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PwC Georgia, in collaboration with the Australian Vocational Education and Training (VET) provider TAFE Directors Australia, facilitated technical support of The World Bank project “Georgia: Strengthening Teacher Quality in Vocational Education and Training”.

24 March 2021. Tbilisi – PwC Georgia’s Consulting department has successfully accomplished one of the components of the project: **(i)** development of assessment tools for VET teachers and students; and **(ii)** Building capacity in training delivery for VET teachers and principals.

Recently, the World Bank, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, and PwC Georgia have celebrated successful execution of the project - “Strengthening Teacher Quality in Vocational Education and Training” (VET) through a grant extended by the UK Government Good Governance Fund (GGF) and implemented with the support of Georgian vocational education experts and world-class international education specialists.

Tamta Shermadini, Director of PwC Georgia Consulting, Project Quality Assurance - “Agile work has been demonstrated by the whole project team indeed. The World Bank, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, PwC, local and international experts, teachers and staff of vocational education institutions established a dynamic collaboration and equally contributed to the project’s best execution. It was a tremendous experience for the whole PwC Georgia consulting team. The process was very engaging, fascinating, well-organized, result oriented and served as a guarantee to meet and exceed expectations. Consequently, on one hand, the development of new assessment tools contributes to the refinement of the teachers' professional development system and on the other hand capacity building of VET teachers and principals promotes further strengthening of this sector.”

In collaboration with TAFE Directors Australia PwC Georgia enhanced the project execution with meaningful outcomes:

- **17 Assessment tools** in the field of teacher performance evaluation validated by more **than 40 VET teachers** and quality managers.
- more than **90 student assessment** instruments in **11 VET qualifications** validated by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement and VET teachers.

- more **than 60 teacher trainers** trained through **28 training modules** covering pedagogy and sectoral qualification. In total **226 training hours** delivered between 29 January 2021 to 25 February 2021.
- **8 principal trainers trained in 4 modules** – Human Resources (HR), Continuous Professional Development, Student Vocational Guidance and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion. In total **70 training hours** were delivered to support the activity between 23 January 2021 and 7 February 2021.

As a result of intensive trainings, the VET teacher Training of Trainer (ToT) participants are able to demonstrate the use of interactive, student centric teaching techniques, problem-solving and pedagogical skills and self-confidence they need to train teachers in the future.

With regards to the VET principal trainers, the project equipped them with the respective subject knowledge and expertise they needed to develop their own training program to train VET school principals.

“The implementation of self-assessment procedures has always been associated with particular difficulties, as there was no tradition of documenting them. My colleagues and I welcomed this initiative and unanimously contributed to the process.” - **Beneficiary - Vocational Institution Quality Manager, Kutaisi, Georgia.**

Lasha Janelidze, Managing Partner of PwC Georgia added – “It has been an honour for us to team up with the extremely valuable partners the World Bank and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia - to deliver this historical and significant work to benefit VET professionals of Georgia. I am very proud of my team who demonstrated outstanding skills and professional behaviours to support the successful delivery of the project and to strengthen firm’s profile as a trusted partner and advisor to both public and private sectors in Georgia.”

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