

CURRICULUM VITAE

Summary points:

- **Medical Doctor with postgraduate qualification in public health (community health and health management in developing countries) and policy analysis.**
- **Technical background and experience in development projects planning and management (including PCM and drafting project LogFrames), evaluation and selection of the project proposals for funding, monitoring and supportive supervision of implementing grassroots organizations, facilitation of the community driven development project planning and implementation, advocacy at the central and regional levels.**
- **Experience in conduction of surveys, qualitative research (FGD, observations, interviews), Rapid Participatory Appraisal, epidemiology and biostatistics, disease prevention and health promotion, behavioral change strategies, social marketing and IEC campaigning.**
- **Academic background and expertise in the fields of policy analysis, health financing options for low-income countries, equity measurement, health sector reform, monitoring aid effectiveness and coordination and harmonization of international development assistance at the country level.**
- **Work track record in various governmental agencies and non-governmental, not for profit organizations, including work in post conflict, unsafe areas.**
- **Experience with various multi- and bi-lateral donor agency procedures and reporting practices, procurement guidelines, national and community level projects' management.**
- **Ready to travel and/or relocate and work in harsh living conditions as well as emergency situations when necessary.**
- **Non smoker**
- **Drivers license (Category B)**

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Education:

1. **Master of Science in Community Health and Health Management in Developing Countries**, Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany. 10.2001 - 09.2002;
2. **Training Program in Public Health and Primary Health Care, Swedish Health Care AB/Lund University, Sweden, 3.04.1999-3.07.1999;**
3. Tbilisi State Medical Academy of After Diploma Education, Course of Specialization in Cardiology, 1997;
4. Tbilisi State Medical University Clinic, Clinical Residency Training (“Ordinatura”) in Internal Medicine, 1996-1998;
5. Tbilisi State Medical University, Faculty of General Medicine, 1990-1996 (**Medical Doctor**);
6. Tbilisi School No 147, 1979 - 1990;

Research, Training, conferences:

1. **Regional Flagship Course on Health Sector Reform and Sustainable Financing, World Bank Institute & Health Services Management Centre. Budapest, Hungary, June 2004.**
2. **International Policy Fellow (2004-2005) - Open Society Institute, Central European University / Center for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary.**
Policy research project: Harmonization of the International Donor Assistance for the Development of the Primary Health Care in Georgia: Hopes, Expectation and Reality.
(<http://www.policy.hu/khechinashvili>)
3. **The World Bank procurement seminar, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 2004.**
4. **9th PCU Conference (World Bank); Pharmaceuticals and Medical Technologies: Important Cost Factors for Health Systems. Vilnius, Lithuania.**
5. Salzburg Medical Seminar in Cardiology, October 12-18 2003. Salzburg, Austria.
6. The Logical Framework for Project Design. web-based training course, IADB, 2003.
7. Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects. web-based training course, IADB, 2003.
8. Advanced Level Epidemiology Program - Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis. 15.07.2002 – 19.07.2002. Heidelberg University, Germany.
9. Advanced Level Epidemiology Program - Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology. 15.07.2002 – 19.07.2002. Heidelberg University, Germany.
10. Smoking prevalence survey among school teachers, Tobago, Trinidad & Tobago, 05.2002-06.2002;
11. **Training Course on Rational Drug Management in International Health. Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health, Heidelberg University & Swiss Tropical**

- Institute, Basel. April 2002 Heidelberg, Germany**
12. Research term (WHO MONICA Project, Stroke Component) at the department of Medicine, Umea University Hospital, Sweden, (01.2001 – 06-2001)
 13. **5th Nordic Workshop on How to Practice Evidence Based Health Care, Nordic Cochrane Center/ National Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway, May 2000;**
 14. Research/Training term on Evidence Based Medicine and Health Technology Assessment, Department of Medicine and Public Health, University Hospital, Umea, Sweden, 22.04.2000 - 6.07.2000;
 15. Training course at SBU Stockholm (Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care), 05.2000;
 16. 33rd International 10-Day Seminar on Cardiovascular Prevention and Epidemiology, World Heart Federation, Lake Baringo, Kenya, 8-21 July 2000;
 17. **Training Course on Cost Containment, Budgeting and Contracting in Health Care. Ministry of Health of Georgia/TNO. August 2000.**

Employment history:

1. **Project Director**, Strengthening Public Health System in Georgia, Welfare Foundation, 02/2005-to present.
2. **Project Manager**, Welfare Foundation (33, Chavchavadze ave., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia), 01.2003 – to present. Strengthening Health of IDPs in Zugdidi Region, Georgia. **EC / Oxfam** supported community development project. **Duties include** day to day management and coordination of the community based health financing scheme in Zugdidi, piloting new health financing models for rural poor, establishment of viable and sustainable procedures for the scheme management, organization and conduction of the trainings for the PHC medical staff in the field of health promotion, communication and adult training skills, social marketing; procurement of essential medicines for the scheme, procurement of basic medical equipment and supplies for the scheme, training of the scheme management in the field of stock management and drug expenditure control tools and techniques, organization of targeted health IEC campaign in beneficiary communities, monitoring of the enrolment rate, liaison and coordination with the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs; Quarterly, semi-annual and annual reporting to the donors.
3. **Consultant/Service Delivery Component Coordinator**, World Bank Supported Primary Health Care Development Project in Georgia (Health II Project). Georgian Health and Social Projects Implementation Centre (23/2, Al. Kazbegi Ave., 0160 Tbilisi, Georgia). 06.2003 – 09/2004. **Duties included** coordination of the activities (strategic and operational planning, drafting of the

terms of reference, selection of contractors, supervision of assignments, reporting, etc.) aimed at rehabilitation of PHC network facilities, purchasing of equipment, development of laboratory network, implementation of the IEC campaign, development of PHC financing systems, establishment of Health Policy Unit with the National Institute of Health, definition of the human resource needs for PHC, development of training programs for the PHC doctors and nurses, residency programs in the family medicine, establishment of the regional PHC training centers countrywide for re-training of family doctors, etc.

4. **Project Manager (part time)**. Addressing sustainability and equity issues in ongoing community based health financing projects in Georgia, A comparative study – project supported by the OSGF. Welfare Foundation. 10/2003 – 02/2004.
5. **Health Director/Consultant (part time)**, Mercy Corps, East Georgia Community Mobilization Initiative (EGCMI, USAID supported program); 06/2003 – 08/2004. **Duties included** planning and management of all health related issues within EGCMI, particularly planning and organization of the health education activities, training of the medical staff in communication and adult training skills, behavioral change theory, various aspects of health promotion and disease prevention, participation in the grants review committees, monitoring and supervision of the health related projects within EGCMI, etc.
6. **Leading Specialist**, Health Promotion and Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Epidemiology Section, National Center for Disease Control, Tbilisi, Georgia, 07/1999 – 05/2003;
7. Translator (part time). American International Health Alliance, Tbilisi, Georgia. 07/1999 – 01/2001
8. Cardiologist (part time), Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Institute of Clinical and Experimental Cardiology, Tbilisi. 01/2000 – 06/2003.
9. Cardiologist (part time), Rustavi Medical Rehabilitation Center, 1998-2000;
10. Emergency doctor (ambulance), Health Care Service 009, Tbilisi, Georgia 1997-1999;
11. Emergency nurse (ambulance), Medical Concern Curatio, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1995-1997;
12. Translator (part time, English – Georgian - Russian), World Bank Georgia Health Project Coordination Unit, Tbilisi, Georgia. 1995-1996

Awards, fellowships:

- Grant of President of Georgia for Talented Young People, 2000;
- Scholarship from Swedish Institute for research term in Umea University, 2000;
- Scholarship from DAAD (German Academic Exchange

Service) for MSc Studies at Heidelberg University, Germany, 2001-2002.

- International Policy Fellow, Open Society Institute, 2004-2005.

Languages spoken: Georgian (native), English – fluent (IELTS Academic score 8.0), Russian - fluent, German.

Computer Skills: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Excel, Epi Info, SPSS, Microsoft Project, etc.

Current Interests: Financing of health care, including community based health insurance for low-income countries;
Community driven development;
Interplay of health and poverty;
Health planning in developing countries;
Health sector reform, harmonization of international donor assistance and Sector wide approaches;
Health inequities, equity measurement;
Rational drug management and development of evidence based clinical practice guidelines;
Health technology assessment and evidence based medicine;
Non-communicable diseases epidemiology and community based prevention, health promotion and health education.

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- Publications:**
1. Khechinashvili G, Andall-Brereton G, Razum O. Cigarette Smoking among School Teachers in Tobago. *WIJM* 2004; 53: 4.
 2. Khechinashvili G. Primary Health Care Reform: The Coordination of International Assistance. *Social Policy in Georgia*, 2004;6:3-5.
 3. Khechinashvili G. Health economics – main concepts and methods for economic evaluation in health care. *Contemporary Medicine*, 2003; 2:1.
 4. Khechinashvili G. Prevalence of cigarette smoking among school teachers in Tobago (Trinidad and Tobago): a cross-sectional study. 2002. - III, 82 S. : Kt. Heidelberg, Univ., MSc in Community Health and Health Management in Developing Countries, 2002
 5. Khechinashvili, G.; Asplund, K. Electrocardiographic Changes in Patients with Acute Stroke: A Systematic Review. *Cerebrovascular Diseases*, 2002; 14: 67-76 ;
 6. Khechinashvili G. Importance of Physical Activity in Primary Prevention of CVD – Literature Review and Proposed Strategic Directions for Georgia, Materials of Conference "Physicians for Healthy Lifestyle in New Millennium", Tbilisi, March 2000.
 7. Khechinashvili G. Cardiovascular Diseases - Global Perspective and Evidence Based Strategies for Prevention, Materials of conference, dedicated to World Heart Day, Tbilisi, 24 September 2000.

Other activities:

1. Peer reviewer for the *BMJ Clinical Evidence* since 2000
2. Member of the editorial board, *Contemporary Medicine*;
3. Consultant, Development of HTA Policy Document for Georgia (CoE project. 2002).
4. Member of the UN Interagency Coordination Group for Health and Nutrition, Georgia.
5. Consultant, GAP Project, Guria Region, Care Caucasus, 01-02/2005.

Hobbies:

Traveling, hiking, rafting, football, bowling, jazz.
