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On July 22, 2018, at the invitation of "New Generation" Humanitarian Non-Governmental Organization (hereinafter referred to as NGNGO), the staff of the Bavarian Youth Council (hereinafter referred to as BJR Staff) arrived in Yerevan from Germany. The main purpose of the visit was to discuss the existing youth issues and needs in Armenia, to share experiences and find ways of cooperation.

For guests visiting Armenia, a number of meetings, discussions and cognitive visits have been pre-arranged by the NGNGO.

On July 23, 2018, the BJR staff was hosted at the NGNGO office; they got acquainted with NGNGO's current and implemented programs and activities. The representatives of both organizations voiced their concerns, presented their proposals and outlined the framework for further cooperation.

In the afternoon, the guests first had meeting-discussion with the representatives of the Armenia's "Heinrich Boyle" Foundation of the South Caucasus and then with the representatives of German Embassy in Armenia.

On July 24, 2018, a visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial and Museum was organized for guests where they laid flowers and paid tribute to the memory of 1.5 million innocent victims of Armenian Genocide.





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In the second half of the day a meeting was held between Deputy Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Armenia Kristine Asatryan, Head of Youth Policy Department Tamara Torosyan, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO and BJR Staff. The main purpose of the meeting was to involve both NGOs and state bodies in solving youth problems.

The meeting with representatives of the Armenian Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs was followed by a meeting with youth NGOs operating in Armenia. During this meeting representatives of NGOs presented to the guests the main problems and constraints encountered in the Republic of Armenia. BJR staff representatives presented their experiences in Bavaria and offered solutions to problems.

On July 25, 2018, a cognitive visit to Khor Virap monastic complex was launched. Then the guests returned to Yerevan, visited the Parajanov House-Museum and Matenadaran.



On July 26, 2018, representatives of the NGNGO and BJR visited Sevanavank, and then NGNGO organized a reception on the shores of Lake Sevan. Next, a visit to Haghartsin monastic complex in Tavush province of Armenia took place.



At the end of the day the BJR staff was again hosted at the NGNGO office, where a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Organizations, the President of the NGNGO Sergey Gabrielyan and the President of the Youth Council of the Bavarian District Mathias Fack.

Within the framework of the Memorandum 3 members of the NGNGO Staff will visit the Federal Republic of Germany to strengthen already established cooperation and get acquainted with Germany's experience.



Memorandum of understanding

The two organizations

- "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO; Yerevan, Armenia), represented by president Sergey Gabrielyan
- Bavarian Youth Council (BJR; Bavaria, Germany), represented by president Matthias Fack


met from July 22-27, 2018 in Yerevan as part of delegation program to discuss their strategy for a future cooperation. Both sides confirm, that they enrich each other by sharing their experiences and competences to build up a strong and sustainable youth policy as well as structures that allow youngsters to take part in educational valuable youth exchanges with meaningful contents.

Therefore, the organizations declare their intent to sign a memorandum of understanding during the General Assembly of the BJR from October 19-21, 2018 in Gauting (Bavaria) with the following contents:

- a strategic partnership, especially to apply for further fundings to improve and extend their programs,
- focus on intercultural exchange to promote peace and understanding – creating the basis for open-minded, compassionate interaction,
- develop common projects, e. g. on human rights and democracy

Therefore, BJR invites three representatives of NGNGO to its General Assembly in October.

Yerevan, July 26, 2018


Sergey Gabrielyan
President of "New Generation"
Humanitarian NGO


Matthias Fack
President of Bavarian Youth Council



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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Armenia, Petr Mikyska, Norwegian Helsinki Committee Representative Lene Wetteland, Head of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office Artur Sakunts, representative of the EU delegation to Armenia, representatives from RA Ministry of Healthcare, representatives of local and international organizations, representatives of LGBTI community attended the meeting.

The goal of the roundtable-discussion was to raise the awareness of state authorities, diplomatic missions, representatives of local and international organizations on manifestations of SOGI-based discrimination, criminal cases on SOGI-based discrimination, intolerant and discriminatory attitude by law

enforcement authorities, judicial system, existing legislative gaps and need for ensuring access to healthcare services among all the groups of the society and to submit relevant suggestions and recommendations to address these issues.

Before passing to the main agenda of the discussion NGNGO president Sergey Gabrielyan and some of the guests of the meeting made a welcoming speech.

NGNGO President Sergey Gabrielyan thanked all the guests, state officials and representatives of different organizations and groups for attending the meeting and for their readiness for cooperation.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to the Republic of Armenia, Petr Mikyska thanked the NGO for the invitation, emphasized the willingness of the Czech Republic and the Embassy to collaborate with the Armenian CSOs in the fight against discrimination, promised their support in antidiscrimination activities and

expressed hopes for future cooperation. He also mentioned that next week new collaboration between the Czech Republic of Armenia and New Generation Humanitarian NGO was to be launched next week aimed at revealing and registering cases of discrimination by situation testing. Norwegian Helsinki Committee Representative Lene Wetteland mentioned that she had just arrived from Norway where LGBT+ pride was being celebrated and she expressed the hope that one day freedom and diversity will prevail in Armenia as well.

Head of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor Office Artur Sakunts stated the importance of diversity as natural characteristic inherently given to the humankind. Mr. Sakunts also noted that there was a lot of work to do in the newly established political situation the Armenia is in, starting from the educational institutions. He also mentioned that the new government gave hopes for improvements and we all could allow ourselves to be more optimistic for the future.

The representative of the EU delegation to Armenia emphasized in her speech the point that we were all born equal and we all had equal rights. She also stressed the importance of youth education in antidiscrimination and tolerance issues.

After welcoming speeches, NNGO lawyers, advocates and experts delivered the following reports:

Lawyer Anahit Mkrtchyan – Comprehensive Report on Cases of SOGI-based Discrimination

Defense lawyer Ara Gharagyozyan – Criminal Cases on SOGI-based Discrimination

Defense lawyer Maro Khachaturyan – Civil and Administrative Litigation Cases on SOGI-based Discrimination

Legal expert, defense lawyer Haykuhi Harutyunyan – Law draft on Sex Reassignment Surgeries and Legal Gender Recognition, Advocacy Plan on Exclusion of Discriminatory Restriction for Blood Donation of GBT people.

Budgeting expert Aharon Barseghyan - National Funding Gaps Assessment of HIV-related Services for MSM and Trans People

HIV Cascade expert Alik Ustyan – National Report on Cascade of HIV-related Services among MSM and Trans People

During the presentation of Criminal Cases on SOGI-based Discrimination, two trans people who had faced discrimination and human rights violations not only by the society but also by law enforcement and judicial authorities, spoke about the criminal cases illegally launched against them, violent attitude and beatings they had been subjected to by the police and other officials because of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

The representative of RA Ministry of Healthcare, The Global Fund Program Coordination Team Manager Hasmik Harutyunyan admitted that there were many legislative and sublegislative gaps in the legal framework and regulations in the field of Healthcare in Armenia. And these gaps prevent the medical and professional improvements and inclusion of relevant regulations in the field. She also stated that some legal acts and regulations were old, outdated and needed to be changed. She promised to submit all the issues and suggestions raised during the meeting personally to the Minister of Healthcare or relevant Deputy Ministers. She expressed a belief that through common efforts it would be possible to achieve the desired results and goals by 2019.

The meeting went on in the atmosphere of active discussions and open exchange of information which contributed to revelation and discussion of different problems in the field of healthcare, judicial and educational system, as well as to the trust-building and establishment of cooperation among present human rights and healthcare organizations and institutions in common fight against stigma and discrimination existing in the society.

The round – table discussion was organized within the framework of “Capacity building and empowerment for protection of human rights of LGBTI people in Armenia”, “Promoting the Human Rights of LGBTI People in the Armenian Society” and “Right to Health” projects implemented with the financial support of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, USAID and ECOM, funds of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria





ON JUNE 28-29, 2018 LIFE-6 OFFSITE INFORMATION PLATFORM MEETING WAS HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RIGHT TO HEALTH PROJECT. THIS TIME THE INFORMATION PLATFORM WAS HELD FOR BEGINNER TRANS ACTIVISTS.

The goal of LIFE-6 offsite Information Platform is the awareness-raising and capacity building of Trans community representatives on the topics of Sexuality and Right to Health, enhancing their legal consciousness, acquainting them with the domestic and international human rights protection mechanisms as well as promoting the involvement of the community in the bodies of National Response to HIV.

Coordinator of Right to Health project, Artyom Movsesyan welcomed the participants, introduced to the goal and objectives of the project, implemented and future actions and activities, as well as the aim of LIFE information platform.

On the first day of the Information Platform, Sexuality expert Alik Ustyan presented the following topics: "Sexuality. Its definition and components", "Biological sex", "Sexual Identity and Sexual Behaviour", "Sexual Orientation and its types". "Gender and its types", "Gender Expression", "Gender Roles", "Gender Stereotypes", "Transgenderness and its Components", Sexual Orientation of Transgender people".



Also a plenary session was held on the first day of the Information Platform. Maxim Kasianczuk, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator of the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, and Sona Orbelyan Monitoring and Evaluation specialist of Mission East Humanitarian Aid Organization, Armenian branch were the invited speakers of the session. They spoke about the role of Trans activists in the development of the community.

It is noteworthy that in his speech, Maxim Kasianczuk also noted that it was his first direct, face-to-face meeting with Trans sex workers in Armenia.

On the second day of the Information Platform, NNGO lawyer, legal barriers overcoming specialist of the Right to Health project, Anahit Mkrtchyan introduced the topic of the Right to Health to the participants: she spoke about the state-guaranteed free medical care and service, also the RA healthcare workers' low level of legal consciousness and of medical knowledge on LGBT+ related issues, their discriminatory attitude and prevention mechanisms of such manifestations of discrimination were discussed within the framework of the topic.

The entire meeting included interesting video-screenings and practical activities.

At the end of LIFE-6 Information Platform the participants were awarded with certificates of attendance.

"Right to Health" project is implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) from the funds of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

HOW TO FIND A WAY? TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

On June 28-29, 2018, two-day workshop on "Situational testing" was held for CSO and Mass Media representatives, advocates, human rights activists and lawyers of Armenia.

On the first day of the workshop, June 28, our Czech colleagues from Poradna pro občanství, občanská a lidská práva organization presented the method of Situation Testing of Discrimination Cases, its way of usage and application, shared their experience of the application of the method, and presented discrimination cases in the Czech Republic and their experience in overcoming them.



On the 2nd day of the workshop, June 29, 2018 our Czech colleagues presented the role of the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic in combat against discrimination, the situation of LGBT people in the Czech Republic and also discussed the discrimination cases where the method of situation testing could be applied in Armenia.

The workshop was held within the framework of the project jointly implemented by Poradna pro občanství, občanská a lidská práva and "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic within Transition Promotion Program.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF MASS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON SEXUALITY



On June 29-30, 2018, the second part of the 4-part training course on Capacity Building of Mass Media Representatives was held by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO. The topic of the training was Sexuality.

On the first day of the training Sexuality expert Alik Ustyan presented the following topics: "Sexuality. Its definition and components", "Biological sex", "Sexual Identity and Sexual Behaviour", "Sexual Orientation and its types".

On second day "Gender Definition", "Gender Expression: Gender Roles", "Gender stereotypes", "Transgender Components", "Sexual orientation manifestations with transgender people" topics were presented.

The training was full of active questions and answers, interactive exercises, video and slide-show presentations.

The training was implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO within the framework of project on Capacity Building and Empowerment for Protection of Human Rights of LGBTI People in Armenia with the financial support of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee



CAPACITY BUILDING AND EMPOWERMENT OF LGBT REPRESENTATIVES ON SEXUALITY, MONITORING AND REPORTING

On June 14-15, 2018 two-day training on Capacity Building and Empowerment of LGBT Representatives on Sexuality, Monitoring and Reporting was held by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO.

During the training the participants explored the following topics:

***Sexuality**

***Monitoring and Reporting.**

On the first day of the training, trainer Diana Ter-Minasyan presented the following topics:

- *Monitoring - Definitions**
- *Monitoring - Tools**
- *Reporting – Definitions**
- *Reporting – writing skills**



On the 2nd day trainer Alik Ustyan presented the following:

- *Sexuality - Definitions**
- *Biological Sex. Sex Identity. Sexual behaviour**
- *Gender. Gender Identity. Gender Roles**
- *Gender stereotypes**

The theoretical part of the training was accompanied with video screening, interactive practical activities and games which made the material much easier to understand and perceive for the participants.

The training was held by New Generation Humanitarian NGO within the framework of the project on Capacity Building and Empowerment for the Protection of Human Rights of LGBT people in Armenia, with the financial support of Norwegian Helsinki Committee.

MEETING AT REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

At 14:30, July 10, 2018, meeting discussion with National Assembly member Vahe Enfiayyan was held by “United Leaders’ Palace” Youth NGO on the topic of “The Role of Young People in the Political Field” at the RA National Assembly.



Lawyer of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO, Anahit Mkrtychyan also took part in the meeting. The latter drew the parliamentary member’s attention to the list of offensive and discriminatory terms in RA laws mentioning that these terms had long come out of usage and were in conflict with international standards.



In answer to MP Vahe Enfiayyan’s question if there were other conceptual issues except those related to terminology, lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan noted several issues, namely the sub-clause a) of 15 clause, Article 1, Annex 1, 2013 February 7 N06 decision made by RA minister of Healthcare that states “homo-addictedness” as permanent contra-indication for blood donation;

RA law on “Ensuring Equality of Rights” which does not provide sexual orientation and gender identity among the bases of discrimination and many other issues.

Considering the specificity and certainty of the raised issues, M.P. Vahe Enfiayyan offered to have another meeting to discuss these matters and relevant recommendations with a group of experts.

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