and resolved.



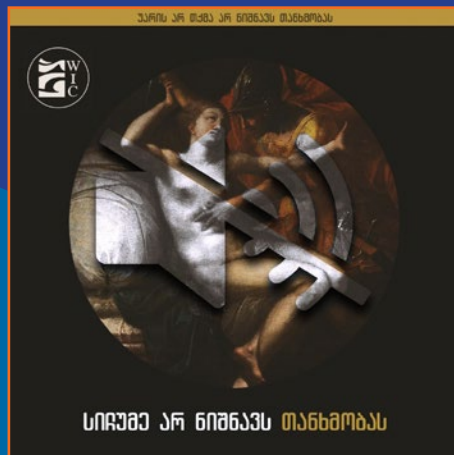
Within the framework of the educational campaign of WIC in 9 regions of Georgia, 1,629 people, including 1,221 women (75%) and 408 men (35%), were trained on the issues of violence against women, gender policy, and the Resolution #1325.

128 thematic trainings/seminars/meetings were held, the target groups of which were decision-makers, civil servants, civil sector representatives, women community leaders, women living in rural areas, conflict-affected and internally displaced women, representatives of ethnic and religious minorities, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.



WIC conducted an active information campaign to protect women's rights, eliminate stereotypes, fight against gender violence, and promote women's political participation. The WIC network expanded with 81 individuals (bloggers/vloggers/photographers/graphic designers) who participated in the competition "Women Can, Women Act, Women Change".

The winning 25 vlogs/blogs/photo stories/posters are part of the organization's media campaign and are available on the WIC's social pages, including the gender information portal www.ginsc.net.



In 2023, WIC's website was updated to provide comprehensive information about the organization's activities.



A media monitoring report was prepared as a result of monitoring Georgian TV media. The implementation of monitoring was determined by the challenges in society, which are tangible in the fields of women's leadership and political participation/involvement, gender justice, women's empowerment, and raising gender awareness. The report highlighted problems that modern women often face, emphasizing that, despite existing gender legislation, some rights are only formally protected.



To encourage women leaders, WIC organized a visit to the theater, attended by the Israeli ambassador and IDPs and women from conflict-affected areas. This initiative continued with an invitation to the Israeli ambassador, Hadas Meitzad, to the ABL village of Chorchana. A similar activity was held in Kvemo Kartli, where, on the initiative of WIC, the Ambassador of Denmark Anne Toft Sorensen, and representatives of the donor organization KVINFO visited Bolnisi municipality.



The WIC team established a work strategy for 2023-2024, developing strategic documents and a communication plan. During working meetings, the team discussed the organization's policy, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and exploring new opportunities with team members who share common values and believe in the work they are passionate about.



With the support of Kvinna Till Kvinna, WIC is conducting research to analyze the needs and current challenges of women's organizations/activists in Georgia. This includes determining the status of women's organizations, existing and needed resources, and assessing the main trends and policies of donor support. The document will be published in early 2024.

