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On the first day of the information platform the participants were introduced to the topic of Domestic and International Mechanisms of Human Rights Protection, and Prevention of Stigma and Discrimination which were presented by lawyer and trainer Shushan Khnkoyan who spoke about the concept of human rights, generations of human rights, domestic and international protection systems, the European Convention on Human Rights and the procedure for applying to the European Court of Human Rights. The trainer introduced to the participants the definition of discrimination, types and protected grounds of discrimination, discriminatory terms and their non-discriminatory variants.

The first part of the second day of the information platform was dedicated to the topic of Leadership and Activism and Sexuality. Trainer Hmayak Avetisyan introduced the participants to the concept of leadership, the description of leadership, the characteristics of a leader, as well as the types of leadership. He also presented the history of activism, the precedents of the movements, the need for activists to protect the rights of the vulnerable groups. The expert also spoke about the work of

Country Coordinating Mechanism and the importance of community engagement in decision-making processes.

In the second part of the day, Hmayak Avetisyan introduced the topic of Sexuality, in the framework of which the participants got acquainted with a difficult topic through group games, informal educational environment, discovered the components of sexuality, began to think about their sexual orientation and gender identity, differentiated such important terms as sexual behavior, sexual orientation and gender identity.

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also included the decision 276 adopted by the Government of the Republic of Armenia on March 27, 2008 and the justifications for making changes/additions to it.

The participants actively discussed the presented documents. All voiced opinions were summarized by the organizers and will be taken into account in further revision of the document.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR ARMENIAN LAW STUDENTS WAS HELD

On November 11-12, 2021, a two-day training on capacity building of Armenian law students was organized in Tsaghkadzor by New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) within the framework of Sensitization and Empowerment for Equality project through a Department of State Public Affairs Section grant.

The training was aimed to develop the capacities of law students in Armenia on the topics of human rights, stigma and discrimination, torture.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

On November 5, 2021, regular meeting of the working group for the review of the draft law on Legal Recognition of Gender Identity and related documents was held. The meeting was attended by NGOs working directly with the trans* community: New Generation, National Trans Coalition, Fearless, For Strong Future, Equality for All, For Freedom, Parents for Equality and representatives of the trans* community.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan presented the purpose of forming the working group and the expected results as well as stated that all the organizations and stakeholders had been informed about the project, formation of a working group and had been invited to join the meetings.

During the meeting NGNGO lawyer Shushan Khnkoyan presented the draft law on Legal Recognition of Gender Identity, then she referred to the rationale for the adoption of the law. The agenda of the discussion

At the beginning of the training NGNGO president Sergey Gabrielyan made an opening speech, welcoming the participants, thanking them for their interest and participation, highlighting the importance of lawyers in protection of human rights of the vulnerable groups in the society. Sergey Gabrielyan expressed hope that this training would be the beginning of a successful cooperation between NGNGO and participating law students.

Before passing to the main topics of the training, the participants were introduced to the training agenda, developed rules to follow throughout the whole course, as well as discussed the participants' expectations and concerns.

The main part of the training was launched by NNGO lawyer and trainer Shushan Khnkoyan who presented the concept of human rights. The participants got acquainted with the concept of the human rights, domestic and international mechanisms of human rights protection, specificities of work with vulnerable groups of the society, especially with LGBTI people. As a result of concrete examples and case discussions, the participants strengthened the knowledge they gained in practice and understood how to fight against stigma and discrimination. The second day of the training was dedicated to the topics of SOGI-based stigma and discrimination, torture. Participants were introduced to the main concept and important terms, state responsibilities for prohibition of discrimination, types of discrimination, discriminatory terms and their non-discriminatory equivalents, domestic and international legislation. The training was held in an atmosphere of active discussions, questions and answers, including theoretical, practical exercises, workshops, teamwork.



The training provided the trained participants with the knowledge and skills on the specificities of the work with the vulnerable groups of the society, especially with LGBTI people.

The training was the beginning of cooperation with the participating law students to unite their efforts for the protection of the human rights of LGBTI people in Armenia. After the training network of young lawyers ready to work with vulnerable groups of the society will be established, their contacts with the latter's consent will also be shared with local and international human rights NGOs for possible cooperation. At the end of the training, the participants were awarded with certificates of participation.

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2020 Hate Crime Data Now Available!

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Cases of hate crimes were recorded by OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in 2020 report

On November 15, 2021, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Europe released its annual report on hate crimes recorded in 2020.

This year as well 7 cases submitted by New Generation Humanitarian NGO were included in the OSCE-ODIHR 2020 report. The cases include hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity, which were

registered by NNGO in the Republic of Armenia in 2020.

You can get acquainted with the report [there](#)



THE COURT HEARING ON THE CASE OF A PERSON ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF PERSONS WAS POSTPONED AGAIN



On November 3, 2021, in the Avan-Nor Nork residence of the Court of First Instance of the city of Yerevan, presided over by Judge Vardan Grigoryan, the court hearing on the case of A.A. beaten by G.M. and S.H. was held.

This was the third court hearing on the case, to which the defendants did not appear again. Attorney Ara Gharagyozyan expressed a position to detain the defendants.

A decision was made by the court to detain the defendants, the court hearing was postponed.

The next court hearing is scheduled on December 29, 2021 at 10:00.

Pre-history of the case:

On July 15, 2020, RA citizen A.A. applied to New Generation Humanitarian NGO. The latter informed that on June 3, 2020, he and his friends were in their country house in Yerevan. A group of people attacked A.A.'s house, demanding with bad language that A.A., and his friends left the house, in connection with the latter's alleged sexual orientation and gender identity. An argument started, after which those people hit on different parts of A.A.'s body with their hands, feet and stones, causing bodily injuries around the head.

On the same day, A.A. submitted a report on the incident to the Police of the Republic of Armenia.

On June 29, 2020, by the decision of the senior investigator of Shengavit division of the RA police, a criminal case was launched based on the materials prepared by A.A.'s report, under the 117 Article of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia, and the case was sent to the Shengavit Investigative Division of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia for preliminary investigation.

On July 6, 2020 a decision about initiating proceedings in the case was made by the Shengavit Investigative Division of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia.

A.A. was recognized victim of the case : Ara Gharagyozyan, attorney of New Generation Humanitarian NGO was involved in the case. A.A. was recognized as victim of the case.

On April 6, 2021 the preliminary investigation of the case ended and the case was sent to court.

On April 15, 2021 V.L. Grigoryan, the judge of the Court of General Jurisdiction of First Instance of Yerevan city, Republic of Armenia, made a decision about setting the case for hearing.

On October 14, 2020 a forensic psychological examination was assigned to one of the accused – G.S. According to the forensic medical report received on March 3, 2021 the accused is considered partially sane and is subject to criminal liability.

FOOD PACKAGES FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

New Generation Humanitarian NGO continues to provide food packages to those MSM (men who have sex with men), CSW (commercial sex workers), and trans* people who

- **have been left without support, have lost their jobs and have no other financial income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **have been subjected to stigma, discrimination, violence or torture,**

Legal consultation is also available for the beneficiaries. You can apply for assistance by the following [link](#).

