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The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package

The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) aims to strengthen Georgia's ability to defend itself and advance its preparations for NATO membership. The package is composed of defence and related security capacity building initiatives. It involves support for all military services and branches, advice and liaison at all levels (strategic, operational, tactical), capacity-building and training activities, and multinational exercises. As of early 2022, all NATO members and two partner countries have provided support to the package in the form of expertise and resources.

Military Medical Capacity Development

The Military Medical Capacity Development Initiative is one of the 16 interrelated initiatives under the SNGP. It was formally launched in 2020 under the auspices of the package's upgrading. The Initiative's primary aim is to strengthen the Georgian Defence Forces' military health care and medical support system. Through short- and medium-term capability and capacity-building activities, the Initiative will help the Georgian Defence Forces establish a Role 2 Forward Medical Treatment Facility capability (i.e. a facility that provides more advanced trauma management and emergency medical treatment than a Role 1 facility, which provides immediate lifesaving measures, triage, resuscitation and stabilisation).

In spring 2021, a NATO experts team, led by Germany with support from the Netherlands, was established at the Multinational Medical Coordination Centre / European Medical Command. In accordance with the SNGP framework, the NATO experts team conducted an initial assessment of the Georgian Defence Forces' medical capacity from which an initiative implementation plan was jointly developed. The implementation plan includes clearly defined outputs and milestones to achieve a Military Medical Capacity Development Initiative end state to which Georgia and NATO have agreed.



Georgia and NATO continue to make strides in implementing the Initiative. In October 2021, the Georgian Defence Forces' Medical Department and the Multinational Medical Coordination Centre / European Medical Command co-sponsored an exercise to ascertain the training needs of medical planners at the brigade level. Recognising the limited availability of English-speaking military medical personnel, future activities will be executed in English with the aim to improve the English language proficiency of the Georgian Defence Forces' medical service.