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Every year thousands of people are dying from AIDS, people living with HIV are being stigmatized by the society. Many don't get adequate medical care because they hide their HIV status. Obtaining right information and education are the best ways HIV prevention. No age, gender, racial, religious, social or any other status can prevent the HIV infection. No one is ensured from it. You need to be watchful, aware and protected and regularly test for HIV. Remember that our ignorance and wrong treatment can cost human lives.

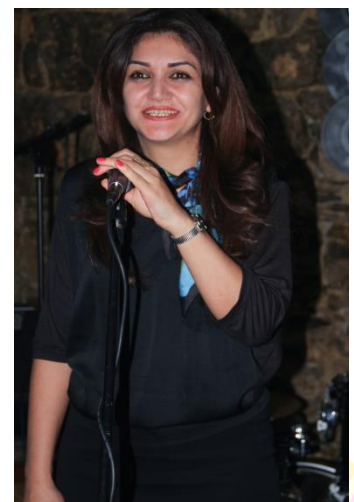
On December 1, 2015, "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO together with "AIDS advocacy and research group" organized a rock concert dedicated to World AIDS Day 2015. The concert was held in "STOP" Club in Yerevan city.

The event was attended by representatives of NGOs working in the field of HIV prevention and other individuals.



Sergey Gabrielyan, president of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO, presented the programs that are being implemented in Armenia in the field of HIV prevention and urged everyone to be aware and initiative in acquiring knowledge on HIV infection transmission and prevention, as well as healthy sexual life.

UNAIDS National Programme Officer Lena Nanushyan talked about UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Vera Brezhneva's social campaign on HIV awareness and prevention and especially focused on her message that the HIV infection "concerns those whom it doesn't concern". Afterwards the social video was presented.





At the event the organizations working in the field of HIV prevention were presented, a game-quiz was organized aimed at raising the participants' awareness on HIV prevention. More than 90-100 people attended the event. They actively took part in the game-quiz trying to give correct answers to the questions. The experts of the field were giving detailed explanations to the questions. The authors of the correct answers received prizes.

The evening was accompanied with rock-music which was being broadcasted on-line on "Ashkhuzhak" online radio station.

Especially the young participants were very active, motivated and interested in the problem.

The partner organizations were:

1. UNAIDS
2. Public Information and Need of Knowledge
3. Women's Resource Center, Armenia
4. Real World, Real People



HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the Republic of Armenia

In Armenia registration of HIV cases started in 1988. In general the HIV/AIDS statistics is as follows:

- 1988 - registration of the first HIV case; the transmission mode is heterosexual intercourse;
- 1988 - registration of the first AIDS case;
- 1989 - registration of the first death from AIDS;
- 1990 - registration of the first case of HIV infection through injecting drug use;
- 1996 - registration of the first HIV case among women;
- 2000 - registration of the first case of HIV transmission through homosexual practice;

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- 2001 - registration of the first cases of HIV infection and AIDS among children;
- 2001 - registration of the first case of child death from AIDS;
- 2002 - HIV prevalence among IDUs is in the range of 15%;
- 2007 - HIV prevalence among IDUs is in the range of 6.8%;
- 2010 - HIV prevalence among IDUs is in the range of 10.7%;
- 2012 - HIV prevalence among IDUs is in the range of 6.3%;
- 2014 - HIV prevalence among IDUs is in the range of 4%.

More than 30 years ago encountered AIDS has become a barrier to human development. HIV infection has reached epidemic proportions, no country in the world can escape it. HIV / AIDS is a crucial issue in Armenia too.

Allocation of HIV cases registered in the Republic of Armenia is as follows:

Transmission through heterosexual practices	64.5%
Transmission through injecting drug usage	26%
Transmission through homosexual practices	2.6%
Mother-to-child transmission	1.7%
Transmission through blood	0.2%
Unknown	5%

AIDS diagnosis was made to 1140 patients with HIV, of whom 289 are women and 24 are children. 172 of all the AIDS cases have been registered during 2014. From the beginning of the epidemic 495 death cases have been registered among HIV/AIDS patients (including 85 women and 8 children).

Almost all the individuals infected via injecting drug use were men and almost all the women (96.7%) were infected through sexual contacts.

The maximum number of HIV cases was reported in Yerevan, the capital: 723 cases, which constitute 32.7% of all the registered cases. Shirak marz follows next - 253 cases, which constitute 11.4% of all the registered cases. The estimation of HIV registered cases per 100 000 population shows the highest rate in Shirak marz – 100.7, followed by Lori, Gegarkunik and Armavir marzes, with the rates of 93.3, 69.6, and 69.6 respectively.

The HIV/AIDS situation assessment shows that the estimated number of people living with HIV in the country is about 3800.

HIV prevalence among people aged 15-49 is 0.2%.

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