



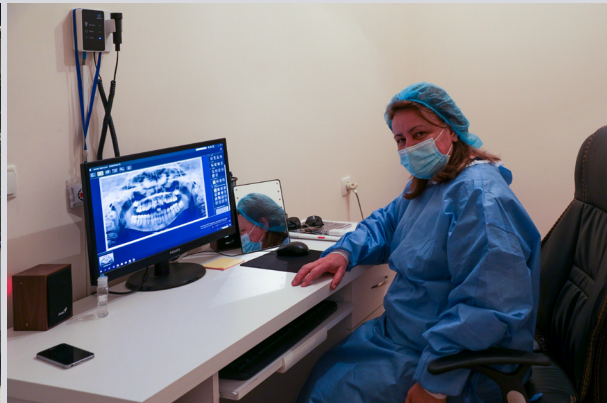
Equipping the Medical Center with the Newest X-Ray Apparatus

It has been quite a while that Elena Figel is working as a doctor at the Ideali Medical Center. As a well-experienced professional, she notes that a correct diagnosis is one of the most crucial parts of medicine. Medical equipment is in a constant state of progress with state-of-the-art technology used by the developed world for making medical diagnoses.

“I could not even imagine that our center would get a MORITA IC5 X-ray apparatus introduced in 2019. Consequently, we are able to offer high-quality service to the locals. The panoramic apparatus of the X-ray provides a precise picture with a high-quality contrast and resolution that makes the dentist’s life easier in terms of determining both the diagnosis and the treatment,” Said Elena Figel.



Employees: 2 locals
Total budget of the project: GEL 64,997.56
EU share: GEL 38,998.54
Co-financing: GEL 25,999.02



The apparatus was procured within the EU financed project supported by GIPA and the Akhalkalaki LAG. The apparatus detects not only dental issues but maxillofacial cancer. Locals now no longer have to go to other cities or even abroad for their diagnosis.

According to Elena Figel, some of the patients took digital files of their x-rays overseas and were extremely happy to learn that even leading clinics in Germany were producing the same results. On top of this, the fee at Dr Figel’s clinic is much lower, at GEL 30.

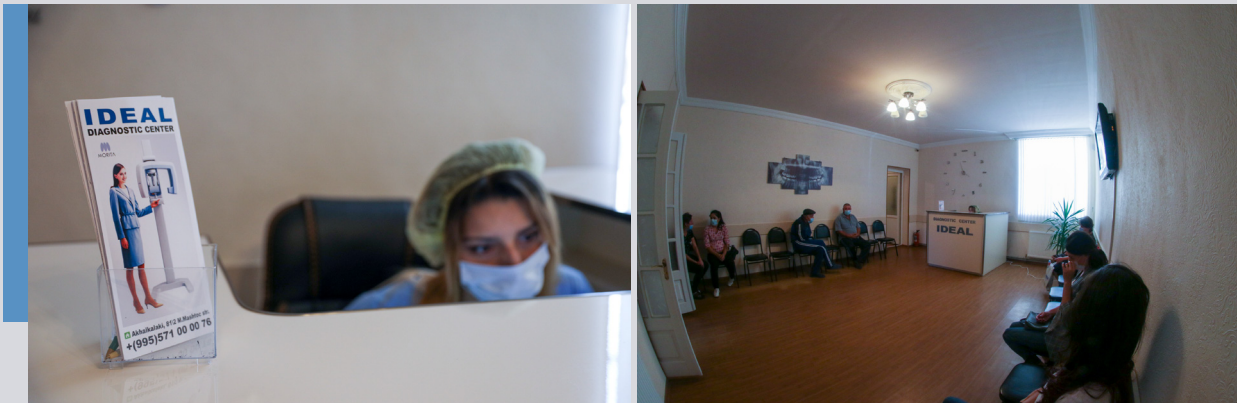
The new apparatus is characterized with a low level of radiation and it does not have any negative impact on the patient or the staff. It is also a very good service for children as it is able to snap an X-ray photo quickly and at any height.





The X-ray apparatus was launched before the pandemic. Since the lockdown, only emergency dental services have been possible. Nowadays, dental clinics are fully operational and the Ideali Medical Center is working in compliance with all regulations and standards. The number of clients has increased and so the clinic has employed more people: one is working at reception and two are working to get their radiology license in order to start working with the apparatus.

It is essential to improve medical services in the Akhalkalaki Municipality and in the region in general and insure that they comply with European standards. Ideally, all other medical centers should be equipped with modern technology in order to make accurate diagnoses. In this case, new workplaces would be created and the amount of refugees would be reduced.



The initiative has been financed by the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) through the project of promoting new approaches in Rural Development in Akhalkhalaki.

Project is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development and Vocational Education (DRDVE) of the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA). Project Partners are Mercy Corps, Elva - Community Engagement and West Cork Development Partnership.

The European Union supports agriculture and rural development of Georgia through the programme of ENPARD, which has been implemented in Georgia since 2013. The total budget is 179.5 mio EUR. The main goal of the ENPARD is to reduce the rural poverty. The main priority of the first phase of the program was to support agricultural development, whereas the main aim of the second and third phases is to promote economic opportunities and capacity building of people living in the rural areas. For the additional information, please follow the link: www.enpard.ge