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MONTHLY MAGAZINE "ALONG WITH TIME" CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF "NEW GENERATION" HUMANITARIAN NGO'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE GIVEN MONTH.



On March 4, 2022, training for the outreach workers of HIV prevention programs of New Generation Humanitarian NGO was held on the topic of "Fight against COVID-19 Pandemic and Prevention measures. Effective and Safe Provision of TB and HIV Services during the pandemic". The meeting was attended by the President of the organization Sergey Gabrielyan, the coordinator of HIV prevention programs Artyom Movsesyan, other staff members.

Sergey Gabrielyan, President of the organization, made an opening speech, who highlighted the importance of the continuous capacity building of outreach workers in the process of fighting the epidemic, as a primary link for the vulnerable groups in the processes of service provision and transmitting of information.

The expert of the training was Romella Abovyan, Deputy Director for Epidemiology of the National Center for Infectious Diseases CJSC of the RA Ministry of Health.

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## SUB-GRANT TO NATIONAL TRANS COALITION HUMAN RIGHTS NGO

This sub-grant was provided to National Trans Coalition human rights NGO to implement Increasing the visibility of trans\* people through a multilateral collaboration platform project.

The aim of the project is to increase the visibility of trans\* people among the groups of society providing basic social services.

During the project, a dialogue platform will be implemented between trans\* lawyers, newly established NGO and mass media representatives which will contribute to the strengthening of trans\* specific knowledge and trans\* visibility among the latter.

We congratulate National Trans Coalition human rights NGO with confidence for successful implementation of their project goals and productive cooperation for protection of human rights of LGBTI people, elimination of discrimination and establishment of equality in Armenia.



*National Trans Coalition human rights NGO president Camelia Kandiliani  
New Generation Humanitarian NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan*

## SUB-GRANT TO DIVERCITY NGO

On January 11, 2022, New Generation Humanitarian NGO provided the second sub-grant aimed at the promotion of human rights of LGBTI People, non-discrimination and equality within the framework of Sensitization and Empowerment for Equality project. This sub-grant was provided to DiverCity Social-Cultural and Human Rights Defender NGO to implement Reissuing Equality project.



*DiverCity Social-Cultural and Human Rights Defender NGO president Artak Adam Arakelyan  
New Generation Humanitarian NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan*

The aim of the project is to create a short film, which deals with cases of discrimination and violence against GBTQ+ persons in military commissariats, mental health centers. The film will promote further advocacy actions aimed at establishing the legal status of equality.

The film will address cases of discrimination against GBTQ+ individuals during pre-conscription, identify those cases, conduct fact-finding activities, record them, and promote a discourse on SOGI-based violence. We congratulate DiverCity Social-Cultural and Human Rights Defender NGO with confidence for successful implementation of their project goals and productive cooperation for protection of human rights of LGBTI people, elimination of discrimination and establishment of equality in Armenia.





## MEETING-DISCUSSION OF HIV PROTECTION PROGRAMS STAFF AND REGULAR TRAINING FOR OUTREACH WORKERS WERE HELD

On February 16, 2022, meeting-discussion of the staff of HIV prevention programs of New Generation Humanitarian NGO was held. The meeting was attended by the President of the organization Sergey Gabrielyan, the coordinator of HIV prevention programs Artyom Movsesyan, other staff members.

Representatives of the project administration staff had discussions with the outreach workers on the progress of the projects and results, achievements, shortcomings, obstacles.

The project meeting-discussion was followed by a training course for outreach workers on Outreach work and counseling, which was conducted by the president of the organization, trainer Sergey Gabrielyan. The essence of the outreach work, main goals and objectives, the scope of the provided information were discussed within the framework of the topic. The trainer particularly touched upon the peculiarities of outreach work in the field of HIV and AIDS prevention, the ways of organizing work, the principles and formats of evaluating the work of the outreach worker, the ethics of outreach work.

Both the working meeting and the training were held in an atmosphere of active question-and-answer discussions, with all participants appreciating the importance of such meetings as well as regular training.



## DISCUSSION WITH H.E.M. NICO SCHERMERS, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTIENTIARY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS IN ARMENIA

On February 18, New Generation Humanitarian NGO representatives and beneficiaries had a meeting with H.E.M. Nico Schermers, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands in Armenia.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the challenges and problems that vulnerable groups face in Armenia, shared their individual experiences, once again emphasizing the importance of human rights activism and cooperation for the solution of these problems.

The organization extends thanks to H.E.M. Nico Schermers and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Armenia for the meeting-discussion and constant concern and attention to the problems of vulnerable groups in Armenia as well as valuable support aimed at their solution.



## RECOGNITION OF GENDER IDENTITY IN ARMENIA. MEETING-DISCUSSION

On March 24, 2022, meeting-discussion entitled “Recognition of Gender Identity in Armenia” was held which is organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO within the framework of Ensuring the Right to Healthcare of Trans\* People in Armenia project supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Armenia.

Representatives of the diplomatic, state and public spheres, the trans\* community and the NGOs dealing with the issues of trans\* issues took part in the meeting-discussion.

At the beginning of the meeting, the President of the organization Sergey Gabrielyan made an opening speech, who greeted those present, thanked them for accepting the invitation and wished them a fruitful discussion.

The draft was developed on the basis of discussions with the members of the working group consisting of representatives of the field NGO and trans \* community in Armenia, as well as international experience and recommendations submitted by an international expert.

The meeting was held in an atmosphere of active discussion, the participants mentioned the urgency of the draft law, the possibility of its implementation, agreed to take joint steps to present it to all the stakeholders and adopt it.

Larisa Harutyunyan, the Political and Economic Affairs Policy Officer of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Armenia, also delivered an opening speech. She highlighted the importance of a multilateral cooperation and the draft law as a result which should be passed to the decision-makers through advocacy work.

Then Shushan Khnkoyan, a local expert of the project, made a report, presenting the draft law On Changing the Legal Gender Marker Change with its justifications. The draft law regulates the procedure for changing the gender marker, as well as the procedure for establishing a body responsible for state registration in that process.

## H.E. MR. AMBASSADOR PATRIK SVENSSON'S VISIT TO NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO

On March 17, 2022, H.E. Mr. Patrik Svensson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to Armenia and embassy representative Davit Dilanyan honoured New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) with a visit.

The goal of the meeting was to discuss the issues of the vulnerable groups of Armenia, the existing gaps and possible ways of cooperation for their solution.

The representatives of New Generation Humanitarian NGO presented the activities of the organization aimed at human rights protection and wellbeing of the vulnerable groups in Armenia.

The registered progress and still existing problems and difficulties in the field were also discussed.

H.E. Mr. Patrik Svensson expressed the appreciation of the Embassy of Sweden for the implemented important work and stressed that Sweden, as one of the champions of human rights, equality and healthcare, highly values the full and equal realization of human rights of all vulnerable groups in the country.

New Generation Humanitarian extends its gratitude to the honorable Ambassador and the Embassy of Sweden for always standing by the NGNGO and its beneficiaries and for constant attention and concern about the issues of the vulnerable groups in Armenia.



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION

On January 27, 2022, foreigners T. M. (name was changed), D. H. (name was changed) and A. Sh. (name was changed) applied to New Generation Humanitarian NGO. They were saliva tested for HIV, as a result of which they were found to be positive. The persons were referred to the National Center for Infectious Diseases CJSC of the RA Ministry of Health to undergo further examinations and in case of HIV status confirmation pass into dispensary control and receive treatment. However, the beneficiaries were not provided with necessary medication due to the absence of a residence card in the Republic of Armenia.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO applied to the Ministry of Health, then NCID, with a request to provide the free medical care and treatment as provided for and guaranteed by the State.

As a result of the cooperation, foreign citizens have been involved in treatment and care services.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO expresses its thanks to the Ministry of Health and National Center for Infectious Diseases CJSC of the Republic of Armenia for effective cooperation.

### **Explanation.**

- **Article 3 of the RA Law On Prevention of the disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus.**

The Law applies to citizens of the Republic of Armenia, foreign citizens and stateless persons located on the territory of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as persons), as well as to enterprises, institutions and organizations (regardless of the form of ownership) operating on the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

- **13 clause of № 75-N 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 prescribed patients who have given their consent after receiving relevant information on treatment.**

## **LIFE-19**

### **OFFSITE INFORMATION PLATFORM**



On February 24-25, 2022, LIFE-19 offsite information platform was held within the framework of Sensitization and Empowerment for Equality project for emerging LGBTI activists.

The information platform is aimed at the awareness-raising and capacity building of LGBTI community representatives on the topics of leadership and activism, human rights, stigma and discrimination, enhancing their legal consciousness, acquainting them with the domestic and international human rights protection mechanisms.

Event was started by opening speech of NGNGO president Sergey Gabrielyan, who presented the history of the organization, spheres of its activity and priorities, as well as thanked the participants for their interest and participation.

At the beginning of the information platform, the participants introduced themselves, stating why they want to participate in the information platform and what they expect.

The first day of the information platform was dedicated to the topic of Leadership and Activism. Trainer Sergey Gabrielyan 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.



On the second 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 Lusine Gasparyan 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.

At the end of the platform, the participants were awarded with certificates of participation.



### FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION WITH PARTICIPATION OF THE WORKING GROUP

On February 22, 2022, regular meeting of the working group for the review of the draft law on Legal Recognition of Gender Identity and related documents and beneficiaries was held in the format of a focus group discussion.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan made an opening speech. The latter highlighted the

importance of the contribution of the participants of the meeting-discussion in the process of productive amendments and updates to the law drafts.

The goals of the drafts were presented by the local expert Shushan Khnkoyan. The participants were introduced to the requirements for legal recognition of gender proposed by the draft law, after which the international experience was presented: the Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Scotland.

A number of provisions established by the draft were presented. Different opinions were expressed by the participants on those provisions.

The issue of formation, activity and powers of the authorized body envisaged for the change of the gender marker was presented. The practice in other countries was discussed.

The results of the focus group discussion will help the national and international experts to improve the drafts and to adapt it to the needs of the trans\* community in Armenia.



## NGNGO OUTREACH WORKERS CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THEIR CONSULTATIVE SKILLS

On March 15-16 , 2022, the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia (NCID) 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 key populations, in this case outreach workers, strengthen their

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 to detect and control it in a timely manner.

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 first day was a good opportunity for the participants to share their personal experience with the others. Through role-playing games, outreach workers strengthened their knowledge and learned how to behave in different situations. Through teamwork, they identified the stages involved in outreach work in practice. The events of the day were facilitated by Naira Sergeyana, monitoring and evaluation specialist of the programs of the Global Fund of the RA Ministry of Health.

The second day was dedicated to strengthening more theoretical knowledge. The training was continued by NCID employee Marine Asryan, who continued the training speaking about outreach work, the basic principles, and skills of HIV counseling, as well as the specifics of counseling in case of different test results.

Then, NCID employee Zori Mikayelyan spoke about social-psychological counseling skills and techniques.

Together with NCID doctor Tamara Hovsepyan, the participants discovered the peculiarities of self-testing, learned the testing technique, the correct interpretation of the research results. Astghik Davidyan, NCID doctor, spoke about the peculiarities of counseling on TB, and Lilit Margaryan, a doctor at the National Center for Addiction Treatment of the RA Ministry of Health.

At the end of the course the participants received certificates.



# ICAN

## EDUCATIONAL PLATFORM WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD

From March 29 to April 1, 2022, 4-day I CAN (community, action, networking) education platform for LGBTI people took place, organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO.

The aim of the course was to develop the capacity of LGBTI people by providing knowledge on topics such as the design and management of grant programs, HIV / AIDS prevention and the importance of testing, sexuality, trafficking, promoting their legal awareness on human rights, stigma and discrimination, Taking into account that the platform was attended by representatives of the community, who at different times stood out with their social activism,

special attention was paid to assessing the needs of the community and identifying problems through active discussions and workshops.

On the first day of the training, the participants started with an introduction, then their expectations and fears related to the educational platform were collected, after which rules were made for all the days of the training. After presenting the agenda, after a number of teamworks, the trainer Sergey Gabrielyan presented the peculiarities of leadership, then Hmayak Avetisyan presented the topic of burn-out and how to overcome.

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On the third day of the educational platform, Lusine Gasparyan, a legal expert, presented the topic of Human Rights, during which the topics of stigma, discrimination and torture were also discussed.

Sergey Gabrielyan continued the part of the trainings on HIV and AIDS prevention, during which the peculiarities of HIV / AIDS, the ways of transmission, the methods of prevention and the importance of testing were discussed. In the second half of the day, Hmayak Avetisyan presented the topic of Sexuality.

At the end of the day, Lilit Antonyan, the representative of the US Embassy in Armenia joined the platform and spoke about Trafficking.



On the last day of the platform, the trainings were summarized, then the needs assessment of the LGBTI community was organized in separate groups and the issues of LGBTI people in Armenia were discussed. All the collected information was summarized and completed during the plenary session.

The educational platform was held in an atmosphere of active discussions, questions and answers, including theoretical-practical exercises, workshops, teamwork.

All participants were awarded with certificates.



## LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR TRANS\* AND NON-BINARY PEOPLE

From March 29 to April 1, 2022, a four-day Leadership School was held in Tsakhkadzor for trans\* and non-binary people organized by the New Generation humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual

Diversity (ECOM) within the framework of the "Trans\* Map in EECA" project.

The goal of the Leadership School is to promote the engagement of trans\* people in the decision-making process related to HIV.

The school was designed to develop and strengthen the capabilities of trans\* and non-binary activists in Armenia, as well as to create opportunities for trained persons to further disseminate their knowledge among other trans\* and non-binary friends and beneficiaries, were invited to lead schools of further leadership as equal consultants and trainers. In the process of organizing and implementing the school, member organizations of Armenian Trans\* People Working Group also actively participated and plan to conduct courses in the same format also among their beneficiary groups, creating a trans\* movement.

President of the New Generation Humanitarian NGO Sergey Gabrielyan had an opening speech of the leadership school, the work and the retraining process were facilitated by the national coordinator of the “Trans\* Map in EECA” project, a member of the expert group on the development of the course module Hmayak Avetisyan.

Before proceeding to the series of the courses, the participants got acquainted, told about their activity, raised their expectations and concerns, rules were worked out, a team-building exercise was organized so that further work would go more naturally.

The school was held in the format of active discussions, exchanges of experience, questions and answers, during which participants themselves prepared and presented topics based on pre-provided materials and a training module.

During the 4-day active and intensive work, the participants developed their leadership skills, got acquainted with national mechanisms and tools related to HIV,



decision-making process and structures, studied adaptation methods aimed at working with government agencies, community mobilization and prevention of stigma and discrimination based on gender identity, discussed issues of pathologization, internalized transphobia, trans\* activism and health, and formed a coaching team, which expressed readiness to further organize and get involved in the processes of stimulating leadership in the trans\* community.

The participants were awarded with certificates.

Leadership schools and courses designed for the trans\* community will be continuous, and trained trans\* and non-binary persons will be involved as trainers, facilitators and organizers for such events.

## PRESENTATION OF A DRAFT LAW TO THE WORKING GROUP AND BENEFICIARIES

On March 10, 2022, regular meeting of the working group for the review of the draft law on Legal Recognition of Gender Marker and related documents was held with participation of working group members and trans\* community representatives.

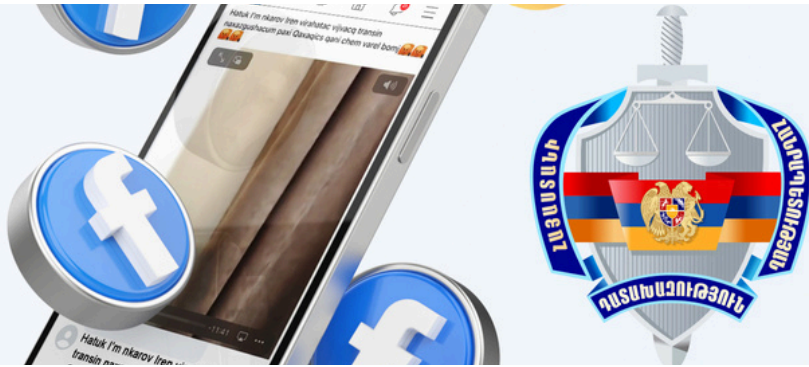
The local expert Shushan Khnkoyan presented to the working group members and trans\* community representatives the finalized draft law which was improved, amended and developed based on the best international practice and results of the focus group discussion conducted among the working group.

The participants raised concerned issues and got answers to their questions.

**The finalized draft law will be presented to all the stakeholders.**



# DECISION MADE BY THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE RA POLICE WAS APPEALED BY IN THE ORDER OF EXCELLENCE



On March 9, 2022, New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) applied to the RA Police at the request to launch relevant legal process on the case of the statements made live on the Facebook social network on March 6, 2022.

On March 29, 2022, the NGNGO received the decision of H. Gasparyan, Senior Investigator of the Central Division of the Yerevan City Department of the RA Police. The investigator decided to reject the initiation of a criminal case was on the grounds of lack of corpus delicti.

NGNGO appealed the above-mentioned decision to the RA Prosecutor's Office in the order of excellence.

The Organization will provide additional coverage on the process.

## The pre-history of the case

On March 6, 2022 at about 18: 20 a user named "Helen Helen Hakobovna" had a live broadcast on his page on the Facebook social network, during which, in addition to numerous insults, he voiced public calls for violence, in particular, he threatened to burn homosexual persons. The user openly declared his intention to commit physical acts, and also voiced calls for violence.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO submitted a report on the crime to the RA Police.

The Yerevan Police Department of the RA informed in a reply letter that the report of the NGNGO was sent to the Central Department of the Yerevan City Police Department to resolve the investigation.

## Clarification

### Article 226.2 of the RA Criminal code

Public calls, public justification or propaganda on violence conditioned by the gender, race, skin color, ethnic or social origin, genetic characteristics, language, religion, worldview, political or other views, ethnic minority, property status, birth, disability, age or other personal or social circumstances of a person or group of persons, if the features of the crimes provided for in Part 4 of Article 225, Articles 226, 226.1, 301, 385, 397.1 are missing, shall be punished by a fine in the amount of fifty-hundred fold to hundred and fifty-hundred of the minimum salary or by detention for a term of maximum two months or by imprisonment for a term of maximum a year.

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## “INFORMED AND PROTECTED.”

On March 29-30, 2022, training

was held for MSM by New Generation Humanitarian NGO.

The goal of the training was to raise the awareness of MSM about the importance of HIV prevention and testing, HIV prevention methods, ways of transmission, as well as to enhance their legal awareness by providing knowledge in the field of the right to health, the right to be free from stigma and discrimination.

The experts of the training were Sergey Gabrielyan, the president of New Generation Humanitarian NGO and legal expert Lusine Gasparyan, lawyer of the same organization.

On the first day of the training, the participants were introduced to each other, then trainer Sergey Gabrielyan presented the topic “The importance of HIV prevention and testing”, giving detailed information about HIV and AIDS, , transmission ways, and prevention methods.

On the second day of the training, lawyer Lusine Gasparyan introduced the topic of the Right to Health”, presenting the mechanisms of domestic and international protection, the rights of RA citizens to health, the RA Law “on medical aid and services”, the RA Law “on Prevention of the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus”, the rights and obligations of people living with HIV.

Next the expert presented the topic of Stigma and Discrimination”, presenting the definition of stigma and discrimination, manifestations and types of discrimination, domestic and international legislation prohibiting discrimination.

The training went on in an atmosphere of active discussions, questions and answers, including theoretical lectures and practical workshops, team exercises.

On September 10, 2021, a series of training courses entitled Aware and Protected was launched within the framework of HIV Prevention in Armenia project implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO. The aim of the trainings is to develop the capacities of HIV-vulnerable groups in the areas of sexuality, leadership, HIV prevention, right to health, to promote the development of safe sexual behavior about HIV among the beneficiaries, and their engagement in decision-making processes.

**On April 15, 2022, a regular training was held for 30 MSM beneficiaries.**

On the first part of the training trainer-expert Levon Chilingaryan presented the topic of HIV prevention and the importance of testing. He spoke about the HIV infection, ways of transmission, methods of HIV testing.

As a result of the discussions, the participants realized the importance of developing safe sexual behavior against HIV, as well as the importance of regular testing.

The training was continued by the organization's lawyer Shushan Khnkoyan, who presented the topic of Right to Health.

She spoke about the human rights while receiving health support and services, types of services of free medical care guaranteed by the state, rights and responsibilities of health support and service providers, as well as the RA Law on Preventing the Disease Caused by HIV.

The training course was held in a warm atmosphere, the participants had the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and get full answers.



## FIRST SEX WORKERS AND TRANS\* PEOPLE NATIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD

On April 14, 2022, the first sex workers and trans\* people national conference took place in Yerevan, bringing together many participants from all over Armenia.

This year, the conference was dedicated to identifying the needs of Armenian sex worker and trans\* communities in the healthcare sector, identifying problems, and finding ways to address them through the eyes of community representatives.

The first part of the conference was dedicated to the discussion of HIV prevention services and programs in Armenia, the progress of programs, gaps, and how to address them. Hasmik Harutyunyan, the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Program Coordination Group Manager, and Naira Sergeyanyan, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and representatives of RA Ministry of Health, were invited to participate in the discussion. The discussion was facilitated by

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Sergey Gabrielyan, President of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, and Camelia Kandiliani, the President of National Trans Coalition human rights NGO.

The participants actively discussed the services provided in the field of HIV, talked about the quantity and quality of preventive materials, the availability of services, the problems that arose, the vision to solve them and many other issues. After listening to the opinions, concerns and suggestions of the participants, the representative of the RA Ministry of Health Hasmik Harutyunyan presented in detail the implemented works and improvements, gave answers to many worrying questions.

In the second part, the participants talked about the COVID-19 epidemic and its effects on the sex workers and trans\* communities. The role of the community-based non-governmental organizations and their assistance provided to the vulnerable groups in mitigating the effects of the epidemic was also highly appreciated by the participants.

The last session was facilitated by Hmayak Avetisyan, New Generation Humanitarian NGO Capacity Building Coordinator, Member of the Armenian Trans\* People Working Group, Member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Armenia (CCM), who spoke on the decision-making process and the importance of the community engagement. A number of issues were discussed, which were proposed to be presented during the regular CCM session.

Some of the participants expressed a desire to be involved in the next CCM session as participants.

The conference was organized at the initiative and by the efforts of 3 member organizations of the Armenian Trans\* People Working Group within the framework of the "Trans Map in EECA" project – New Generation Humanitarian NGO, National Trans Coalition human rights NGO, Fearless human rights NGO.

The first sex workers and trans\* people national conference was held in a very active atmosphere of discussions and questions and answers. The participants were given the opportunity to talk about their problems, to offer solutions independently.