

USAID|SUSTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS 2009-2015

TO IMPROVING MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING IN GEORGIA



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MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH

USAID|SUSTAIN has introduced facility-based quality improvement initiatives, including spearheading an evidence-based, family-centered, and cost-saving effective perinatal care program. Supported by the adoption of national protocols and guidelines, effective perinatal care has transformed maternal and newborn care in the country.

MORE THAN **60%** OF GEORGIA'S MATERNITY HOSPITALS implement effective perinatal care principles, which account for **80% OFF ALL BIRTHS** in the country.

THERE HAS BEEN A **50% REDUCTION IN POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE** due to AMTSL provision.



OVER **90%** of NEWBORNS were provided essential newborn care.

25% COST REDUCTION PER DELIVERY at maternity hospitals implementing effective perinatal care principles.

FAMILY PLANNING & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Family planning and reproductive health work has given Georgian women a full range of modern contraceptive choices, while reducing the abortion rate and addressing Georgia's high mortality rate from breast and cervical cancers.

80% of RURAL and SEMI-RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH FACILITIES provide comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.



600

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS were trained in breast and cervical cancer prevention and early detection.

OVER **270,000**

COUPLE YEARS OF PROTECTION to avert unintended pregnancy were supported by USAID|SUSTAIN family planning services.*



The **CONTRACEPTIVE PREVALENCE RATE ROSE** from **47%** to **53%**.

The availability of long-acting, reversible contraceptive methods has been expanded by introducing the contraceptive implant, Implanon.

IN JUST ONE YEAR, 87% OF HEALTH FACILITIES have offered Implanon services to Georgian women.

The total **ABORTION RATE** (number of abortions per woman) declined from **3.1** to **1.6**.*

MEDICAL EDUCATION REFORM

USAID|SUSTAIN has reformed Georgia's medical education to ensure the country's newly minted medical professionals practice evidence-based medicine and have a sound knowledge base and excellent clinical skills. The focus has been on building the capacity of medical universities in curriculum development, modern teaching and evaluation methods, and the creation of clinical skills labs.

USAID|SUSTAIN works with **5 MEDICAL SCHOOLS** in Georgia to reform how medical education is delivered.

OVER **1,800** **MEDICAL STUDENTS**

have studied under a newly updated OB/GYN and reproductive health curriculum that uses modern teaching methods, including the introduction of clinical and communication skills.

OVER **1,000** **MEDICAL STUDENTS** participated in Georgia's first OSCE exam, an internationally recognized method of evaluating student knowledge and clinical skills.



SINCE 2009, HALF OF GEORGIA'S POPULATION (2.3 MILLION GEORGIANS) HAS RECEIVED BEHAVIOR CHANGE MESSAGES ABOUT MODERN FAMILY PLANNING METHODS, PROTECTING MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DETECTING BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCERS EARLY.

*GEORGIA REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SURVEY, 2010.