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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

SUPPORT FOR ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDERS: NEW SUB-GRANT PROJECT



«New Generation» Humanitarian NGO provides sub-grants for the last several years to reduce the level of discrimination against transgender people through advocacy and empowerment of individuals and volunteers.

This time the sub-grant was awarded to «Right Side» Human Rights Defender NGO.

In the scope of the project the grantee plans:

- to organize a 2-day training for NGO's 10 representatives about discrimination and development of a strategic plan,



- to develop policies of elimination of discrimination against transgenders to be included in the anti-discrimination strategy,
- to film a video about discrimination against transgenders and its prevention as an advocacy tool.

The target groups of the sub-grant project are the NGO's employees, volunteers, beneficiaries, as well as the public.



At the end of the project the NGO wants to achieve increased level of awareness about discrimination and strategic planning; a policy paper on elimination of discrimination against transgenders and a video about discrimination against transgenders and its prevention as an advocacy tool.

The subsequent sub-grant program initiated by “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO will be implemented in Vanadzor.

The goal of the “Equality belongs to everyone” program is to raise the level of the public awareness on negative impacts of discrimination and importance of equality. In the scope of the program the grantee intends to publish and spread 50 on prevention of discrimination; raise the public awareness on importance of equality through a music video and a round-table discussion.

“Equal rights, equal opportunities” NGO, the grantee, aims to present the music video during the round-table discussion and on the internet to formulate a population who understands the ideology of equality.

EQUALITY BELONGS TO EVERYONE. NEW SUB-GRANT PROGRAM



AWARENESS FOR EQUALITY AND INCLUSION: NEW SUB-GRANT PROGRAM



More than 200000 people with disabilities are currently living in Armenia. The majority of them has no opportunities to be involved in public life and fully realize their rights because of stereotypes, stigma, lack of information and safe spaces, non-inclusive approaches and other reasons.

To gradually eliminate these reasons «Society without discrimination» initiative group received a sub-grant, which aims to develop tools of prevention of discrimination against people with disabilities through increasing awareness of their parents and

family members. Within the frames of the project “Society without discrimination” initiative group intends to conduct a seminar on discrimination for parents and other family members of people with disabilities, publish, print and disseminate flyers and booklets on discrimination for parents and other family members of people with disabilities, conduct 4 trainings in Kotayq, Aragatsotn, Armavir and Ararat regions, as well as implement an online photo campaign

entitled “Parents against discrimination” with participation of project beneficiaries. The goal of “Awareness for equality and inclusion” project is to strengthen capacities of beneficiary groups and through them increase the level of the public awareness on discrimination, its consequences and importance of fight against discrimination. “Awareness for equality and inclusion” project is implemented in the scope of “More awareness, Less Discrimination: capacity building and empowerment of vulnerable groups and CSOs for elimination of discrimination” project which is financed by the Open Society Foundations – Armenia.



REAL LIFE IN SHADOW



Our first interlocuter is a young adult man who provides commercial sexual services to men. He did not want to publish his name.

“I have been into this activity for already 4 years. It is a way of being financially stable. I have no any problems with my family because of this. I haven’t chosen this path because of the financial conditions of my family. This actually was the easiest way of becoming independent, so I came across this activity. Besides, in the beginning I had no any awareness and “knowledge” about my work. Yes, it gives a solution to some social problems, which may be different for different people. As to me, I look at this as an ordinary job. At the beginning everything was difficult like in other jobs. I was experiencing inner awkwardness and confuse, as there were various requirements and nuances in communications. And now all these thoughts are in the past!

You know, when you are a “beginner” and you trust everybody, it is a bit risky. I would like like to underline, that my clients are not LGBTI community members, but men who like women; and only with sex workers their specific requirements or sexual preferences can be realized. Things get even more complex, when you have to have sex with different men in a row on the same day, knowing perfectly that you have a private life. I consider myself as highly emotional person, I have fallen in love, sometimes I hated, and

sometimes I just did my job with an adequate state of mind.”

To our question whether trans people reject the importance of education he replied. – “I personally want to continue my education to achieve professional successes which is different from sex work”.

WE SUCCEED THANKS TO THE
CONSISTENT WOTK OF OUR
ORGANIZATION: ARTYOM MOVSESYAN

“We use all our efforts to educate MSM people in Armenia on human rights, sexual life and health”, ensures Artyom Movsesyan, Coordinator of “HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city” project. He added that many people learnt about the project especially during the last few months thanks to active participation of outreach workers in the project.

“Initially beneficiaries were treating the project with a sense distrust but after meeting with outreach workers they changed their approach thanks to consistent work of the organization”, informed our interlocutor and underlined that Organization regularly conducts seminars on Communication Skills, Human Rights, HIV / AIDS prevention to raise the level of awareness and knowledge of the project employees as well. “Besides the fact that we require consistency from our employees, we



also do everything to be sure that our beneficiaries in addition to the services provided by the program participate in our seminars. A wide course of upcoming seminars is planned. For example, tomorrow we already



have seminars for our beneficiaries in Vanadzor and Gyumri on “HIV and AIDS prevention and the importance of HIV testing” and “Human Rights and HIV”, said A. Movsesyan. “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO is the only organization in Armenia which implements a project on HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM (men who have sex with men), thus concerns about MSM people’s healthy life, education and awareness is a highly prioritized by the organization. Since January of 2016 “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO with the

financial support of the Global Fund against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, Mission East/Armenia implements “HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city” project. The goal of the project is to support the implementation of the National Program of Armenia on Response to HIV through elimination of HIV and AIDS cases among MSM and raising their awareness.

BAGHRAMIAN: A NOTE FROM THE UNKNOWN GUY’S DIARY



And nevertheless, those who were not into rallies, have been transferred to the psychiatric hospital. As they couldn’t bear the noise pressings. I should have been there as well, but put my latest effort to act like “in the System”. I’m a good actor, I promise you. So I didn’t change my location, but things went even worse... Television, press, the Web, windows, people, and even the pale walls of my room were making some noise of the voices of those guys, whose voices got hoarse due to screaming overnight. My friends were not at Baghramian avenue, as I didn’t have them, whereas the old people were chanting – This is the end, the end, The End...

I was talking to a man of his late 60’s the other day and after wishing him good luck, I was walking down the Mashtots avenue, when suddenly I heard a progressive noise cgetting louder and louder. The Alternative race was marching forward to me – holding tricolors, microphones, screaming, shouting and fighting for the Divine Freedom, and they were coming

to get revenge on me as I had been keeping silence for months, I hadn’t joined them to make the Movement happen, and you know, I always knew that I was a bit different from others, and then I

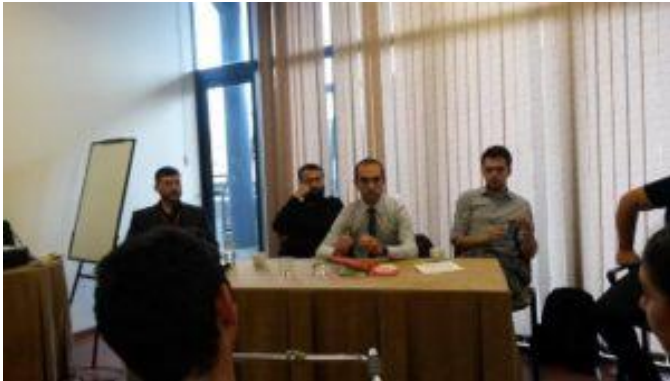
realised – the reason of difference was not a positive one, and I was like an odd thing in front of the Holy Perfectness.

I was blinking my eyes and watching that scene, and the wind of derogation was blowing harder and even harder. The policemen could release the tension... but it was late.

On the official website of “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO you can now read not only current news on its activities, but also the stories of its beneficiaries, alternative media articles and personal stories of individuals revealing the actual problems of LGBTI community.



THE WORD TOLERANCE SHOULD NOT BE USED: ARTUR MAKARYAN



From September 22 to 25 2016 Youth Social Forum was initiated in Yerevan which is the first event of its kind in the region. It promotes freedom of speech and diversity and is open for all interested people to participate.

YSF is a 4-day program and is implemented every four year to enable young people discuss various issues of social life, improve their knowledge, make new friendships and start new collaborations.

This year the Forum aimed to review tolerance

as a social value, as well as discuss reasons, causes, manifestations and consequences of xenophobia. The quest speakers talked about its main impact on the society. "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO promotes human rights and fundamental freedoms and supports the establishment of social justice and solidarity. Artur Makaryan, lawyer of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO presented different manifestations of discrimination to the participants. To the question whether we must or may be tolerant Artur Makaryan answered: "The word tolerance should not be used, we need to be humane towards each other as defined in Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Article 1".

He discussed basic principles of International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Protocol N 2 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as in-state documents, which define the legal definition of prohibition of discrimination.

FIGHTING FOR PREVENTION OF HIV IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY:
LEVON CHILINGARYAN



Alternative Media section suggests to read the story, fight for humanity and determination for justice of Levon Chilingaryan, outreach worker of "HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city" project. "First I heard about HIV from my parents when the subsequent statistics were presented on TV. I remember that my family members had controversial opinions about HIV virus. Everything seemed so gloomy that I started learning every detail about HIV from early adolescence. No sufficient information was available

in books, so I turned to the Internet for help. When everything was clear about HIV, its transmission and consequences I started informing wider scopes of people.

While working within the frame of the HIV-prevention project I talk to more than a dozen people who are aware of the virus, as well as ready to be tested. Indeed, knowledge about HIV and periodical conversations with people living with HIV help to acknowledge that HIV is not condemnation and each of us has the opportunity to prevent it. Cancer or flu do not seem strange to us. Similarly people living with HIV are among us. When I first noticed discrimination against people living with HIV I understood that we should fight for equality and justice. I am sure that one day people living with HIV will speak up, won't hide themselves, won't avoid interviews with the media or publicizing their names and ages. Discrimination against people living with HIV breaks their dreams.



I work with "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO to prevent HIV among MSM in Armenia. Since 2013 I have participated in a number of events on HIV prevention, such as trainings, club discussions and outdoor candle lighting.

Fighting for prevention of HIV is our responsibility".

CHARITABLE INCENTIVES DERIVE FROM HUMAN NATURE. "NEW GENERATION" HUMANITARIAN NGO



"Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it." Mahatma Gandhi

It is scientifically approved that humanitarian incentives derive from human nature and social values. Besides the realization of goals of philanthropists, charity must also proceed from interests of stakeholders.

Charity can serve as a powerful tool to implement reforms in case of development of appropriate managerial systems. At the same time it can cause societal dependence, work disability and formation of psychology of a beggar.

"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO is faithful to its mission and implements charitable projects that have not been

publicized so far. Taking into consideration the wide range of programs of the organization we will make available online reports of the organization's charitable programs and humanitarian activities to our readers.

"New Generation" has provided food and clothes to poor families through various charitable programs for many years. The last initiative was implemented in Lori region: two families from Vanadzor were given food.

NGO President Sergey Gabrielyan personally visited families in need to witness their social conditions and learn more about their life stories.



SEMINAR-TRAINING IN VANADZOR



On September 9, 2016 "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO organized a 1-day seminar-training in Vanadzor on "HIV and AIDS and the importance of HIV prevention" and "Human rights and HIV". The participants learnt about general issues of HIV and AIDS in the world, as well as basic principles of HIV diagnosis, treatment and prevention. The importance of HIV consultation and prevention was particularly emphasized. At the same time the trainers introduced not abstract, but real, practical and reasonable approaches of human rights protection mechanisms in the process of HIV prevention. The whole training was accompanied with group discussions and

activities, exchange of ideas, as well as question and answer sessions.

SEMINAR-TRAINING IN GYUMRI

"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO highlights the importance of education on human rights in regions to expand its networks as well as to build strong communication among community members.

"New Generation" is the only organization which implements HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising project among MSM's in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan.

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SEMINAR-TRAINING IN YEREVAN



During the last years a number of trainings are organized in Yerevan and regions towards raising awareness on HIV and its prevention.

"New Generation" as a leading organization that works with MSM organized a 1-day seminar-training on "Prevention of HIV /AIDS and importance of HIV testing" and "Human rights and HIV."

The goal of the training was to inform the project beneficiaries on the importance of HIV testing, as well as break stereotypes related to HIV testing and prevention.

While talking about the importance of HIV testing one of the participants mentioned: "We should take care of our health and consider all the rules of our safety. There is an HIV window period during which a person can be infected with HIV and be very infectious but still test HIV negative. The window period can last from 3 months to 6 months. During that time, you can test HIV negative even though you are HIV positive. You can still catch HIV from someone who is in the window period"



The training was initiated in the scope of "HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city" project which is implemented with the financial support of the Global Fund against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, Mission East/Armenia.

FOR EQUAL RIGHTS: SEMINAR-TRAINING



"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO prioritizes the high level of legal consciousness of its beneficiaries. Hence, annual series of workshops and trainings are carried out where the MNGNGO lawyer presents fundamental human rights and their realization.

At this current training in addition to introduction of HIV and human rights related issues the trainer also presented legal status of citizens in law reinforcement agencies to explain cases of human rights violations by law reinforcement agencies.

The participants got basic knowledge about peculiarities of interaction with the police and rights of citizens. The training was accompanied with group activities and discussions, exchange of thoughts, question and answer sessions.

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PREVENTION OF TORTURE IN CRIMINAL-EXECUTIVE INSTITUTIONS: DIALOGUE BETWEEN CEI REPRESENTATIVES AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS



Ensuring human rights protection is the baseline of activities of state and public institutions. Taking into consideration legal-political priorities of civil society human rights defenders got together to discuss the most urgent issues.

They urge to achieve justice through united struggle, as well as to invest the most important tools used by modern democratic countries through purpose-oriented and systematical policy.

Investment of international standards of prevention of torture is leading the agenda of human rights defenders: the absolute prohibition of torture is set out in almost all international legal systems.

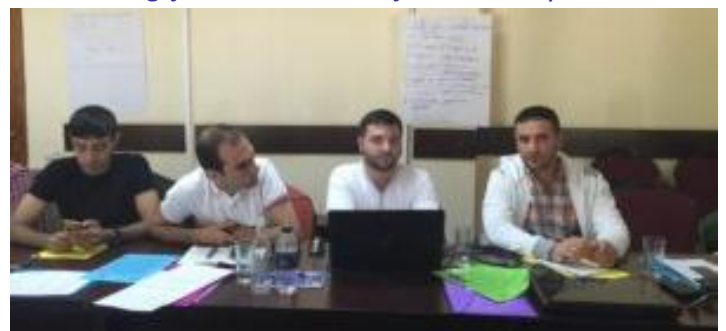
Different means of torture are secretly applied in

Criminal-Executive Institutions though its application is strongly condemned by societal, political and state institutions.

Human rights defenders are researching the precedents of one of the most important issues of humanity to fight for rights of those people who are most frequently exposed to torture.

Knowledge of practices and rules of international prisons helps them to be more attentive to even the smallest details that can later result in torture.

At the two-day seminar human rights defenders also referred to in-state legal norms, made





relevant conclusions and summarized the acquired knowledge and practical skills. Empowerment of capacities of human right defender institutions was initiated within the frame of "Support for reforms in criminal justice and penal institutions" project at the "Human rights protection in Criminal-Executive Institutions" training. "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO was presented by Sergey Gabrielyan, Arman Sahakyan and Artur Makaryan

NEED ASSESSMENT OF LGBTI COMMUNITY



"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO emphasizes the importance of continuous education and empowerment of its beneficiaries. This time a need assessment meeting was organized for particularly GBT / MSM people to share knowledge on need assessment tools, its definition, goals, procedure and methods, as well as to get

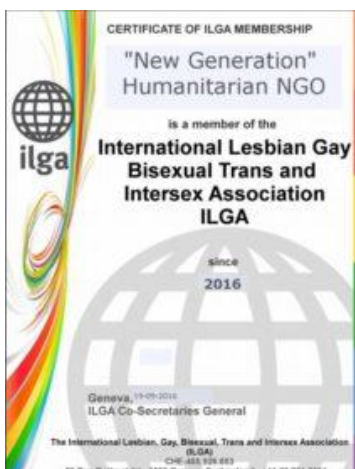
feedback on availability of NNGO's services for GBT / MSM people.

At the beginning NGO president Sergey Gabrielyan introduced basic skills on service planning of LGBTI community.

The meeting was divided into two parts: theoretical and practical. At the theoretical part NGO president talked about need assessment importance and methodology. The practical part was based on group activities and presentation of group discussions.

The results of the need assessment meeting will help the NNGO to implement project and events directed to comprehensive solution of different issues of GBT / MSM people.

NEW GENERATION BECAME A MEMBER OF ILGA-EUROPE



We are glad to announce that «New Generation» Humanitarian NGO became a member of [*ILGA-Europe*](#).

The organization has been implementing projects addressed to protection of human rights of LGBTI people for many years.

ILGA – the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, is the world federation of national and local organisations dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people.

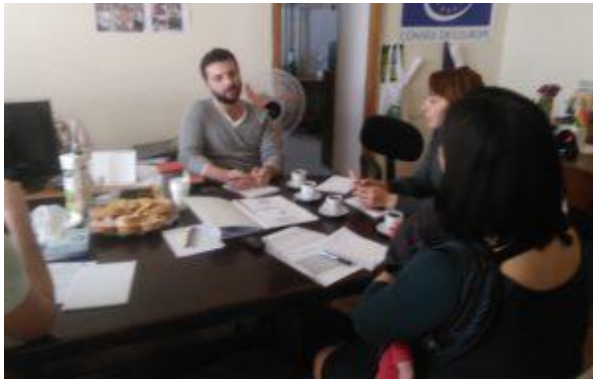
ILGA is an umbrella organisation of more than 1100 member organisations presented in six different regions including: Pan Africa Ilga, Ilga-Asia, Ilga-Europe, Ilga-LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean), Ilga North-America and Ilga-Oceania (Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia and Pacific Islands).

Established in 1978, ILGA enjoys consultative status at the UN ECOSOC Council, publishes an annual world report and a map on legislation criminalizing or protecting people on the basis of their sexual orientation or recognizing their relationships.



LGBTI ISSUES REMAIN URGENT: MEETING WITH SEVAN BEUKIAN: ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Sevan Beukian, Academic Instructor at the University of Alberta, met with the representatives of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO to learn more about its main activities.



Employees of NGNGO introduced current projects of the organization and talked about cases of discrimination against vulnerable groups and their consequences in Criminal-Executive and other state institutions, main issues of LGBT+, particularly transgender community, as well as legal and other types of support given by non-governmental organizations.

NGNGO lawyer Artur Makaryan talked about main issues of LGBTI community faced in the Armed Forces. He mentioned that GBT and MSM people are discriminated in the Armed Forces, which forces them to avoid the military

service for preventing the further violence and discrimination.

Coordinator of "Human rights for diversity and equality" project Nare Hovhannisyan presented the achievements and objectives of the project and underlined that because of the widespread intolerance they sometimes are threatened by residents of regions.

Grigor Gevorgyan, worker of "HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori regions and in Yerevan city" project, shared his experience of efficient communication with project beneficiaries, its peculiarities and nuances.

NGNGO Office manager Arman Sahakyan introduced strategic directions and plans of the organization and particularly referred to possibilities of further collaboration.

After introducing issues of the Armenian Diaspora Sevan Beukian highly appreciated the efforts and approaches

SITUATION IN ARMENIA WAS PRESENTED AT THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL LGBT CONFERENCE



9th International LGBT Conference was held in Kiev, Ukraine during September 30-October 2. Regional human rights defenders and representatives of non-governmental organizations assembled to discuss issues concerning LGBT communities in various countries.

Sergey Gabrielyan, the president of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, also took part in seminar presenting the situation of Armenian LGBT community, their problems and concerns.

"The conference was effective enough, it was a nice opportunity to present situation in our country and receive information from other parts of our region", says Sergey.

The focus of the conference was such issues as discrimination towards LBGT community, the obstacles they have to overcome to freely participate in public life and the prevention of HIV/AIDS. Participants also discussed possibilities of future cooperation.

