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**ASYLUM SYSTEMS QUALITY INITIATIVE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND SOUTH CAUCASUS**  
**DCI-MIGR/2012/282-477**

**Media coverage: Georgia**

MEDIA SPECIFICS			
<b>Type</b>	Imedi TV	<b>Language</b>	Georgian
<b>Frequency</b>	Daily	<b>Ownership</b>	Private
<b>Circulation</b>	Countrywide broadcasting	<b>Ad value</b>	N/A
<b>Reader ship Profile</b>	General Audience Imedi TV broadcasted the news about the opening of the reception area at MRA, which was funded by QIEE, 27 October 2014  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp2bGPRXgMw&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp2bGPRXgMw&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>		
CUTTING SPECIFICS			
<b>Media</b>	MRA official Website	<b>Pages</b>	
<b>Date</b>	26 October 2014	<b>Author</b>	MRA
<b>Source</b>	Press release		
<b>Headline</b>	MRA Opening of the Reception Area for Asylum-Seekers		
<b>Summary</b>	<p><a href="http://mra.gov.ge/geo/news/show/189/5502">http://mra.gov.ge/geo/news/show/189/5502</a> - available only in Georgian. English translation below:</p> <p>On October 27, 2014 the Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia, Sozar Subari along with The UNHCR Representative in Georgia – Simone Wolken, will be opening the new Reception Center of the Asylum Issues. The reception center is located on the premises of the Ministry and is equipped in accordance to the internationally recognized standards. The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia is the only institution responsible for the decisions regarding granting the refugee or humanitarian statuses. The new reception center will simplify the procedures both for the ministry staff and especially for the asylum seekers. The reception center offers asylum seekers the possibility to apply for the international protection and receive relevant information about asylum procedures and their rights. The beneficiaries should present all necessary documentation and later on they will be registered as the asylum seekers. They will receive special notification about registry. The asylum seekers will undergo the preliminary profiling and interviewing, which are the core procedural elements for granting the status.</p> <p>The reception center consists of 3 interview rooms, which are equipped with relevant devices. The asylum seekers are provided with the interpretation service. Duration of the asylum procedure covers the 6 month period. During the whole period of the asylum procedure, the asylum seeker has a right to approach the reception center and provide the additional documentation, receive the counseling regarding different issues and have an access to the other services. In case of the will to appeal the decision of the ministry, the asylum seeker will be provided with the relevant information regarding his/her rights. Information about the organizations, which assist the asylum seekers during the court proceedings, will be offered as well.</p> <p>During the year 2014, around 1400 foreigners referred to the ministry in order to obtain the international protection. The majority of those were Iraqi, Syrian and Ukraine citizens. The new reception center will be able to offer a service to about 400 beneficiaries. The reception center of the asylum issues, was renovated within the framework of the project “Asylum Systems Quality Initiative in Eastern Europe and the south Caucasus”, project is funded by EU and co-funded and implemented by UNHCR. Reception area will provide a service both to asylum-seekers and the status holders.</p>		



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