

## Increase Visually Impaired People's Accessibility to Adult and Non-formal Education



The involvement of visually impaired people in non-formal Adult Education is a challenge in Georgia. Trainers do not know how to integrate blind and partially sighted people in training programmes, there is no guideline in Georgian language for them; people with visual disabilities refuse to participate in the activities since the programme is not adjusted to their needs. In order to address these problems the organization “Mariani” implemented a 6-month project which aimed to improve and increase the access to non-formal education for blind and partially sighted persons.

A trainers’ guideline was developed in the framework of the project. The guideline includes methodological and practical tools for the trainers to plan the training sessions according to the needs of visually impaired people. Besides the guideline, a module was prepared and trainings were conducted accordingly. TOTs were conducted in Tbilisi and in Senaki. 30 participants attended the trainings.

During the final stage of the project, a presentation was held. Besides, the electronic version of the guideline will be distributed among NGOs working with people with visual disabilities, among trainers, TOT participants and other interested persons.