

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES

STAGE I: SELECTION OF PILOT MUNICIPALITIES

Duration: 1 Month (6 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To analyze the data on ethnic and social structures of the municipalities
- To review the results of elections by party (national elections of 1990, 1992, 1995, 1999 and local elections of 1998).
- To assess the performance of local institutions using policy process, policy pronouncement and policy implementation categories.
- To select pilot municipalities based on the analysis above.

STAGE II: NETWORK ANALYSIS

Duration: 3 Months (18 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To conduct archival research. To identify and analyze key decisions of the municipalities.
- To identify the main decision-makers in each municipality.
- To gather the data for the Social Network Analysis.
- To conduct Social Network Analysis using PAJEK software.

STAGE III: INTERIM ANALYSIS

Duration: 1 Month (3 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To identify the decision-making networks and specific power holding cliques within these networks.
- To analyze the role of networks in the decision-making mechanisms
- To analyze the networks of those who are affected by the decisions of municipalities.
- To find out about the structure of cleavages (degree of crosscutting or coincidence).

STAGE IV: ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL SUBCULTURES

Duration: 3 Months (18 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To conduct interviews with the focal members of the networks.
- To compose Q sort for each network.
- To conduct Q methodology study of group subjectivities.
- To identify political subcultures.

STAGE V: FEEDBACK AND FOLLOW UP

Duration: 1 Month (6 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To prepare a preliminary report outlining the main findings and recommendations.
- To send the reports to the central and local stakeholders: Parliament, State Chancellery, international donor organizations, regional branches of Councils Association of Georgia, local councils, NGOs and interest groups.
- To get feedback from the main stakeholders.

STAGE VI: FINAL REPORT

Duration: 2 Months (3 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To review and analyze the feedback from the main stakeholders.
- To review the scientific literature on the decentralization and participatory institutions.
- To analyze the main findings in comparative perspective.
- To prepare the final report.

STAGE VII: DISSEMINATION

Duration: 1 Months (6 days of field research)

ACTIVITIES:

- To prepare and disseminate information on participatory institutions.
- To prepare the seminar at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs where the key decision-makers from both the center and regions will be invited.
- To distribute bulletins with recommendations about the principles of setting up participatory institutions to the main stakeholders and wider public.