



Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia



ESR Issue

In Georgia, municipalities were unable to use their position to register homeless individuals and therefore could not ensure the realisation of the right to adequate housing. This was due to the ambiguity in the legal definition of homeless individuals.



NHRI Action

The NHRI recommended that local governments develop a methodology for registering homeless individuals and providing them with adequate housing. Moreover, it recommended that the government set up a Governmental Interagency Commission, which would develop a policy document for the realisation of the right to adequate housing.



Impact

The government approved the 2018-2019 Open Government Partnership Action Plan which foresaw the establishment of a Governmental Interagency Commission. The Public Defender is a member of this Commission. Simultaneously, the Tbilisi City Municipal Assembly and 12 other municipalities adopted a decree to form a commission for registering homeless people and providing them with housing.

