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urgent need to take action to end the inequalities surrounding income, sex, age, health status, occupation, disability, sexual orientation, drug use, gender identity, race, class, ethnicity and religion that continue to persist around the world. Discrimination and inequalities are closely intertwined. Many forms of discrimination can lead to a wide range of inequalities. It is critical, therefore, to reduce inequalities to address discrimination. Let's end inequalities.



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MEETING-DISCUSSION ON BUDGET ADVOCACY

“Presentation of national budget analysis of health and social services provided to MSM and trans* people and international guideline on state budget analysis” meeting-discussion was held on 12 February 2021 organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO within the grant issued by Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) as a part of the Eurasian Regional Consortium, funded by the Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks (RCF). Representatives of NGOs working with MSM and trans* issues, RA Ministry of Health, Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) as well as MSM and trans* communities participated in the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, the project coordinator Hmayak Avetisyan made an opening speech, thanking the guests for accepting the invitation and being present at the meeting. He presented the work done in the field of budget advocacy as well as introduced the guests to the agenda of the meeting.

Expert-researcher

Mariam Muradyan presented the report “International Experience of Budget Advocacy for Health and Social Services Provided to MSM and trans* people”, speaking about the history of budget advocacy in other countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asian, the success of transition cases of HIV prevention programs, methods.

The other expert Anahit Harutyunyan presented the analysis “Financial Gaps of the National Budget of Armenia in respect to Health and Social Services Provided to MSM and trans* people”, presenting the purpose of the research, problems, methods, documents considered during the analysis, financial gaps, as well as recommendations and conclusion.



The participants of the meeting had an active discussion on the analysis, made suggestions and observations, which will be taken into account in the future when developing an advocacy roadmap addressing the financial gaps by expert Anahit Harutyunyan.



FOREIGN CITIZEN WILL BE PROVIDED NECESSARY TREATMENT AND MEDICINE

On January 18, 2021, a foreign citizen A.S. (name has been changed) applied to New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO). The latter was saliva tested for HIV, as a result of which he was found to be HIV positive. The citizen was referred to National Center for Infectious Diseases CJSC of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia to undergo further examinations and receive treatment in case of HIV status confirmation. As a result of the examination, the HIV positive status was confirmed, but the beneficiary was not provided with the necessary medication, as the latter did not have an RA residence card. As a result, A.S. applied to New Generation Humanitarian NGO for legal assistance. On January 29, 2021, NGNGO applied to RA Ministry of Health with a request:

To provide medical care and services to N.S. on a state-guaranteed free basis. On February 8, 2021, a letter was received from RA Ministry of Health, according to which it was proposed to apply to the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) for the provision of free medical care and services guaranteed by the state. NGNGO applied to NCID. As a result, N.S. was involved in treatment and care services. NGNGO continues to provide legal assistance to the citizen in the process of obtaining a residence card.

- **New Generation Humanitarian NGO expresses its gratitude to RA Ministry of Health and National Center for Infectious Diseases CJSC for effective cooperation. Clarification Article 8 of the RA Law on Prevention of the disease caused by human immunodeficiency virus.**
- **After confirmation of HIV infection in organism of the foreign citizens and stateless persons who are in the territory of the Republic of Armenia, they are subject to administrative deportation from the Republic of Armenia in the procedure established by the legislation of the Republic.**

13 clause of № 75-Ն decision of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia of 22.11.2013 on “Approval of the standard of organizing prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS within state-guaranteed free of charge medical aid and service”

- **ARV therapy is free of charge and is provided to all instructive patients who have given their consent after receiving information on appropriate treatment.**

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENSITIVE BRANCH OF ENDOCRINOLOGY IN ARMENIA



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The field of healthcare, like many other fields in Armenia, has many gaps in the context of providing services to vulnerable groups. The situation is more complicated for trans people because in parallel with the prevailing discrimination and stereotypes in the country, which of course have their inevitable impact on the health sector, there are also numerous legislative gaps in the field of ensuring the right to health of trans people. In particular, it concerns the lack of legal regulation of medical interventions related to gender recognition and gender-affirming procedures which, in turn, leads to gaps in professional training and awareness among Armenian doctors regarding the provision of medical care to trans people. To fill this gap New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) organized a working meeting with endocrinologists of the Republic of Armenia on February 18-20, 2021. Participants of the meeting were endocrinologists from the city of Yerevan and other regions of the Republic of Armenia in order to make the information more accessible and widespread in all regions. The working meeting was led by invited experts from

Moscow, Evdokia Tsvetkova, an endocrinologist, specialist in medical information and scientific communication and Inga Grin- Ph.D in psychology, MFT, expert on gender and sexuality. The meeting started with the greeting speech of Naira V.Gogyan, endocrinology consultant of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia. The latter emphasized that the topic of the meeting was very sensitive and at the same time very important and actual. Then, the participants were greeted by Sergey Gabrielyan, the President of NGNGO, who thanked them for the participation and wished a productive meeting. On the first day of the meeting, February 18, Evdokia Tsvetkova introduced the participants to the hormone therapy with trans people by presenting masculinizing and feminizing hormone therapies, their modes and schemes, side effects and possible complications. Reference was also made to the individual approach to the peculiarities of hormone therapy with non-binary people, adolescents and the elderly. The day was summed up with questions and answers.



On February 19, E. Tsvetkova spoke about gender affirming procedures, world statistics, international classification of diseases (ICD 10 and ICD 11), diagnostic characteristics and the procedure for providing medical care in Russia. The day ended with discussions of the experience of the two countries through questions and answers.

The last day of the training, on February 20, was led by expert Inga Grin. The topic of the day was the professional ethics of working with trans people.

practical activity was carried out in group work. At the end of the meeting, the expert answered the questions of the participants. Many of the participants confirmed the lack of information and were grateful for the opportunity to fill this gap through this meeting. At the end of the day, participants were awarded certificates of participation. The working meeting was held in an atmosphere of productive discussions, and it will surely have a positive impact on the participants' organization of work with trans people in a more professional and informed way.

The concept of transgeneriness from a historical point of view and today, the history of change through the prism of terminology, the position of the WHO, the depathologization of transgeneriness were presented within the topic. Again, reference was made to the framework documents: ICD-10 and 11, WPATH standards, diagnosis of gender dysphoria. The concepts of trans-sensitivity, trans tactfulness, best practices in working with trans clients were discussed. In addition to the theoretical presentation of the topics,



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In the first instance court of general jurisdiction of Yerevan city (Court) has been ended the investigation of A.M (name is changed) regarding to the complaint submitted by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) lawyer Ara Gharagozyan on annulling the decision of the investigator A. Asatryan. On November 27, 2020 the Court uphold the complaint of lawyer Ara Gharagozyan. According to the court decision, the case will be sent for a new examination.

To date, the decision has not been sent by the Court.

The background of the case .

A.M. (name is changed) informed that he was taken to the Kentron police department of Yerevan city of the Republic of Armenia on suspicion of committing a crime but the decision of his detention was not shown to him. Due to the alleged sexual orientation of A.M., the police officers abused their official position and used disproportionate force, hitting and cursing him on their way to the police station.

All this continued in the police department as well. The employees of the police department did not allow A.M. to use his right to have a lawyer. They forced him to give an explanation and testimony as they wanted by subjecting him to physical and psychological violence, threatening that otherwise it would be very bad for him. The person submitted a report on the incident to the RA Police on January 29, 2020. On March 15, 2020, a criminal case was initiated in the RA Special Investigation Service. The person was recognized as a victim. On May 30, 2020, SIS investigator A. Asatryan made a decision to terminate the criminal prosecution and dismiss the criminal case.



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HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, is completely controllable if diagnosed in time, while many still associate HIV with AIDS and consider its diagnosis as a death sentence. In fact, AIDS is the final stage of HIV. Regular HIV testing can help detect and control it in a timely manner.

On February 24, 2021, the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia conducted a regular training for the consultants of HIV prevention projects implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO). The training is important by the fact that people working directly with the target groups, in this case outreach workers, strengthen their knowledge on HIV and AIDS and acquire relevant professional skills to conduct HIV testing among their own beneficiaries.

This in turn provides an opportunity to make the testing more accessible to the groups the organization works with.

The training was divided into theoretical and practical parts. During the first part, Tigran Ugujyan, Head of the Department of Epidemiology, spoke about the situation of HIV/AIDS in Armenia, most-at-risk groups, the importance of HIV prevention and testing, the course of treatment. He also presented researches on sexually transmitted infections. Marine

Asryan, an employee of NCID continued the training. She spoke about outreach work, the basic principle, and skills of HIV counseling, as well as the specifics of counseling in case of different test answers.

During the second part of the day, NCID doctor Elena Silka introduced to the clinical course of HIV infection, the principles and goals of antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. Then, together with Dr. Tamara Hovsepyan, the participants discovered the peculiarities of self-testing, learned the correct interpretation of the testing results, practiced testing, got acquainted with the work of the HIV diagnostic laboratory.

It should be noted that since August 2017, NGNGO beneficiaries have the

opportunity to get free, anonymous and confidential testing for HIV through rapid tests – oral mucosal transudate. This means that the outreach workers trained as consultants can conduct testing both at the NGO office and in the beneficiary's home, and other places where it is possible to provide the necessary conditions for the testing – temperature, lighting, privacy, etc.

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Arman Sahakyan, representative of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, was selected as member of the Group of Public Monitors Implementing Supervision over the Criminal-Executive Institutions and Bodies of the Ministry of Justice of Armenia in February 2021. Arman Sahakyan actively works in preventing HIV/AIDS in Armenia, as well as in the field of protecting the rights of individuals of vulnerable groups. Since 2013, he has been collaborating with the Monitoring Group as representative of New Generation Humanitarian NGO.



THE PHOTO FROM ARMAN SAHAKYAN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

