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NTG Update

This review is provided with thanks to all our supporters, volunteers and donors who help the NTG make an impact in preserving Georgia's historic landscapes and buildings.

"I left a piece of my heart in Khevsureti. My work, sweat, tears, and a significant part of my soul remain there. I am confident that this place will bring joy to every visitor in some way, and upon departing, it will undoubtedly evoke a bittersweet mixture of longing and the greatest happiness" -

Irine Lomadze, volunteer

Key NTG Accomplishments September- December 2023

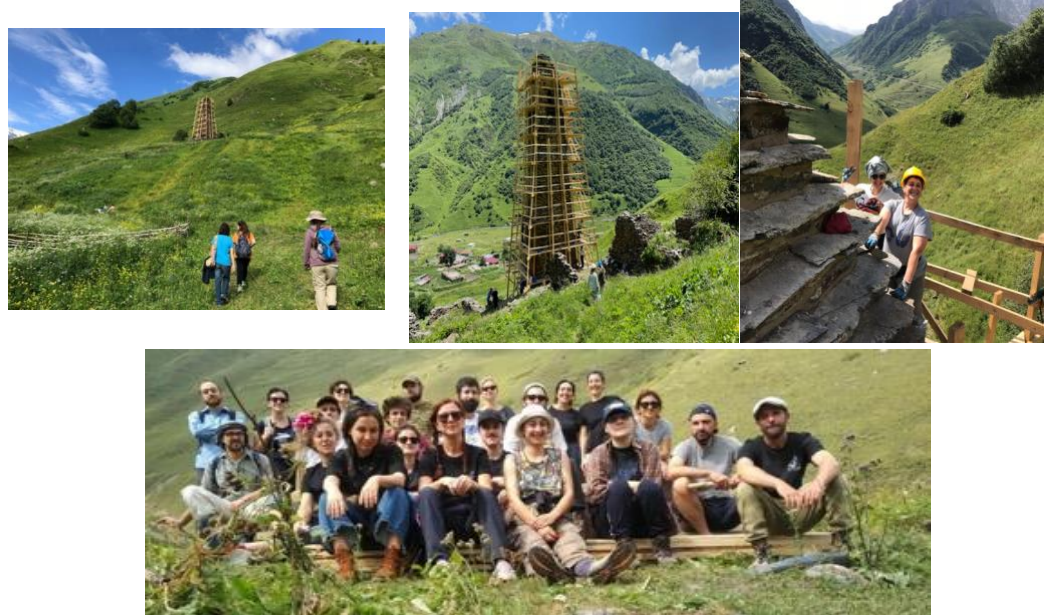
September

- NTG team of conservation architects and experts, and Georgian, French and Ukrainian volunteers finalised rehabilitation of the medieval Tsiskarauli Tower in the high mountain region of Georgia, Arkhoti Valley. The project was implemented by NTG, INTO and REMPART, under overall supervision of INTO, with support of ALIPH Foundation.
- Volunteers and guests (below, photographed in our NTG headquarters courtyard in Tbilisi) celebrated the completion of the Akhieli Tower Project on Sept 15, 2023 (Full project report is available on this site [2023 Aliph final project report.pdf \(PDF\)](#)),



- The project results presentation made at the closing ceremony got excellent media coverage in Georgian TV, radio, and social media. Successful dissemination of this information enhanced visibility of the NTG and highly contributed to promotion of CH in Georgia. It also raised awareness of Georgians about the Khevsureti region and the importance of preservation of CH.

- We are grateful that the project was supported by a generous grant of \$232,768 from the [International alliance for the protection of heritage in conflict areas \(ALIPH\)](#), a foundation based in Switzerland with the mission to protect heritage to build peace. It was expertly project managed by Georgians and INTO (the International National Trusts Organization).



- After the celebration, the NTG team and partners from UK and France visited another high mountain region of Georgia, Pshavi and its authentic villages and sacral dwellings, in company of the local community and famous craftsman, mason Vasiko Nakeuri, who significantly contributed to the Tsiskarauli Tower rehabilitation.
- Following a rigorous application process, NTG was approved by Global Giving as fully vetted charity eligible for online donations.
- **Did you know that US and UK taxpayers can add an additional 25% of value to your gift by checking “Gift Aid” box?**
- Heritage Platform meeting was organised on 26 Sep to discuss and plan further advocacy actions for CH preservation.

October 2023

- Several activities were organised at the premises of the NTG with volunteers, including certificate award ceremony, film screening about the rehabilitation of Tsiskarauli Tower, presentation of CH professionals from Czech Republic etc.
- Heritage Platform meeting took place on 9 Oct
- We visited Truso Valley in Stepantsminda municipality, in partnership with local member of heritage platform, Lomeki, implementing the project Save Truso Valley.
- Work continues the recommendations for safeguarding Truso Heritage.



November 2023

- The NTG team and volunteers made a field visit to remote Racha, high mountain regions in the Western Georgia. Visiting several villages with unique traditional houses, other cultural sites and the house commissioned by Georges Kobi in Tkhmori. NTG team and volunteers visiting activists fighting for rescuing Racha forest.
- NTG met with the Ambassador of Norway, planning joint activities

December 2023

- Working meetings were held in London with INTO
- Networking with CH volunteers: community event organised with Georgian and one French volunteer at NTG premises
- Iliia State University (ISU) and the U.S. Embassy are proud to present the 2024 TUTA International Writer-in-Residence program in Tbilisi, Georgia. This exciting initiative, part of ISU's The Memory Project (2023-2025), is hosted by the National Trust of Georgia and supported by PEN Georgia and the U.S. Embassy.

PEN Georgia & the TUTA-Residency of the National Trust of Georgia in Tbilisi Announce Writer's Residency Competition



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