

Quality Policy of the National Statistics Office of Georgia

The main goal of the National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat) is to meet the real needs of users with high quality statistical information that describes the economic, social, demographic and environmental situation in the country.

In its activities, Geostat is focused on meeting the demand on high quality timely and relevant statistical information from the society, state and international community.

In order to continuously develop and improve the quality of statistics production processes and data, Geostat regularly determines the strengths and weaknesses of statistics production, evaluates the existing risks and development opportunities. Quality policy is an integral part of Geostat's development strategy and provides compliance with the requirements of the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the European Statistics Code of Practice.

Geostat quality assurance policy is based on the following principles:

Institutional Environment

- **Professional Independence**
While producing official statistics, Geostat adheres to the standards of professional independence, which provides the reliability of statistical data.
- **Legal Basis**
Geostat conducts its activities in compliance with the Law of Georgia on Official Statistics and other legislative acts.
- **Improving the Working Environment**
Geostat is oriented on improving the competence of employees and creating a better working environment, taking into account the available resources; this helps to increase the level of employee satisfaction and improve the quality of the work done by them.
- **Protection of Primary Data Confidentiality**
Geostat guarantees confidentiality of the data received from respondents (legal and natural persons) and uses that information exclusively for statistical purposes.

Statistical Processes

- **Modern Technologies and Methodologies**
To produce statistical information, Geostat uses modern digital technologies and scientifically proven statistical methodologies which are scientifically valid and meet international standards.
- **Cooperation in Official Statistics**
Cooperation at the national and international levels is critical to quality improvement. Geostat cooperates with the central and local government bodies, business and non-governmental organizations, international organizations and statistical offices of other countries.
- **Cooperation with Information Providers (Respondents)**
Geostat tries to reduce the burden on information providers by introducing modern methods of data collection and increasing the use of administrative data.
- **Cost Effectiveness**
Geostat ensures the rational and efficient use of its material and human resources for the production of official statistics.

Data Dissemination

- **User-oriented Official Statistics**
Geostat seeks to make its products and services more accessible to users, define and meet their expectations as much as possible and thus, fully meet their demands on official statistics.
- **Quality of Products and Services**
Geostat cares about the quality of its products and services and therefore, produces up-to-date, accurate, reliable, timely, comparable and coherent statistics.
- **Dissemination of Statistical Information**
Geostat is constantly improving the formats and methods of disseminating official statistical information and metadata.
- **Accessibility of Statistical Information**
Statistical information is equally accessible to all user categories. It is accompanied by metadata and proper definitions to ensure widespread dissemination.

Geostat ensures the increase in the quality management system productivity and the efficiency of resource usage.

Geostat is responsible for the implementation of the policy and its support by all Geostat staff.