

Eka Paatashvili

Resume

Skills and experience: Mrs. Paatashvili, as an international healthcare specialist, supports different projects in health policy and public health worldwide. She started her career in 2000, at the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia where she worked till 2013 and gained vast professional and leadership experience in the areas of health policy, regulations, quality and capacity building, financing, procurements and state program management. Eka was a member of numbers of government committees and work groups where successfully collaborated with multiple stakeholders and she participated in decision-making. She actively participated in planning and implementing the reforms of Georgia health system.

Since 2014, after her masters' studies in the USA, Eka provides international consultancy to the international partners (WHO, UNICEF, Gavi, WB, BMGF, EU, USAID, etc.) and the governments of about 10 countries in public health and health care policies, sustainable financing, regulations, and capacity building. Between 2014 – 2021, she represented Sabin Vaccine Institute in the European Region and contributed to advocacy and sustainability of immunization programs in five countries. As a member of the Immunization European Working Group, she collaborated with Gavi, WHO and UNICEF and participated in international missions for developing immunization multi-year plans and evaluating immunization programs.

Eka designed and conducted trainings in immunization, advocacy and communication. She was also supporting NGO sector in Georgia through developing the projects on good governance and public engagement.

Currently, Eka provides international consultancy within Curatio International Foundation to the R4D project and supports 8 countries of Europe and Asia in developing immunization learning network. She also leads HR and capacity building component of USAID-funded project on strengthening the Georgia rehabilitation system.

Since 2020, Mrs. Paatashvili conducts academic work at the Ilia State University. She provides mentorship in academic research to PhD students and leads several modules (leadership and communication, quality of health care services and patient safety, and advocacy and collaborative governance) of the master program in Public Health and Health Policy.

Education: Dr. Paatashvili got her PhD degree in Public Health from the Tbilisi State University in 2019. During 2012-2013, she graduated her Executive Master of Public Administration with distinctions from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, in the USA. She received her diploma of MD at the Tbilisi State Medical University In 1999.

Scientific interests / research interests

Global health, Health care policy and financing; quality of health care services and regulation; public health programs and policy; leadership, communication, and advocacy.

Certificates in:

Health Care Management and Policy (Syracuse University, USA); Collaborative Governance and Conflict Management (Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University,

USA); Public Policy Research (Canadian Bureau for International Development, Georgia);
Consultancy in Kaizen Management (AOTS, Japan)