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New Project of Human Rights Center – “Support to the defense of rights of women, religious and ethnic minorities in the regions of Georgia”

Human Rights Center has launched project “**Support to the defense of rights of women, religious and ethnic minorities in the regions of Georgia**”. The project aims to promote access of vulnerable groups of society, women, religious and ethnic minorities to the justice in the regions of Georgia namely in Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti regions.

In the frame of the project, representatives of the aforelisted communities will receive legal service, including representation at the court. Legal consultations (including those on the site) will be issued on strategic cases like discrimination on religious and ethnic grounds, protection of the right to fair trial based on this sign, protection of property rights, protection of freedom of religion; women, victimized by domestic violence in Kakheti and Kvemo Kartli regions will be one of the target groups of the project. The project will assist the women, who were deprived of the right to inheritance and property rights; who are under threat of forced or early marriages; the project will assist ethnic Ossetian citizens of Georgia to protect their rights in accordance to the Law on Restitution of Georgia and strategic litigation; the strategic litigation will advocate the problems of certain vulnerable groups of the society through active cooperation with relevant state institutions. In case of necessity, cases will be taken to the European Court of Human Rights.

The project team will organize field visits in the remote villages of Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti regions to disseminate information about the services offered in the frame of the project; lawyers will issue consultations on the place. During the field visits the organization lawyers will select cases for strategic litigation and advocacy. Total 12 field visits in the frame of the project, 6 in Kvemo Kartli region and 6 in Kakheti region.

At the end of the project a report will be prepared on the facts of discrimination, incorrect judiciary practice revealed during the project implementation. The report will present concrete recommendations to relevant institutions for the eradication of problems of different target groups.

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