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MEETING – DISCUSSION DEDICATED TO WORLD AIDS DAY 2017



On World AIDS Day “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO organized a meeting discussion with the participation of local and international organizations.

President of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO made a welcoming speech and briefly presented the projects so far implemented by the NGO.

Next, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Armenia, H.E. M. Bernhard Matthias Kiesler was given the floor who also spoke about the existing issues of discrimination against LGBTI+ people in Armenia and acknowledged the activity of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO in this field.

Expert Mihran Sevumyan presented the brief description of the research on HIV Related Services Needs and Quality Assessment among MSM and Trans* People, IDUs , FCSW and People Living with HIV, which was done within the framework of “Support and Reinforcement of the Armenian Civil Society Organizations in Response to HIV through Advocacy” project implemented with the financial support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia.

Next, the financial expert of the project Aharon Barseghyan presented the financial analysis of the conducted research.

The result of the two researches is intended to submit as a proposal to include within the 2017-2021 RA National Programme on the Response to HIV.

Lawyers of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO Hayk Hayrapetyan and Anahit Mkrtychyan presented the results of the documented cases of violation of human rights in the field of healthcare, research on RA legislation conducted within the framework of Right to Health project implemented with the financial support of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, the legal cases pursued by the NNGO, recorded successes and legislative gaps in the legal framework of the RA.

The necessity of involvement of the most-at-risk groups in the decision making process as well as the necessity of staff change in the Country Coordinating Mechanism against HIV/AIDs, Tuberculosis and Malaria and including representatives of MSM and Trans* communities in the staff were also discussed at the meeting.



Trans* community representative Jasmine and MSM community representative Emil Avetisyan spoke about the needs, gaps, problems and issues of their communities.

President of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO made the closing speech of the meeting by calling to continue the joint fight against AIDS as well as against hate speech, stigma and discrimination.



The meeting-discussion is organized within the framework of Support and Reinforcement of the Armenian Civil Society Organizations in Response to HIV through Advocacy project implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in Georgia and within the framework of Right to Health project implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), from the funds of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.



LIFE-3 OFFSITE INFORMATION PLATFORM FOR MSM AND TRANS* COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

It's been the third time that offsite Information Platform was held by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO within the framework of Right to Health project. And this time again the Information Platform was organized for newly-starting MSM and Trans* activists.

The information platform was aimed at raising awareness on the right to health among the representatives of MSM and Trans* communities, enhancing their legal consciousness, acquainting them with the in-state and international human rights protection mechanisms as well as promoting the involvement of the community in the bodies of National Response to HIV. On the first day of LIFE 3 Information Platform there was the plenary session where the participants met the officer at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Georgia, Lela Lomia and discussed the general issues and problems that the LGBTI+ community faces, the violation of their rights in healthcare sector, their needs, and programmes on Response to HIV and AIDS. Representatives of Trans* community presented the problems they faced in healthcare sector, i.e. the issue of hormonal therapy and absence of retrained endocrinologists, and also the issues of violation of their rights by the police and transphobic attitude of state bodies and the society were touched.



Later the participants were transported to the city of Aghveran where the information training took place. First, they were introduced to the topic of Sexuality presented by psychologist and sexuality expert, Elvira Meliksetyan. The expert presented the concept of sexuality, spoke about gender and its different types, as well as sexual orientation and its diverse manifestations.

On the second day of LIFE 3 Information Platform, NNGO lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan informed the participants about the state-guaranteed free medical care and service, and also the RA healthcare workers' low level of legal consciousness and of medical knowledge on LGBTI+ related issues, their discriminatory attitude and prevention mechanisms of such manifestations of discrimination were discussed within the framework of Right to Health topic.



The entire meeting was full of interesting video-screenings and practical activities. The Fundamental Human Rights, Application Procedure to the European Court of Human Rights; the Rights, Obligations and Privileges of People Living with HIV were discussed within the framework of the topic on Human Rights.

The second day of the Information Platform also included a Plenary Session with the participation of ECOM program director Elena German via video-call during which the participants were able to ask the questions they had relating to the project.

Next executive director of Public Information and Need of Knowledge, Mamikon Hovsepyan presented his own experience in the field of activism. Mamikon Hovsepyan was also flooded with numerous questions from the participants and gave exhaustive answers to every question.



Later "Right to Health" project manager Sergey Gabrielyan and project coordinator Artyom Movsesyan talked about the CCM activities in Armenia, the importance of the involvement of MSM and Trans* Community representatives in the decision making process. The representatives of MSM and Trans* Communities were also asked how they saw the future activities within the "Right to Health" project.

At the end of the meeting, the evaluation of the Information Platform was carried out by the participants and afterwards they were awarded with certificates of attendance.





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HIV and AIDS Related Situation in Yerevan among MSM (Men who have sex with men) and Trans* People



Implementation of oral mucosal transudate testing for HIV at New Generation Humanitarian NGO: since August 2017 until December 30, 363 beneficiaries were tested, among whom 8 HIV positive cases were recorded.



The project is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Mission East Armenia, from the funds of The Global Fund against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.





REDUCTION OF DISCRIMINATION AMONG STATE INSTITUTIONS AND STUDENTS

On November 16-17, 2017 training on Sexuality and Right to Health was held for psychologists and students of RA medical education institutions in Gyumri, RA, Shirak Marz.

President of New Generation Humanitarian NGO and Project Manager of Right to Health, Sergey Gabrielyan made the opening speech introducing the goal and objectives of the project and the expected results.

The topic of the first day was Sexuality. Expert Elvira Meliksetyan explained to the participants through a workshop-game what is Sexuality and what are its components. Sexual identity, behavior and orientation were discussed, types of sexual orientation were introduced and explained. Next, gender, gender identity and expression, gender roles were introduced to the participants. The terms of cisgender and transgender identities were introduced in details with all their components. Gender stereotypes and gender based discrimination were particularly emphasized. The first day was concluded with the experience exchange among the participants.



The topic of the second day was Right to Health which was presented by legal expert of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, Anahit Mkrtchyan.

The training started with the introduction of the concept of Human Rights and international and local documents on Human Rights, after which A. Mkrtchyan spoke about protection mechanisms of Human Rights, European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights. Next the Right to Health and its legislative regulation were discussed, and state guaranteed free medical care and service was mentioned. The rights of people living with HIV, legislation on HIV and criminal responsibility were particularly highlighted. The whole training was led through interactive workshop games and video screening.

At the end the participants evaluated the training and later they were awarded with certificates of participation.



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ON DECEMBER 14-16, 2017 , THE 3-DAY TRAINING ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF CSOS ON SEXUALITY WAS HELD BY NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO IN GYUMRI.



On the first day of the training the topic of Sexuality was introduced by expert Alik Ustyan. The concept of Sexuality and its components were raised and discussed with the participants through group work. After the activity the exact definition of Sexuality was given, the biological sexes, intersex variation types were discussed. Sexual orientation and its types were introduced. Expert Ustyan drew comparisons between sexual orientation and behavior for the participants to see their difference more clearly. Next gender, gender identity and its types, gender roles and expressions were introduced. A special emphasis was put on trans* people stressing the differences among transsexuals, crossdressers and drag queens.



On the second day, NGNGO defense lawyer, legal expert Hayk Hayrapetyan introduced the topic of Human Rights. The concept of Human Rights was introduced as through a group work also via video screening. The concept of discrimination was discussed and judgments of European Court of Human Rights were discussed. The terms of slander and insult were explained to the participants. Instate rights protection mechanisms were also discussed.

The training was summed up with an overall evaluation and certificates of attendance were awarded to the participants.





2017 LAST LIFE OFFSITE INFORMATION PLATFORM

Finally the fourth and this year the last LIFE offsite information platform took place. This time also the information platform was organized by “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO for emerging MSM and Trans*activists within the framework of Right to Health project.

The information platform was aimed at raising awareness on the right to health among the representatives of MSM and Trans* communities, enhance their legal consciousness, acquaint them with the in-state and international human rights protection mechanisms as well as promote the involvement of the community in the bodies of National Response to HIV.



On the first day of LIFE4 information platform the participants were transferred to the city of Aghveran where the training sessions started. The first topic of the information platform was Sexuality. Sexuality expert Alik Ustyan introduced the concept of sexuality, talked about gender, gender roles and gender expression through lecturing, work groups and games. Sexual orientation and its diverse forms and types were also discussed.

Next the topic of HIV and AIDS Prevention was introduced. HIV expert Levon Chilingaryan introduced the testing ways for HIV highlighting the importance of testing. Next prevention of HIV and AIDS was discussed, the participants were explained through group work and games that HIV can refer to each of us and discrimination based on HIV status is unreasonable and senseless.

On the second day of LIFE 4 Information Platform, NNGGO lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan informed the participants about the state-guaranteed free medical care and service, and also the RA healthcare workers' low level of legal consciousness and of medical knowledge on LGBTI+ related issues, their discriminatory attitude and prevention mechanisms of such manifestations of discrimination were discussed within the framework of Right to Health topic. The entire meeting was full of interesting video-screensings and practical activities. The Fundamental Human Rights, Application Procedure to the European Court of Human Rights; the Rights, Obligations and Privileges of People Living with HIV were discussed within the framework of the topic on Human Rights.



The second day of the Information Platform also included a Plenary Session with “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan and finance manager Arman Sahakyan during which the participants were able to ask the questions they had relating to the NGO. Next, Colorful House NGO president Garik Amolikyan spoke about “The Art as a Means of Raising and Solving LGBT+ related Issues” presenting their NGO’s vision and activities implemented in that field and. At the end of the offsite meeting evaluation of the training was made and later the participants were awarded with certificates of attendance.



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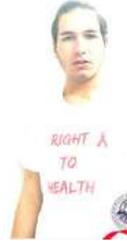
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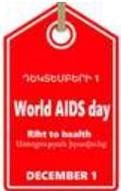
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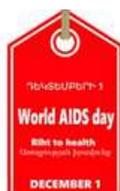
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