



ACTION PLAN OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

2020 - 2030



The Georgian Defence Forces is the most important guarantor of country's sovereignty, security, and independence and therefore it is a national priority to strengthen it.





NATIONAL GOAL

The action plan 2020-2030 for strengthening the Georgian Defence Forces represents the unity of the steps that will support our country's security, strengthen defence capabilities, bring Georgia closer to NATO and help become its member.





POLICY DOCUMENTS AND ACTION PLANS

- We started execution of defence policy priorities based on the long term and systematic approach. The ministry published important documents, such as: Ministry of Defence Vision 2030, Strategic Defence Review 2021-2025, Minister's Directives;
- In order to institutionalize long term defence planning, we created “Defence Forces' Action Plan 2020-2030”, which reflects priorities of the GDF's long term development and represents one of the most important long term planning documents;
- The ministry periodically develops medium term and short term documents. This year, we published one of the most important medium term planning documents Strategic Defence Review 2021-2025.



SECURITY CHALLENGES

- Possibility of military aggression from the Russian Federation;
- Hybrid activities from Russian Federation (including, “Borderization” process, Cyberattacks, dissemination of propaganda and disinformation) aiming to shatter unity of the society and discredit pro-Western direction of foreign policy;
- Russia's attempts to return its neighbors, including countries in the South Caucasus, to its political orbit and eventually, prevent Western integration.



DEFENCE FORCES GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Georgia will have to adapt to existing threats and base its defence policy accordingly.

Considering the abovementioned security challenges, Ministry of Defence's approach is based on the Total Defence principle, which encompasses military defence, civil defence, and international cooperation. Implementation of Total Defence, allows us to increase the length of our response to aggression and prevent adversary from occupying the country.





AIM OF THE ACTION PLAN

The aim of “the Defence forces' action plan 2030” is to create consistent and irreversible development prerequisites, in order to receive mobile force with high combat capabilities, which will have necessary skills to effectively tackle challenges facing our country and at the same time be able to contribute significantly to the global security.

The document determines priority directions for the GDF structure and capabilities, and resources necessary for long term development. Document lists the capabilities that need to be developed in order to be able to tackle stronger adversaries from military standpoint. Furthermore, we have detailed list of every combat capability and structure procurement/creation of which will significantly increase the Georgian Defence Forces capabilities.



DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES

The development of our army should be based on the newest approaches. Centralized planning and decentralized execution, mission command approach, small unit action tactics, and synchronization of conventional and unconventional methods – are the approaches that have fundamental importance to modern and innovative battle concepts.





DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES

In the next 10 years the priorities are:

- Development of anti-armor capabilities;
- Development of air defence capabilities;
- Development of reconnaissance capabilities;
- Development of artillery capabilities;
- Development of engineering (counter mobility) capabilities.





DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES

- We already started necessary works towards each of the priorities;
- In terms of anti-armor capability development, it is important to continue procurement of effective anti-tank means;
- In 2020 we already procured and this year we plan to procure even more Javeline systems from our main strategic partner, the United States. Furthermore, we plan to continue procurement processes through 2025, 2026, 2027.





DEVELOPMENT OF AIR-DEFENCE SYSTEM

- We pay special attention to air-defence capabilities;
- Past experience showed us the importance of air-defence capability development in containment of strong adversary from military standpoint;
- This year we plan to finish the second phase of the French contract. In the frameworks of the contract, the Defence Forces already possess French produced air surveillance radars, mobile command points and Mistral-3 type missiles with launch vehicles;
- We are actively working towards fulfillment of signed agreement with "Raphael", which encompasses renewal and modernization of existing "Raphael" produced anti-air systems.





DEVELOPMENT OF RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITIES

Development of reconnaissance capabilities is of utmost importance in the modern warfare.

Operational and tactical level unmanned reconnaissance and combat aerial vehicles, as well as radio-electronic reconnaissance and surveillance capability development is one of the directions we pay special attention to.

The importance of such weapons in the global and regional conflicts has risen. Therefore, in the frameworks of strengthening combat capabilities of the Defence Forces we are planning important steps towards procurement of vehicles, as well as procurement of tools necessary for their production.



DEVELOPMENT OF RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITIES

In order to ensure quality and appropriate supply we are starting local production. We are actively cooperating and communicating with South African and Polish companies in order to create joint facilities for the production of small and large size Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. With this aim, we are planning to sign contracts this year and start production from the next year.



DEVELOPMENT OF ARTILLERY CAPABILITIES

- The fourth most important priority for us is development of artillery capabilities;
- Equipment of artillery units with appropriate capabilities will further strengthen them;
- From 2024, we will intensively develop our capabilities. From the standpoint of artillery capability enhancement, we are planning to develop Georgian produced mortars, as well as procure foreign produced artillery equipment.





DEVELOPMENT OF ENGINEERING CAPABILITIES

- From the military perspective, in order to tackle a superior adversary, counter-mobility capabilities gain significant importance;
- Development of counter-mobility (Engineer) is our 5th basic priority;
- With this aim we cooperate with partner countries and plan to further strengthen this direction in 2022-2024, 2026-2027.





IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS

Besides basic priorities, attention will be paid to the following important directions:

Development of Special Operation Forces, Command and Control, Communications and IT, Aviation, Training Center, Transport and medical capabilities.



STRENGTHENING AVIATION, DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY INDUSTRY

In the process of restoration of aviation fleet, in 2020-2021 overall 4 “SU-25”, 4 “MI-24” and 3 “UH-1H” were modernized. In 2020, Defence Forces, first time in history, received around 40 “Delta” produced armored vehicles. In 2021, additional 7 units to be added.





DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure rehabilitation and restoration process started on almost 300 locations. Complete rehabilitation of main military bases, such as Senaki, Gori, Krtsanisi, Vaziani and other is finalized.





RENEWAL OF LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES

Defence Forces has already received almost 500 units of special purpose equipment produced by the world renowned brands, such as German "MAN", Italian "IVECO", American "FORD". With the continuation of this policy, we will gradually renew the Soviet, old vehicles and equip our units with new special purpose vehicles.





HOUSING PROJECT FOR MILITARY PERSONAL ON MAKHATA MOUNTAIN

- We continue the Soldiers' Appreciation Policy. Salaries increased, food menu, health care, housing, equipment and other directions improved. Construction of apartments on Makhata Mountain is in active phase;
- Over 1000 military personnel will receive apartments.





EFFECTIVE BUDGET POLICY OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF GEORGIA

- In order to ensure rational spending of financial resources of the Ministry, since 2019, for acquisition of necessary production, direct communication with suppliers started, which will continue in future;
- „Haix Group“; „LOWA Sportschuhe GmbH“; „Oztek Tekstil Terbiye Tesisleri san. Tic. A.S“; „Yakupoglu Tekstil ve Deri Sanayi Ticaret A.S.“ (YDS); „Vista Outdoor Inc.“ (Blackhawk, Eagle); „Goldeck Textil GmbH“ (CARINTHIA Professional); „3M Poland Sp. zo.o“ (Peltor).





EFFECTIVE BUDGET POLICY OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF GEORGIA

- A Clear example of our effective policy is the use of 2007 year unused grant for strengthening defence capabilities. As a result, Defence Forces got additional 100 million GEL.
- With the purpose of economized and rational spending, we set up Delta Textile on the bases of "Delta" without funding by loan and with gained income we cover the loan service and ensure the delivery of sufficient production.



LONG TERM INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

The Ministry of Defence will strengthen international effort with the aim to increase its own capacity, increase interoperability with NATO, and participate in the international operations for peace and security.

Relations with NATO

- Enhance partnership programs and mechanisms with NATO (NGC, ANP, SNGP, PARP, NATO programs).



LONG TERM INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

“More NATO in Georgia and More Georgia in NATO”

Relations with the EU

- Utilization of existing cooperation formats with the EU (EDA, PESCO, AA, CSDP, EPF);
- Making the official proposal for integration in the EU in 2024.

Relations with the USA

- Deepening of Strategic Partnership with the USA;
- Three-year Framework Agreement on Cooperation in Security Sector (2019-2022);
- GDRP



LONG TERM INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

Bilateral Relations

- Deepening of bilateral partnership and cooperation formats;
- By 2030, we will have similar formats with every NATO member state.

Conduct NATO and international exercises and participate in them

- NATO-Georgia Exercise, Noble Partner, Agile Spirit.

We will continue partnership with other international organizations

- UN, OCE, SEDM, Red Cross, etc



AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

We will have motivated, modernized, NATO interoperable, modernly equipped and highly combat capable Army, which will be able to conduct full spectrum operation in existing operational area, react effectively, cause maximum damage to the adversary and effectively tackle existing challenges of the country.





I am fully confident, as a result of successful implementation of the Defence Forces
“Action Plan 2020-2030”, we will have substantially strengthened,
fully modernized and equipped Defence Forces.

Thank you for attention