

WORLD AIDS DAY 2025



TRANSFORMING THE AIDS RESPONSE

On December 1, 2025, New Generation Humanitarian NGO marked World AIDS Day through a series of impactful events aimed at strengthening Armenia's HIV response, promoting community engagement, and raising public awareness under the global theme **“Overcoming Disruption – Transforming the AIDS Response.”**

Roundtable Discussion: Strengthening Partnerships and Evidence-Based Action

The day opened with a formal roundtable discussion, welcoming representatives from state bodies, diplomatic missions, international organizations, and civil society.

Honored guests included:

- **H.E. Mr. Olivier Decottignies, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Armenia**
- **H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Berthon, Special Ambassador of France for LGBT+ Rights**
- **H.E. Mrs. Eva Sundquist, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to Armenia**
- **Mr. Maxime Longangué, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan, Armenia**
- **Mr. Vaclav Sterba, Deputy Head of Cooperation of the European Union to Armenia**
- **Mrs. Inessa Asmangulyan, Global Fund Program Coordination Team Manager, Ministry of Health of Armenia**



Representatives of the Standing Committee on Health Care, National Assembly, Ministry of Health, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Country Coordinating Mechanism of Armenia, U.S. and Canadian Embassies, WHO, UNHCR, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Médecins du Monde, MSF, Armenian Red Cross Society, and many local and international partners also participated in the event.

In his opening remarks, NGNGO President Sergey Gabrielian emphasized the moral responsibility shared by all actors in the fight against AIDS:



*“Each of us today bears a responsibility
—to choose the person, not the stigma.”*

H.E. Mr. Olivier Decottignies, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Armenia, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of unity and collective action in strengthening the AIDS response.



“It is the day that matters more than ever. HIV and AIDS remain a global threat. France's commitment to fight the epidemic is longstanding. France is a founding member of the Global Fund. Together with partner stakeholders we have achieved great results. Yet there are still challenges, with declining financial aids the fight against HIV shall be evolving. The active role of Armenian societies is also very important in raising awareness and finding solutions”.



Siranush Martoyan, doctor-epidemiologist at the Epidemiological Surveillance and Consultation Department of the National Center for Infectious Diseases of the Ministry

of Health of Armenia, presented HIV prevention, treatment, and care in Armenia — the results, achievements and the challenges.

Next, participants engaged in a meaningful and urgent conversation on the latest epidemiological trends, growing obstacles in HIV prevention, and the need to transform Armenia's national response.

A major concern raised during the discussion was the upcoming discontinuation of Global Fund support for HIV programs after 2027, which creates serious obstacles and raises significant concerns regarding the sustainability of HIV-related services currently provided to vulnerable groups.

Community representatives and experts stressed that:

- Without strong national commitment and stable financing, past achievements risk being reversed.
- Key populations remain disproportionately affected by stigma, access barriers, and service gaps.
- Ensuring uninterrupted prevention, testing, and treatment is vital to protecting public health.

The roundtable reaffirmed that overcoming disruption requires bold decisions, innovative service delivery, and long-term investments.

Sergey Gabrielian's closing words resonated strongly with participants:

"We cannot change the pains of the past, but we can prevent the losses of the future. We cannot bring back those who left too soon, but we can protect those who are with us now.

This fight is not only about strategies. It is about dignity... No one should ever be left alone."

Film Screening & Discussion



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“120 Battements par Minute”

Later in the day, NGNGO hosted a community film screening of the award-winning “120 Beats per Minute.”

The film offered a powerful artistic portrayal of activism, loss, and solidarity during the early AIDS crisis.

Following the screening, participants took part in an open discussion on the importance of community-driven movements, the ongoing fight against stigma, and the need for human-centered HIV policies.

The discussion emphasized that solidarity and collective action remain essential for overcoming the disruptions that threaten progress.



World AIDS Day 2025 reaffirmed New Generation Humanitarian NGO's dedication to:

- Expanding HIV prevention, testing, and services
- Supporting people living with HIV and other key populations
- Promoting human rights and stigma-free healthcare
- Strengthening cooperation with national and international partners

This year's theme reminds us that despite financial, political, or structural challenges, we can overcome disruptions and transform the AIDS response—together.

New Generation Humanitarian NGO remains committed to building an inclusive, informed, and resilient society where every person—regardless of their identity, social status, or health condition—lives a dignified, non-discriminatory, safe life with equal opportunities



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The WAD-2025 events were organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Embassy of France in Armenia.



One of the annual key activities of New Generation Humanitarian NGO for World AIDS Day is an information and awareness-raising campaign conducted across both online and offline platforms. This year, NGNGO once again joined the UNAIDS awareness campaign, creating banners and publications dedicated to the day and its theme:

OVERCOMING DISRUPTION: TRANSFORMING THE AIDS RESPONSE.



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