General Information
The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) was founded in 1996 on the basis of Georgian Anti - Plague Station that was supervised by the Ministry of Health in former USSR.

The main office of NCDC is located in Tbilisi, besides, it has branch in Batumi, and sentinel station in Ninotsminda.

The staff of NCDC is about 300 persons, 20 of them work in Batumi branch. More than half of the staff consist of specialists with university education, and 28 of them have scientific degree.

NCDC is integral part of health care system of the country.

Institute’s focus
NCDC is involved in implementation of several State Programs, among them: Surveillance, Control and Prevention of Quarantine, Particularly Dangerous and other Infectious Diseases; Malaria Control and Prevention; Immunization; Healthy Lifestyle and Prevention of Chronic Diseases.


NCDC is leading in immunization program in the country. With our participation National Immunization Days, Mass Immunization Campaigns, Provision of Epidemiological Survey Services on Baku – Tbilisi – Ceyhan Gas- and Oil Pipeline Rout (British Petroleum, started 2003, ongoing), etc.

NCDC owns National Collection of Live Microorganisms; among them are especially dangerous pathogens, like Yersinia pestis, Francisella tularensis, Bacillus anthracis, Vibrio cholerae, etc. Totally Collection consists of more than thousand microorganisms.

Together with practical activities NCDC has rigorous scientific – research program, it must be mentioned, that research projects, implemented at NCDC, besides their scientific significance, were very important for public health of the country, as they dealt with important for public health issues, like investigation of special and other pathogen, investigation of natural foci. More than 30 scientific – research projects had been implemented, and are going now.

Scientific cooperation and technology transfer
WHO - Diphtheria Control, Poliomyelitis Eradication, Malaria Control, Surveillance;
USAID, UNICEF— Immunization, Health Information systems
USAID, AIHA - American International Health Alliance - Infection Control, Health Promotion
Fogarty Foundation – “Emerging Infectious Diseases”
University of Maryland— Molecular Epidemiology
DHHS - BTEP (Biotechnology Engagement Program)- ISTC: Amebiasis, Antibiotic resistance, Tuberculosis, Botulism, Hepatitis C
USAID, “Save the Children” - Nutrition and Anthropometry
US DoD DTRA – Plague natural foci control and active surveillance.

NCDC has relations with CDC, Atlanta, USA. Joint investigations were carried out in 1998 and 1999 on amebiasis outbreak in Tbilisi, in 1999-2000 Reproductive Health Survey was implemented.

NCDC collaborates with many other institutions around of world.

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