

SHORTCOMINGS IN THE ASSET DECLARATIONS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE POTI MUNICIPALITY

A part of the public officials of the Poti Municipality have filled out their asset declarations incompletely.

TI Georgia has studied more than 20 asset declarations of public officials. As a result, we revealed **7 cases of incompletely filled out declarations, including 3 cases in which public officials are engaged in an activity incompatible with public office; 13 cases in which public officials failed to declare their and their family members' stakes; and 6 cases in which officials failed to transfer the management rights of their stakes to other persons on the basis of a trust agreement.**

KONSTANTINE TOPURIA

First Deputy Mayor of Poti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in January 2019, Konstantine Topuria, who has held the position of the First Deputy Mayor of Poti [since November 1, 2018](#), failed to indicate that he and his spouse, Shorena Natsvlishvili, own stakes – and, in some cases, hold the director's position – in the following companies:

Konstantine Topuria:

- [Altero LLC](#) – owner of a 100% stake and director;
- [Teakomi LLC](#) – owner of a 100% stake and director;
- [Altero XXI LLC](#) – owner of a 100% stake;
- Cooperative [RK New Lake](#) – chair of the board.

Shorena Natsvlishvili:

- [New Capital Systems LLC](#) – Director;
- [Malala LLC](#) – owner of a 50% stake and director;
- [M2 LLC](#) – owner of a 50% stake and director.

Konstantine Topuria also failed to declare that he is the chair of the board of cooperative [RK New Lake](#), while the directors of this cooperative are his spouse, Shorena Natsvlishvili, and the Chairperson of the Town Council of Sagarejo, Otar Chalataashvili.

Konstantine Topuria indicated in his declaration that he owns a 50% stake in [Nazvrevi LLC](#), although he failed to declare that his spouse, Shorena Natsvlishvili, is the [director](#) of the said company. It is noteworthy that Otar Chalataashvili, [Chairperson](#) of the Town Council of Sagarejo, owns a 50% stake in Nazvrevi LLC.

Shorena Natsvlishvili is also the owner of a 100% stake and director of [Tbilisi Repair Company LLC](#) (**this information has been declared**). In the years 2014-2018, this company took part in 15 tenders, out of which he won 5 tenders in 2017-2018. In all the tenders, the procurer was the Tbilisi City Hall, while the total value of the contracts amounted to **GEL 5,927,178**. The Tbilisi City Hall procured the services of maintenance/storage/operation of the automated system of road traffic management and control, as well as of traffic lights and their equipment, from Tbilisi Repair Company LLC.

The fact that Konstantine Topuria holds the director's position in limited liability companies is a violation of the law – according to the Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service, a public official may not simultaneously serve as the head of a business entity. In addition to Konstantine Topuria's obligation to leave the directors' position in the said companies, he is also obliged to transfer the management rights of his stakes to another person on the basis of a trust agreement.

LEVAN CHOCHIA

Head of the Service of Economic Development and Tourism of the City Hall of Poti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in January 2019, Levan Chochia failed to indicate that his brother, Irakli Chochia, owns a 33% stake in [I.T.M. Group LLC](#) and is also the owner of a 100% stake and director of [Levika LLC](#).

NANA CHANTURIA

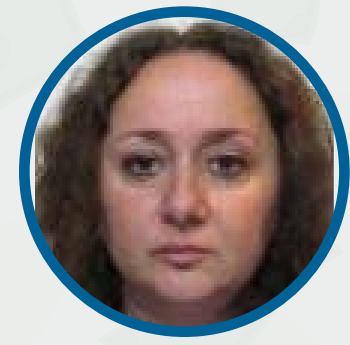
Head of the Service of Finance and Budget of the City Hall of Poti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in May 2018, Nana Chanturia failed to indicate that her spouse, Nodar Mikadze, is the owner of a 34% stake and director of [Paliastomi 2016 LLC](#).

MAIA MAKALATIA

Head of the Service of Healthcare and Social Affairs of the City Hall of Poti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in October 2018, Maia Makalatia failed to indicate that she is the director of [M.M.M. LLC](#), by which she violates the requirements of the Law on Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service, according to which a public official may not simultaneously serve as the head of a business entity. In addition to leaving the director's position, Maia Makalatia is also obliged to transfer her management rights of her 100% stake in the said company to another person on the basis of a trust agreement.

IRAKLI KAKULIA

Chairperson of the City Council of Poti



In a [declaration](#) filled out in April 2018, Irakli Kakulia failed to indicate that he owns a 25% stake in [Karibche LLC](#).

BADRI ASATIANI

Director of Poti City Transport LLC



In a [declaration](#) filled out in March 2018, Badri Asatiani failed to indicate that he owns a 1% stake in [Eksergia LLC](#).

LEILA GVASALIA

Director of Poti City Project LLC



In a [declaration](#) filled out in March 2018, Leila Gvasalia failed to indicate that her spouse, Gocha Gurgenzadze, owns a 25% stake in [S/K Givi Chedia and Company LLC](#).

Verification of asset declarations of public officials is one of the major instruments for combating corruption. **Therefore, TI Georgia calls on the Civil Service Bureau to study the asset declarations of the persons mentioned in the study on the basis of the presented information and to respond accordingly.**