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## STATISTIC DATA


Representatives of MSM, LGBT, sex worker and PWID communities of Armenia were provided HIV testing services during May-June 2019 in the scope of HIV Prevention programs

In May-June **78** legal consultations were provided by NGNGO.

Court representation of **6** people: criminal cases in pretrial and trial stages.

Examination of **2** administrative cases at RA Administrative Court

Examination of **2** civil cases at Yerevan Court of General Jurisdiction

 **748** Tested beneficiaries

 **18** New HIV positive cases

 **7** Taken under follow-up care

Monthly magazine "Along with Time" contains comprehensive description of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO's activities during the given month.



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May 17th is celebrated annually around the world as the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

Each year on this day New Generation Humanitarian NGO organizes different events: flash mobs, meeting-discussions, press releases and conferences to mark this special day of fighting discrimination against LGBTI people and bring the public attention to the issues and problems of this people.

This year's IDAHOBIT event was held in the form of closed door discussion due to the recent escalation of SOGI-based discrimination in Armenia, protest marches, threats and calls for violence against LGBTI people and their allies.

The topic of the closed door discussion was Human Rights Protection in the Context of Prohibition of Discrimination.

Representatives of Diplomatic Missions in Armenia, international organizations, state agencies, RA Human Rights Defender's (Ombudsman's) office, lawyers, attorneys, human rights defenders and activists.

Sergey Gabrielyan, President of New Generation Humanitarian NGO opened the meeting with a speech.

Next, the representatives of the diplomatic missions present at the meeting made their welcoming speeches and confirmed the commitment of their missions to help and support at their best the elimination of stigma and discrimination in the Armenian society.

The speakers of the meeting spoke about the manifestations of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in Armenia during the recent year, in particular the surge of intolerance, hate speech and violence, hate-spreading public events against New Generation Humanitarian NGO in relation to hosting the LGBTI Christian Forum of Eastern Europe and Central Asia in Armenia in 2018, the hate speech and threats against transgender woman who made a speech at the National Assembly of Armenia on April 2019, the violent attack on LGBTI people in Shurnukh village, also criminal cases of LGBTI people were discussed.

he health and legislative issues of the field and possible ways of their solution were also discussed.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed to collect all the suggestions made at the meeting, to combine them into one package and submit to state and international institutions.

At the request of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, the Embassy of the Argentine Republic in Armenia raised the diversity flag as a sign of solidarity and protection of human rights of LGBTI people on May 21, 2019.

The Ministry of Justice of Armenia refused to participate in the conference and the deputy minister of Labor and Social Affairs canceled her participation 30 minutes before the event.

It is very sad to get such response from the ministries as regulation of existing problems and issues can only be achieved through dialogue.

The date of May 17th was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. Now – 29 years later many states of the world have improved their mechanisms of fighting homophobia, biphobia and transphobia creating a safe space for LGBTI people free from hatred and violence.

The prevalence of intolerance, hatred and violence against LGBTI people in Armenia continues to remain a serious imperative for human rights organizations, human rights defenders and activists and also for the Armenian government and society.

LGBTI people are subjected to discrimination everywhere and are used by various organizations, individuals and political figures as source for manipulations, arousing disturbances and discords in the society, and for propaganda against European and Western values.





# YOUTH EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ARMENIA AND GERMANY



On June 10-16, 2019 the youth exchange between Armenian and German youth workers took place in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany in the scope of cooperation between New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) and Bavarian Youth Council (BJR).

Representatives of different youth NGOs, municipalities of Armenia and Germany dealing with the issues of Armenian youth, ensuring their participation in cultural life, recreation and other fields took part in the youth exchange from the Republic of Armenia



During the exchange the Armenian participants visited the Youth NGOs of Germany and got to know with their work and activities. They also visited the Bavarian State Parliament (Bavarian Landtag) where they met and discussed youth issues with the members of Bavarian parliament. The youth exchange also included many cultural and study trips in the city of Munich and Bavarian villages. The participants also had a chance to visit Salzburg city of Austria.

In an active and enthusiastic atmosphere the participants of the youth exchange drafted and developed the plan and schedule of further activities and future co-visits.

At the end of exchange program which includes internships and many other visits to Germany and Armenia, the participants will have the opportunity to draft and implement youth projects in Armenia aimed at development and promotion of the youth work in the country.



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On June 3, 2019, the subsequent trial session on NGNGO beneficiary transgender person S.P.'s criminal case took place at Avan Residence of Yerevan Court of General Jurisdiction.

NGNGO attorney Ara Gharagozyan filed a petition to replace S.P.'s detention with a signature bond as preventive measure. R. Manukyan, the prosecutor on the case had no objection to the petition, as he stated that the accused had displayed good behavior during the investigation of the case. As a result Judge H. Manukyan satisfied the defense lawyer's petition and the preventive measure of S.P. was replaced from detention into signature bond. Thus S. P. was released at the courtroom.

NGNGO attorney Ara Gharagozyan noted that this was an expected decision that should have been made long ago as his defendant S. P. had been held in detention illegally. The attorney had previously filed a petition on replacing the preventive measure of detention with a bail as well. The petition was satisfied by the court but S. P. remained in detention as he couldn't afford to pay the assigned amount of bail

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**NGNGO** president Sergey Gabrielyan is convinced that this only the beginning of achievements and New Generation Humanitarian NGO will be consistent in pursuit of fair trial of each of their beneficiaries' cases and in pursuit of exclusion of discrimination. Prehistory of the case.

Transgender women A.A., S.P. and A.S. were at Zakyan Street in Yerevan when A.Z. approached them in black BMW car. The girl sitting on the car's passenger seat took photos of transgender women and swore at them. The latter swore back. A. Z. got out of the car and hit S.P., then attacked A.S. and tried to choke her. Afterwards A. Z. and R.H. sat back into the car and drove away. Later police officers arrived at the place. As a result S. P. was included in the case as accused instead of victim. On September 22, 2017 criminal case was launched against trans people by Article 258 (4) of RA Criminal Code. S. P. was subjected to cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and torture during his detention. These crimes were also reported by the attorney.

S.P. was hold in detention for about two years.

## LIFE 9 TRAINING OF ACTIVISTS ON LEADERSHIP



LIFE 9 training of activists on leadership, volunteerism and inclusion of volunteers in the National programme on the Response to HIV was held on March 27-29, 2019.

The goal of the training is to introduce the activists to the importance of the work of volunteers and how they can contribute to HIV Prevention in Armenia.

During the three-day course, the training participants were presented the following topics:

- Volunteers as beneficiaries of the National Programme on the Response to HIV
- Volunteers as leaders and partners of the National Programme on the Response to HIV
- The importance of volunteers involvement in the National Programme on the Response to HIV

In the scope of the above mentioned topics, the training participants discussed the role and importance of volunteers in the fight against HIV and AIDS, the participants awareness of HIV and AIDS, who are the key populations, the means and methods of HIV and AIDS Prevention, RA legislation on the topic,

three-lens approach to youth, volunteer participation, inclusion of volunteers as beneficiaries, leaders and partners in the program, three methods and approaches to HIV-related service provision.

As a follow up to the training, the trained participants will have an opportunity to conduct trainings themselves, share their knowledge with other active people interested in volunteering and contribution to the response to HIV in Armenia.

The trainer of the training was Mariam Muradyan, CRG working group coordinator.

