

Subject: MG Barbara Holcomb's meeting with the Minister of Health of Georgia Dr. David Sergeenko and Director of NCDC Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze

Date: March 20, 2018

Venue: Ministry of Health of Georgia

Background:

Commanding General of U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC), Major General Barbara R. Holcomb, will be visiting Georgia as part of an official trip to the U.S. Army Medical Research Directorate – Georgia (USAMRD-G). She will be meeting key members at the Lugar Center and other host-nation leaders during her brief stay.

The MRMC is the U.S. Army's premier medical materiel research and development Command within medical research, development, and acquisition. MRMC has a headquarter at Fort Detrick, Maryland with 12 subordinate Commands located throughout the world.

USAMRD-G is a subordinate unit of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research located at the Lugar Center. Since its establishment in 2011, USAMRD-G has been working closely with NCDC and other Georgian partner organizations. USAMRD-G has a research portfolio aimed at promoting global security, identifying infectious disease threats to global health security, and developing interventions to mitigate these threats.

Suggested conversation points:

- Meet with the Minister of Health and the Director of NCDC and express appreciation for the strong partnership between the U.S. Army (USAMRD-G) and host-nation organizations (NCDC, hospitals, etc.);
- Listen to the Minister of Health and the Director of NCDC to familiarize herself with the function and future plans of the Lugar Center;
- Discuss the role and function of MRMC and the importance of medical research;
- Discuss any possible future engagements between U.S. Army and Georgian government agencies.
- Emphasize the importance of continuing partnership and scientific collaboration between US Army and Georgian government (USAMRD-G/NCDC).