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PRESENTATION OF THE "HEALTH IS POSSIBLE TO BUY IF RESOURCES ARE INVESTED" PROJECT



On June 8, 2016 the "Health is possible to buy if resources are invested" project was presented at "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO's office. The aim of the meeting was to familiarize the participants with the details of the project, as well as to establish collaboration among stakeholder organizations and individuals.

The target groups of the project are men who have sex with men and transgender people. Within the framework of the project need assessment of target groups and advocacy activities will be carried out aimed at facilitating the access of target groups to HIV related services.

In Armenia the project will be implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO and "Right Side" NGO.

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YOUTH FOCUSES ON EQUALITY AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION: INTERNATIONAL TRAINING IN ARMENIA

On July 08-10, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO together with Georgian "Droni" Youth Association organized a 3-day workshop-training in Yerevan on the topic of "Youth Against Discrimination" within the framework of "The development of active citizenship of minority youth and their involvement in decision-making processes" program. The program was a Youth project funded by the European Youth Foundation through the European Minority Youth Network.



On the first day participants of the workshop explored anti discrimination policies and equality in social life as an important part for minority youth in decision-making processes. In the second part of the first day participants visited Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Armenia, where they got acquainted about works and goals of the Department of the Ministry of Youth. The participants mostly were asking questions about the projects of the Ministry with European countries. They were



also interested in projects and events that the Ministry initiates in the scope of anti-discrimination, citizenship and decision making.

During the second day of meeting there were discussions about the participation of minority youth: Values and significance. With interactive methods and different performances participants raised the problems with what the problem could be acquainted closely. An important theme for the 2nd day was also the prohibition of discrimination as a guarantee of equal protection of human rights and insurance for active participation and citizenship. Around this theme, participants were studying types and grounds of discrimination in Georgia and in Armenia. Participants were acquainted with international experience by different thesis, through which developed the skills, which they have got in prevention of discrimination.

During the 3rd day the president of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO Sergey Gabrielyan introduced the participants, project design and management skills. The skills, which they have got during the training were used in the end of the day presenting four

different local projects (2 Georgian and 2 Armenian). The main focus of the proposed small projects were domestic violence and discrimination towards the LGBTI people in both countries. In the end of the training participants were acknowledged about the small grants to be provided for all the projects to be implemented on a local level.

In the very end of the training the participants received participation certificates.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION



Human resources management, resource mobilization, mechanisms, roles and responsibilities of resource mobilization, resource and funds mapping are the main topics covered during the training designed for the participant organizations of the USAID-funded organizational development program.

The goal of the project is to provide technical assistance to enhance the sustained managerial and financial operations of local NGOs who provide HIV and AIDs care and treatment and otherwise serve the at-risk IDU and MSM populations.

The representatives of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO also took part in the training to explore current issues of strategic importance that exist in Armenia.





TRAINING COURSE FOR 11 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 7 TERRITORIAL MILITARY REGISTRATION AND ENLISTMENT OFFICES FROM YEREVAN



“New Generation” Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia conducted “Awareness of issues of vulnerable groups and prohibition of discrimination” three-day training, which was designed for 11 representatives of 7 Territorial Military Registration and Enlistment Offices from Yerevan.

During the three days the participants discussed main concepts, definitions, history, generations of human rights, familiarized with international and in-state laws, international legal documents, observed types and protected grounds of discrimination, and learnt about state obligations in the fight against discrimination. They also discussed causes and means for prevention of human rights violations of vulnerable groups, such as religious, sexual, ethnic minorities and women in the Armed Forces.

On the last day of the training the participants tried to identify main manifestations and spheres of discrimination. According to their discussion discrimination is mainly displayed in force structures, educational and judiciary systems. Referring to reasons of

discrimination, they singled out the following factors: stereotypes, law level of awareness, absence of the political will and legislative gaps. To struggle discrimination they emphasized the importance of the control over the application of the law and frequent initiation of awareness raising events.

Within the framework of the “Reinforcement of legislative mechanisms regarding protection of rights of vulnerable groups for rule of law” similar trainings were previously organized for lawyers/attorneys, human rights defenders, journalists, representatives of Criminal-Executive Institutions and psychiatric centers from 10 regions of Armenia and Yerevan.

FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, TOLERANCE AND PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION



“New Generation” Humanitarian NGO started “Human rights, tolerance and prohibition of discrimination” training in Armavir region aimed increasing the level of awareness of the active youth, representatives of state and non-profit institutions and journalists on human rights, prevalence of discrimination, freedom of speech and hate speech.

Project Coordinator Nare Hovhannisyan is hopeful that the training will help to make our country a better place for all through achieving democracy which is the base of any legal society.



The first day of the training was dedicated to the introduction of general concepts and history of human rights; general idea on UN and Human Rights Universal Declaration; differences between European Union and Council of Europe. It was accompanied by interactive games and discussions. Group discussions helped to understand the fundamentals of human rights international documents through comparison.

THE FIRST MEETING OF "HEALTH IS POSSIBLE TO BUY IF RESOURCES ARE INVESTED" PROJECT'S FIRST MEETING WITH MSM



The working group, created within "Health is possible to buy if resources are invested" project, underlined the importance of resources available for men who have sex with men and transgender people and provision of services at the first meeting of the project.

After introducing goals and primary objectives of the project the facilitators developed major tools of the upcoming events with the participants, as well as discussed some actual issues that exist among MSMs in Armenia.

They also marked out conditions and obstacles of protection of life and health, prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections,

HIV testing, HIV medical treatment and suspension of viruses.

The target groups of the project are MSM and transgender people. Within the framework of the project need assessment of target groups and advocacy activities will be carried out aimed at facilitating the access of target groups to HIV-related services.

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EVERYONE'S RIGHTS SHOULD BE PROTECTED IN ARMENIA: TRAINING IN ARMAVIR



Within the framework of the "Human rights for diversity and equality" project "Human rights, tolerance and prohibition of discrimination" training was successfully conducted in Armavir. The project is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO. During the training participants got basic knowledge and practical skills on human rights, freedom of speech, hate speech and prohibition of discrimination. While talking about freedom of speech, they unanimously agreed that pluralism is the cornerstone of a democratic society. The goal of the training was to increase the level of awareness of the active youth, representatives from state and non-



profit institutions and journalists from Armavir region on human rights, tolerance, discrimination, freedom of speech and hate speech. It was accompanied by interactive games, discussions and role-playing games.

Project expert Haykuhi Harutyunyan informed that we need to work with young people from regions constantly to fill the gap which exists, since we can achieve tolerance only after the revolution of people's mind.

– The history of developed countries shows that democratic developments were inevitably successful only because of the revolution of people's mind. Force, weapons, violence were temporarily able to suppress the public, but the change of public attitude and mindset has been able to conquer even the strongest power. Today we do not carry weapons and do not go out to the streets but we are trying to create an environment of revolution of mindset where the man recognizes and relies on his strengths as a citizen of the state and as a member of the society. Of course, this is an incredibly difficult and long-term job, and can succeed only through consistency. Any difference between me and the members of the same society, which results in a distinguished treatment and discrimination, is a problem. It diverts the public attention from society's actual problems, thus decentralizes real and substantive issues that need to be part of the public agenda. Such change of mindset will surely result in the formation of demandable attitude towards the solution of not illusory, but real issues of the society, and in forming responsibility alike. We urgently need revolution of minds, thus every effort and support directed to it are more than welcomed and appreciated. If we continue our initiatives and efforts, we will definitely reach real democracy and will build a legal state.

Project expert Artur Makaryan stated that all the topics discussed at the training were important and targeted to create democratic values.

– Public interest and willingness of participation in similar projects is highly demonstrated especially in regions. I would like to particularly emphasize that young participants were thinking about more democratic country and educated society, though I can't say the same about the older generation: they are restricted to non-democratic way of thinking and judgment. Our main achievement was the definition of human rights given by the participants at the end of the training.

Project coordinator Nare Hovhannisyan ensured that the project will have continuation because the Organization has adopted a policy of educating and informing the public.

– This training was the 6th regional meeting within the framework of the project. The main similarity of the meetings is that the participants objectively assess group discussion on cases of human rights violations and discrimination, but in reality they are unwilling to perceive attitudes beyond stereotypes and prejudice. Maybe it was difficult but we came to a common conclusion that all of us should leave aside our subjective perceptions and achieve the desired reality, where everyone's rights are protected. The change of public perception and attitude will be difficult to achieve, thus we need to work constantly.





**THE SENIOR ADVISOR OF
NORWEGIAN HELSINKI COMMITTEE
AT “NEW GENERATION”
HUMANITARIAN NGO**



On August 9, 2016 «New Generation» Humanitarian NGO hosted Lene Wetteland – the senior adviser of Norwegian Helsinki Committee. In the center of the discussion of the representatives from two organizations were human rights issues, RA legislation, politics and human right defender organizations as well as the events that took place in the Republic of Armenia from July 17th to 31st.

Has been presented A comprehensive information about “Human rights for diversity and equality” program which is financed by the Norwegian Helsinki Committee was presented, during which the coordinator Nare Hovhannisyan talked about some results of the program and also introduced the list of future events.

The lawyer of the organization Arthur Makaryan assured that within the project such topics as gender issues, violence towards women, LGBT rights are being referred and massive steps are being taken towards advocacy.

The president of the organization Sergey Gabrielyan not only represented the workflow

within the frames of “Human rights for diversity and equality” project but also talked about the created situation in Armenia and how it does affect human fundamental rights.

Lene Wetteland expressed her concerns about the situation occurred, adding that Norwegian Helsinki Committee condemned the harassment and violence by the police against the demonstrators, journalists and human rights defenders.

The senior advisor of Helsinki Committee expressed her gratitude upon the actions made within the frames of “Human rights for diversity and equality” project and convinced that the existing issues in Armenia need a speedy conclusion.

**THIRD MEETING IN THE FRAMES OF
«HEALTH CAN BE BOUGHT, IF
THERE’S BUDGET PROVIDED»
PROJECT TOOK PLACE.**



It’s already two months that both «New Generation Humanitarian» NGO with its partner NGO «Rights Side» are realizing the project called «Health can be bought, if there’s budget provided». There have already been meetings of 3 different groups focusing on men who have sex with men and providing the accessibility of goods and services for



transgender people, as well as advantages and possible difficulties while having them.

On the third day of the meeting the participants mentioned all the advantages and disadvantages they face during the process of getting those goods and services.

During the meeting participants also marked out most essential goods out from the prior goods of the past two meetings.

By these meetings, participants carried out evaluation of target groups' needs, organized advocacy events, aiming to facilitate the

accessibility of HIV services for MSM and transgender people.

This project is financed by The Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Eurasian Coalition on Male Health and The Network of people living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and target groups are transgender people and men who have sex with men. Further evaluation of target groups' needs and advocacy events are planned, aiming to facilitate the accessibility of HIV services for MSM and transgender people.

TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITIES OF THE NGOS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF HIV PREVENTION



Representatives of “New Generation” took part in a training aimed at increasing productivity of the included organizations. The training is initiated by Business Support Armenia.

The participants during the 2 days will learn more about partnership building skills, as well as the features and importance of working on the online platform.

The NGO representatives shared the experience of the Organization in the field of HIV prevention with the participants.