# Georgia

Georgia has seen a sharp increase in land registrations as a result of ambitious reform implemented by the National Agency of Public Registry (NAPR) under the Ministry of Justice.

All services within the reform are free for citizens with cadastral survey fees being reimbursed by the Government until the end of 2017.

The objective is to address the main legislative issues and challenges to eliminate barriers to land registration. In particular, the project plays an important role in significantly improving the coverage, completeness and accuracy of the national cadastre database by recording previously unregistered rural land plots.

The reform, which has improved the accessibility of land registration to citizens across Georgia, is underpinned by a legislative framework, technical support and a new cadastral standard to ensure the high quality of the cadastral data. In addition to simplified procedures concerning the legalisation of land ownership rights, they also provide a mechanism for NAPR to mediate in disputes and address the problem of overlapping of land boundaries. Enquiries and the collection of documents from other administrative authorities are also done by NAPR.

To date, more than 400,000 land plots have been registered and 783 cases have been successfully resolved through mediation. Detailed statistical data is available at https://napr.gov.ge/chart.

Activities also include a pilot project for the systematic registration of land plots supported by the World Bank. This covers 12 settlements selected by issue and geographic diversity. A nationwide methodology and recommendations will be developed using the analysis of the results.

The reform not only supports improvement of registration and cadastre accuracy and coverage in the country, but also has a positive impact for Georgia, contributing to the efficiency and sustainability of land administration system, welfare of landowners, land market development and economic growth.