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On May 26 and 27, 2017, in the city of Gyumri, Shirak marz, a two-day training on “Sexuality, HIV, HIV and Human Rights” for journalists and bloggers was held by “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO within the framework of “Right to Health” project.

On the first day of the training, project assistant Artyom Movsesyan presented the goal, tasks and objectives and results of Right to Health project. Then trainers Elvira Meliksetyan and Alik Ustyan gave the definition of sexuality and presented its components. The ethics of writing about LGBTIQ+ people was also introduced to the participants.

Next, biological sexes were presented with a focus on intersex people. The differences of sexual orientation, its types, sexual identity and sexual behavior were presented as well. Then a group work titled “Gender. What is it?” followed; the aim of the group work was to check the participants’ knowledge on the above mentioned concepts. The trainers also gave the definitions of gender, gender identity, gender role and gender expression. Understanding of cisgender and transgender with all their components were also introduced to the participants through various mechanisms.

The next day of the training started with a group work titled “Right Terminology- a Factor to Reduce Discrimination”, led by trainer Levon Chilingaryan. L. Chilingaryan presented HIV and AIDS, ways of HIV transmission and the importance of testing, as well as statistic data. Next, trainer Hayk Hayrapetyan spoke about the general concept of Human Rights, MSM and Trans* people’s rights protection mechanisms, in-state and international legal regulations.

The participants were very interested in the topics presented during the two days of the training and actively participated in the discussions.



Importance of HIV testing, Human Rights and HIV

Training on HIV/AIDS Prevention, the Importance of HIV testing, Human Rights and HIV, Concepts of Human rights and Protection Mechanisms in Yerevan



The series of IDAHOT 2017 events organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO drew to a close on May 21, 2017 with a one-day seminar-training on HIV/AIDS Prevention, the Importance of HIV testing, Human Rights and HIV, Concepts of Human rights and Protection Mechanisms, held within the framework of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Awareness-raising among MSM in Shirak, Lori Regions and Yerevan City project.

The training aimed to promote HIV and AIDS prevention by raising awareness on HIV and revealing the importance of HIV testing, as well as raising awareness on human rights and the rights of people living with HIV.

The participants learned about HIV and AIDS terms, the difference between HIV and AIDS, ways of their transmission and vital fluids, proper usage of condoms, the importance of HIV testing. Then human rights and fundamental freedoms, the stages of development of human rights were introduced to the participants, also a reference was made to the provisions of RA law on Prevention of Disease Caused by HIV.

In frames of the topic on the Legal Status of Citizens in Enforcement Agencies, the participants learned about the violations occurring in enforcement agencies, gained theoretical knowledge on how to communicate with enforcement bodies, as well as were acquainted with the cases of Civil Rights Violation.

The participants used and discussed the theoretical knowledge acquired during the training through practical examples, group games and activities, exchange of ideas, questions and answers.

The first meeting of the "Colorful Kitchen".



The goal of the "Colorful Kitchen" was to unite young people in one place, to get acquainted with each other, to share delicious food with their unique recipes, talk about everyday life and different issues.

The announcement was open. Everybody could register and participate. Young people have prepared unique dishes and desserts. One could notice that they took a team approach, working to help each other, which was very encouraging. It was also interesting to note that some had come to learn how to make pizza, pasta, cookies and so on. After preparing everybody sat around a table and along with enjoying began introducing new ideas.



The president of "New Generation" NGO Sergey Gabrielyan also joined to the table and participants. Listening to new ideas, S. Gabrielyan mentioned that young people are free to make new initiatives using the office resource center or financial support. At the end of the initiative, the office assistant of the NGO Levon Chilingaryan awarded certificates to the participants in different nominations. Due to many applications for participation, the organizers decided to organize a "Colorful Kitchen" regularly, adding new recipes, participants and ideas.

Everyone hopes that future meetings will be more interactive and within the initiative will be organized games and competitions.

HIV and Human Rights, the Concept of Human Rights and Protection Mechanisms

On June 15, 2017 the regular training for the representatives of Trans* community was held at Right Side NGO office within the framework of Right to Health project jointly implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO and Right Side Human Rights Defender NGO.



The topics of the training were Human Rights and HIV, the Concept of Human Rights and Protection Mechanisms. To integrate the participants into the group, the training started with an interactive introduction game. Then, the participants were acquainted with the concept of Human Rights, international and in-state mechanisms of their protection, the procedure and conditions for applying to the European Court of Human Rights.

Legal regulations on HIV were interpreted and the framework of privileges granted to people living with HIV were introduced to the participants. With the help of the trainers, the participants tried to distinguish human rights violation cases from crimes. Also a reference was made to the concept of Discrimination, its grounds and types. Next, followed the Individual Network of Interrelations interactive game. The discriminatory opinions and stereotypes voiced in the training room were pointed out through this game and another opportunity was given to the participants to reconsider their views, discriminatory attitude towards certain groups of people. At the end of the training New Generation Humanitarian NGO

lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan gave legal advice to the participants, as well as conducted a mapping of activists from among the participants aiming to create an MSM and Trans* Community Activists' database for the active inclusion of the communities into the human rights defense activities, in particular, monitoring and documentation of cases of violation of the rights to healthcare. It should be noted that the training was organized within the framework of Right to Health project which is implemented by "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO in partnership with "Right Side" Human Rights NGO and funded by Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), Global Fund.

HIV and Human Rights, the Importance of HIV Testing, Training in Gyumri

On June 17, 2017, in Gyumri city of RA Shirak Marz, New Generation Humanitarian Non-governmental Organization held a one-day training on HIV and AIDS Prevention, the Importance of HIV Testing; Human Rights and HIV, the Concept of Human Rights and Protection Mechanisms within the framework of the project: HIV and AIDS Prevention and Awareness-raising among MSM in Yerevan city, Shirak, and Lori Marzes of Armenia.

During the training the participants were acquainted with HIV and AIDS terms, the difference between HIV and AIDS, ways of their transmission and vital fluids, proper usage of condoms, the importance of HIV testing. Then human rights and fundamental freedoms, the stages of development of human rights, International Agreements ratified by the Republic of Armenia were introduced to the participants, also a reference was made to the provisions of RA law on Prevention of Disease Caused by HIV.



In frames of the topic on the Legal Status of Citizens in Law-enforcement Agencies, the participants learned about the violations committed by law-enforcement bodies, gained theoretical knowledge on how to communicate with the police, as well as were acquainted with the cases of Civil Rights Violation. The participants of the training had the opportunity to discuss the acquired theoretical knowledge through practical examples of group work and games, exchange of ideas, questions and answers. At the end of the training, the lawyer of New Generation Humanitarian NGO gave legal advice to the participants.

Visit to Germany



On June 19-26, 2017, “New Generation Humanitarian” NGO staff members and other NGO representatives made an educational visit to Bavaria by the official invitation from the Youth Union. During the visit, German Russian-speaking colleagues organized a meeting with the local “Bayerischer Jugendring” youth organization, during which they discussed the ways of youth projects implementation as well as refugee youth problems living in Germany and the ways of support provided by the organization. Also a meeting was held on this problem.



Then a meeting was held with the volunteer Konrad Breier, from “Munich-Kiev Queer” organization, who presented the problems of the LGBT community in Bavaria and the goals set out above. Next, followed a meeting with the “Munich HIV Assistance” organization, where they presented the detailed methods of the projects they were implementing. During the seven-day visit, the Armenian participants were also given the opportunity to visit several cities to get acquainted with the old and modern culture of Bavaria. The last three days of the visit were held in Wydenberg, Bavaria, where a cultural evening was organized by the Armenian participants, enabling



German Russian-speaking participants to get acquainted with the Armenian cuisine, dances and history. Afterwards, all the participants spent a whole day developing ideas, actions and expected results for the future projects. The project left very good impressions and had positive feedbacks from all the participants, providing a possibility to improve the opportunities in organizing the upcoming projects. On June 26, the Armenian participants returned to Armenia with great enthusiasm, good memories and new knowledge.



Human Rights and HIV

New Generation Humanitarian NGO has always highlighted people's awareness of both HIV and Human Rights and new knowledge transfer to different members of the society. For this purpose, New Generation Humanitarian NGO held a regular seminar on "Human Rights and HIV" for the MSM community representatives on June 15, 2017 in Yerevan. People of different ages participated in the training which made the discussions more interesting. The training was conducted by NNGO lawyer Lusine Nalbandyan. At the beginning of the training Lusine found out the participants' views on the concept of Human Rights in an interactive way. The participants were actively involved in the discussion and each of them expressed their own view of legal consciousness.

First, the lawyer introduced the general concept of Human Rights, and then followed the introduction of Natural Rights of the Person through a visual chart of "Natural and Positive Rights in form of a tree" and the explanation of their co-relations. During the training, the participants discussed fundamental freedoms and essential personal rights, in particular, they were acquainted with the right to life, the right to work, to free choice of employment, the right to start a family, prohibition of torture as an absolute principle and a number of other concepts. It was also helpful to refer to a number of local and international legal acts that establish fundamental human rights.

During the workshop, the participants also completed the Individual Network of Interrelations psychological game form, which revealed the subjective approach of each participant to discrimination.

The seminar became more meaningful as rights protection mechanisms were presented to the participants both ways of applying to the local authorities and on the international level.

Judicial Protection of Rights, especially the European Court of Human Rights, was presented in details and a small informative video was shown describing the cases and requirements under which the ECHR admits the case.

The lawyer presented a few judicial precedents that have been adopted by the ECHR and have a great practical significance.

As for the topic of HIV and Human Rights, the participants were told that, in fact, there are many people living with HIV however they often face discrimination. It was interesting to note that the results of HIV testing at the beginning and the end of the training were satisfying. The participants got acquainted with the rights and responsibilities of people living with HIV, learned that people living with HIV are released from military service. At the end of the training the participants received legal consultation as well as activists' mapping was conducted from among the participants to create MSM and Trans* community activists' database aimed at actively involving the communities in human rights defense activities particularly in monitoring and documentation of cases of violation of the rights to healthcare.

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On June 29, 2017, in Vanadzor city of RA Lori Marz, New Generation Humanitarian Non-governmental Organization held a one-day training on HIV and AIDS Prevention, the Importance of HIV Testing; Human Rights and HIV, the Concept of Human Rights and Protection Mechanisms within the framework of the project: HIV and AIDS Prevention and Awareness-raising among MSM in Yerevan city, Shirak, and Lori Marzes of Armenia.



The goal of the training was to promote HIV and AIDS Prevention among young people by raising their awareness and revealing the importance of HIV testing to them, as well as to raise the awareness of the society on human rights and the rights of people living with HIV. The participants of the training had the opportunity to discuss the acquired theoretical knowledge through practical examples of group work and games, exchange of ideas, questions and answers. At the end of the training, the lawyer of New Generation Humanitarian NGO gave legal advice to the participants.

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