

Artemis Alliance Grant Agreement

with

Sapari

Grant Agreement

1 Grant Number	2 Amount	3 Term	4 Start Date	5 End Date
MN006	£15,000	6 months	15 th January 2024	15 th July 2024

6 Grantee

Legal name: Sapari
 Address: Tbilisi, Georgia
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 Project Lead:
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7 ARTEMIS ALLIANCE Contacts

8 Purpose and Activity

Project Title: **Women's Resilience Against Gender Disinformation**

Purpose:

Deeply rooted gender norms, patriarchal systems and structural inequalities between women and men continue to impact women's role in Georgian society. Perceptions of women in public life and women taking leadership positions remain highly inequitable and women disproportionately suffer from the burden of domestic work and unpaid care¹. Various forms of gender-based violence against women also continue to be normalised². In addition to this long list of challenges facing women in Georgia, feminist groups, women's rights organisations (WROs) and women in public life (WIPL) have recently been facing particular risks from the rise of neo-nationalist sentiments and groups in Georgia, who link feminism, equality and inclusion to being anti-family and opposing national interests and traditions. The backlashes against the advancement of women's rights as well as assaults on civil society as a whole is but one element of the changing political landscape in Georgia (driven by the geopolitical context in the region)³ and is gaining traction with conservative politicians and their supporters, posing an urgent threat to the status of CSOs, including women's organisations.

At the same time, GID (gender and identity-based disinformation) on social media have also been growing, targeting individual women's rights defenders and undermining public support for gender equality and non-discrimination. These narratives question the efforts and loyalty of WROs and associate them with values that are supposedly incompatible with Georgian identity. WIPL are increasingly targeted during election periods (Georgia will have parliamentary elections in 2024), which are characterised with intense image-based abuse, disinformation, defamation and hate speech. Sapari has often witnessed disinformation campaigns not only against its own Director which have featured in many reports on gender disinformation in Georgia⁴, but also against partner organisations and women activists in Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Racha or Kvemo Kartli, where gender disinformation campaigns are more localised, contextualised and often non-technological (occurring through face-to-face conversation and word of mouth), thus often falling off the radar of monitoring and response interventions. Gender disinformation can have profound and detrimental effects on women in public and political life and even more so in case of women working in small localities with strong community ties and tight networks. It can compel them to withdraw from public life in order to shield themselves and their families from the emotional, physical, social, and economic risks associated with it, cause them to reduce their civic involvement and engage in self-censorship. This, in turn, can have adverse repercussions on Georgia's institutions, communities, and democracy in general.

Project Objectives:

Understanding the threats posed by the gender and identity-based disinformation quickly spreading and growing in Georgia, Sapari sees the need to build preparedness and resilience of women's rights organisations, particularly those outside the capital city, against GID through knowledge building and experience-sharing, and forging supportive networks and environments for women activists from various regions of Georgia to assist one another and mobilise knowledge and resources to collectively combat GID.

The Overall Objective of the project is to counter gender disinformation and misinformation in Georgia, in order to protect and promote the rights of women and girls. By empowering women's rights defenders and activists in identifying and challenging gender disinformation and enhancing resilience of women's rights organisations and service providers against GID, the project will contribute to building a more just, equitable and safe environment for women and girls in Georgia to participate in public and political life without fear of harassment or intimidation.

Outputs:

- Two three-day training workshops on gender and identity-based disinformation for women's rights organizations and women in public life from east and west Georgia (up to 30 women, including at least 30% ethnic minorities).
- Training manuals for the three-day workshops with WROs and WIPL on understanding and responding to GID and related threats; resource materials, presentations and handouts used during the workshops.
- Five face-to-face meetings with local women leaders and activists on strategies to timely detect and counter gender disinformation.
- Reports summarising the discussions, insights and outcomes of the three-day workshops and the meetings involving WROs/WIPL from Tbilisi, Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Imereti, Achara and Racha.
- Cases of gender disinformation advised on and referred (where relevant) by Sapari lawyers;
- Social media posts and other online content to raise awareness and understanding of GID, and to promote the project's findings and recommendations.

9. Budget

Total budget is £15,000 to cover:

Deliverable	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total (GBP)	
3-day training/workshops for WROs/WIPL			8,700	
- Training venue & catering for 15-18 women (each in east and west Georgia)	3000	2	6,000	Cost Reimbursable
- Transportation cost (for training participants and staff/trainer(s))	550	2	1,100	Cost Reimbursable
- Management and logistics	400	4	1,600	
Meetings on Gender Disinformation			3,300	
- Management and logistics	300	5	1,500	
- Transportation and venue	360	5	1,800	Cost Reimbursable
Legal Counseling			3,000	
- Lawyer (30%)	500	6	3,000	Cost Reimbursable
Total			15,000	

Project Period: 6 months
Start Date: 15th January 2024
End Date: 15th July 2023

10. Authority and Responsibilities

This sum was awarded by the ARTEMIS ALLIANCE Award Board and consists of these pages together with:

- Attachment A: Terms and Conditions
- Attachment B: previously signed Memorandum of Understanding

Funding is dependent upon the Grantee's continued membership of and participation in ARTEMIS ALLIANCE. Any issues in contributing to ARTEMIS ALLIANCE – including conducting research, monitoring, submitting summary reports – should be immediately raised with the ARTEMIS ALLIANCE Programme Director.

Narrative and Financial Reporting Forms will be provided upon signing this document.

Any amendment to this agreement must be requested in writing and must be signed by an authorised representative of ARTEMIS ALLIANCE.

11. Signatures


By signing this agreement, the Grantee assures that it will comply with all terms and conditions of this grant. Failure to comply with the terms set forth in this agreement may result in the withholding of payments, grant suspension, grant termination or legal recourse.

Sapari

Artemis Alliance

Signature _____

Signature _____

Name _____ Title :Executive Director Date: 7 December 2023	 Date <u>18th December 2023</u>
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12. Reporting Schedule					
Narrative Reports			Financial Reports		
From	To	Due Date	From	To	Due Date
15 th January 2024	14 th April 2024	24 th April 2024	15 th January 2024	14 th April 2024	23 rd April 2024
15 th April 2024	15 th July 2024	24 th July 2024	15 th April 2024	15 th July 2024	24 th July 2024

13. Payment Schedule	
Payment Method: advance payment (bank transfer)	
Schedule Date	Amount
1 st Instalment – upon signing the agreement	£6,000
2 nd Instalment – w/c 29 th April 2024 – upon submission and approval of the interim narrative and financial reports	£5,000
3 rd Instalment – w/c 29 th July 2024 upon submission and approval of the final narrative and financial reports	£4,000
	Total: £15,000

14. Special Conditions
Currency payments to be made in GBP. Evidence of timesheets and costs reimbursable need to be submitted alongside reporting templates.

15. Bank Details

Bank name: JSC TBC Bank

Bank address: 7, K. Marjanisvhili Str., Tbilisi, Georgia

Bank account name: Sapari

Banks account number:

Sort / SWIFT code: TBCBGE22

IBAN:

Currency: Pound Sterling