The National Agency of Public Registry (NAPR) is among the largest owners and providers of spatial information in Georgia and takes the lead in processes related to geodata. Operating under the Ministry of Justice, the government agency is responsible for land administration, cadastre, addresses, geodesy and mapping. It is also National Coordinator for development and maintenance of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) for which accurate and reliable geospatial information is critical.

To overcome a lack of accurate, up-to-date, harmonised essential digital geographic datasets, NAPR worked with the Norwegian Mapping Authority (Statens Kartverk) on the three-year Maps for Sustainable Land Management: Georgia Orthophoto project. Completed in May 2018, the large-scale initiative was supported by the Norwegian government and delivered new high quality orthophoto imagery and a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) for almost all Georgia.

As a thematic continuation of this work, a second project to develop digital base maps (vector maps) from the data produced was launched in 2018 with support from Norway. It marks a further step towards the development of a well-functioning NSDI with these up-to-date and accurate maps providing the basis for adding different data layers such as hydrography, road network and tourism.

These geodata are of nationwide importance. They are useful not only for NAPR to effectively fulfill its responsibilities and provide a quality service to customers, but also for other public institutions for planning, risk assessment, informed decision making and implementation of various activities from infrastructure projects and environment protection measures to agricultural projects, managing communication and aerial navigation systems. Consequently, they will support good governance, economic growth, and efficient environmental and social management in the country.