



Policy, Advocacy, and Civil Society Development in Georgia (G-PAC)

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EWMI G-PAC's education programming is directed toward Georgian university graduate programs and students in the fields of public administration, public policy, political science, and related disciplines. EWMI G-PAC's biggest program works to establish a Master's in Public Administration program at Ili State University, which receives up to \$200,000 US per year for the program. Additionally, Columbia University's Picker Center for Executive Education, G-PAC's partner on the project, provides technical assistance to the ISU MPA program in the form of visiting Columbia professors who provide input to ISU on curriculum and administration. EWMI G-PAC also offers a University Assistance Grant program, which provides other universities with graduate programs in public administration, public policy, and related disciplines with up to \$10,000 for projects lasting up to six months to develop teaching and learning quality. Most of these projects involve updating or writing new textbooks and/or creating new and innovative courses with Georgia-based cases and examples. Finally, EWMI G-PAC has an Internship Program for Georgian graduate students in public policy and public administration. The program provides up to \$250 per month for up to six months for students to intern at public institutions or civil society organizations working on policy research and/or advocacy projects.

EWMI G-PAC has also funded 10 education policy research and/or advocacy projects through our Think Tank Support (up to \$75,000 for projects lasting up to one year), Partnership for Change (up to \$80,000 for projects lasting up to 18 months), and Open Door (up to \$15,000 for up to six months) grant programs. Although these programs do not specifically focus on education, EWMI G-PAC has funded Georgian organizations that focus on education, such as the Center for Civil Integration and Inter-ethnic Relations, Georgia's Reform Associates, the Civic Development Institute, and the International Institute for Education Policy, Planning and Management. At the primary and secondary levels, project topics have included private tutoring, school safety, decentralization of school governance, school funding, and intercultural education. In higher education, projects have focused on improving student governance, the connection between higher education and workforce development, and the quantity and quality of research in the social sciences at Georgian universities. EWMI G-PAC funds projects that focus on researching and analyzing policy and advocating for policy changes. Since G-PAC's rationale for funding projects is not topic specific, the range of issues it funds within education is broad.

G-PAC ends in August, 2014.