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SMALL GRANT TO “FOR STRONG FUTURE” NGO



“New Generation” Humanitarian NGO, in the scope of its new strategy, continues to support the development of newly established initiative groups and NGOs thus supporting LBGTIQ+ community.

This time a small grant was given to “For Strong Future” NGO with a purpose to strengthen the capacity of the organization and raise visibility of the LGBTQI+ community in Armenia.

NATIONAL REPORT ON HIV-RELATED SERVICES WILL BE PRESENTED

On September 11-12, 2017 a 2-day working meeting with representatives of “Positive People Armenian Network”, “AIDs Prevention Union” and “United Way” NGOs was organized in Gyumri.

At the meeting the representatives of the above-mentioned organizations presented need assessment of accessibility, quality and priorities of HIV-related services / products among MSMs and Trans people, people living with HIV, IDUs and CSWs.*



Project expert Mihran Sevumyan compared the identified needs and priorities of the project vulnerable groups, estimated needs of new services, as well as the accessibility and quality of HIV-related services with the National Program of Armenia on Response to HIV.

Project budget expert Aharon Barseghyan presented the budget methodology, as well as compared the factual budget of the National Program of Armenia on Response to HIV with the findings of the 4 need assessment reports.

As a result of this program a national report will be conducted. The report will be based on the assessment of HIV-related health services provided to MSM, transgender people, HIV-positive people, injecting drug users and female commercial sex workers. Based on this report state budgeting of health services related to HIV will be reviewed.

SMALL GRANT TO "COLORFUL HOUSE" INITIATIVE GROUP

"New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, in the scope of its new strategy, supports the development of newly established initiative groups thus supporting LBGTIQ+ community.

This time a small grant was given to "Colorful House" initiative group with a purpose to register as a legal entity, as

well as capacity development and raising visibility.

"Colorful House" is a community based initiative group aimed at integration of the most vulnerable group into the society.



ANNUAL WORKING MEETING ON STRATEGIC INFORMATION

On September 18, 2017, the first annual working meeting on strategic information was held within the framework of Right to Health project implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO. Representatives of international, governmental and non-governmental institutions took part in the meeting.



Results of base assessment conducted by ECOM and sub-grantee organizations of ECOM target countries within the framework of Right to Health project were presented and the main list of suggestions to improve the quality of strategic information and participation of MSM and Trans* people in the process of receiving and using strategic information were discussed during the meeting.

The facilitators of the meeting were Project manager of Tanadgoma - Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health, Sergo Chikhladze and monitoring and evaluation coordinator at Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), Maxim Kasianczuk.

Right to Health project is implemented by New Generation NGO with the financial support of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), from the funds of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.



CSO REPRESENTATIVES EMPOWERED TO FIGHT AND REDUCE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBTI+ PEOPLE



On September 15-18, 2017, Empowerment of CSOs to Reduce Stigma and Discrimination against LGBTI People four-day training was held in Gyumri by New Generation Humanitarian NGO within the framework of CSOs and Mass Media in the Front Line for Elimination of Discrimination against LGBTI+ people in Armenia project. The following topics were introduced during the training:

Human Rights: International and Local Legislation and Conventions; Stigma and Discrimination; Torture; Freedom of Speech and Hate Speech . And the introduced topics included both theoretical and practical activities, video screenings and discussions, case studies, role-playing and many other activities to help the participants capture the presented material better and comprehensively.

In general, the training was successful with active and lively discussions; the participants were greatly interested and enthusiastic about the topics presented at the training and actively participated in all the training activities. On the last day of the training the participants were awarded with certificates of participation.

The training was held by New Generation NGO within the framework of CSOs and Mass Media in the Front Line for Elimination of Discrimination against LGBTI+ people in Armenia project, with the financial support of Transition Promotion Program, Embassy of Czech Republic in Yerevan, Armenia.

JOURNEY TO ACCEPTANCE TRAINING COURSE, ERASMUS+



On September 12-20, 2017, the representatives of New Generation Humanitarian NGO participated in Erasmus+ funded antidiscrimination training course, Journey to Acceptance, in Gdansk, Poland. The training was aimed at training trainers through non-formal education methods to prepare them for the upcoming youth exchange project on antidiscrimination. The training days were full of information, energy, productive work and a lot of new impressions. Besides educational and fun indoor activities, the training also included exciting and informative outdoor activities such as team-building through sailing, tour around the city and meetings with three different organizations – Tolerado NGO, Sopot Integration and Support Centre, Council of Immigrants, dealing with the issues of vulnerable groups of population such as the LGBT+ people and communities, people with disabilities, drug users, migrants and refugees and many others. During the meetings the participants were acquainted with the activities these organizations do to address the needs and problems of the vulnerable groups of population. And this was a chance for the participants to think and see which of those activities could be applied in their own countries.

In all, the training course was very informative, active, useful and interesting equipping the participants with necessary knowledge and skills to lead the upcoming youth exchange in November.

MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY



On 25-28, 2017, New Generation Humanitarian NGO held training on Prevention of Discrimination for the Sake of Democratic Society, in the city of Gyumri. Representatives of RA Ministries of Healthcare, Culture, Territorial Administration and Development, and Sport and Youth Affairs took part in the training.

The goal of the training was to increase the participants' sensitivity towards LGBT issues: Violations of the Human Rights of LGBT people and protection mechanisms, Prevention of discrimination and hate speech against them.

On the first day of the training, legal expert Hasmik Harutyunyan presented the concept, origin and generations of human rights, local and international human rights organizations, after which she gave a detailed description of the situation of LGBTI people's rights in Armenia, the legal documents and assumed commitments of Armenia and legal regulations of violation of the rights of LGBT people.

On the second day of the training, lawyer of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, Anahit Mkrtchyan presented the topic of Freedom of Speech vs. Hate Speech; within the framework of this topic the following subjects were introduced: Freedom of Speech, the Concept of Non-material Benefits, Insult, Slander, Hate Speech. Next, she referred to the penal consequences of hate speech, procedure and conditions of compensation for the damage caused to honor, dignity or business reputation.



On the third day, the participants discussed the theory of equality and discrimination with Anahit Chilingaryan, next they referred to the universal prohibition of discrimination and types of discrimination, protected grounds of discrimination and international and in-state legal regulations on prohibition of discrimination.

The training was full of practical activities, games, screening of topical video-materials and discussions.

TRANS* KITCHEN

On September 8, 2017 we organized the long-awaited first Trans kitchen.*

The goal of the initiative was to visit Trans people, get acquainted with new recipes and prepare a new salad, which we decided to name "Kuka".*

During the preparation of the salad we talked about main needs and issues of the Trans community, also discussed the events and meetings, that can motivate them and promote their involvement in different civic initiatives.*

Trans kitchen meetings will be organized on regular basis.*

