

Founding Year 2020

Establishing ASF, publishing its first standard, and signing its first partnership.

June

FOUNDED IN PARIS

74

CRITERIA,
HOSPITAL
STANDARD V1.0

**Aug
2020**

FIRST
PARTNERSHIP
(PHIG)

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ACCREDITATION
DECISIONS

1. Executive summary

2020 was ASF's founding year. The association was formally established in Paris in June 2020, its founding statutes were adopted, and its first standard was published. In August 2020 ASF signed its first partnership agreement with the Public Health Institute of Georgia (PHIG). No accreditation decisions were made and no accreditation fees were charged.

2. Legal basis and governance

ASF is a non-profit association under the French Law of 1 July 1901, registered in Paris. Its founding statutes were adopted at the constituent general assembly. Prof. Giorgi Pkhakadze, MD, MPH, PhD, is the founder and President. Operations are coordinated from Geneva and Tbilisi.

ASF's governance is set out in its founding statutes and governance library (GOV, OPS, QMS and EV series). Accreditation decisions are taken by the Accreditation Decision Committee (ADC), which is structurally separate from survey teams.

3. Standards activity

Hospital Accreditation Standard v1.0

Published in 2020 with 74 criteria. It is the first ASF standard and is free to use. Its design drew on international accreditation practice and on the principle that criteria must be stated clearly enough to be verified.

Self-assessment tool

A first version of the self-assessment tool was built and tested internally. Public release followed in 2021.

4. Partnerships

In August 2020, two months after its founding, ASF signed its first partnership agreement with PHIG, which Prof. Pkhakadze also chairs. PHIG supported ASF's standards work in Georgia and prepared for the certification programme planned for 2021. ASF ran the Georgia programme itself, with PHIG as supporter and local partner from the start.

5. Accreditation activity

No accreditation decisions were made in 2020. The programme was pre-operational.

6. Finance

ASF operated on founding contributions in its first period. No accreditation or registration fees were charged in 2020.

Financial statements are kept separately and are strictly confidential. They are not published in this report.

7. Complaints and appeals

No complaints were received in 2020.

8. Outlook for 2021

Extend the standards to ambulatory clinics, long-term care and primary health clinics, and launch the self-assessment tool publicly.

Annex A — Timeline

Date	Event
June 2020	ASF formally established in Paris
2020	Hospital Accreditation Standard v1.0 published
August 2020	First partnership signed with PHIG

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