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The agenda items included the election of the Vice President of the CCM and the submission and approval of the HIV and AIDS grant application.

Astghik Grigoryan, Project Coordinator of USAID, was unanimously elected Vice President of the CCM.

Hasmik Harutyunyan, Head of the Global Fund Programs Coordination Group, presented the HIV and AIDS grant application which was followed by question and answer time.

CCM members unanimously voted for the submitted HIV and AIDS grant application and confirmed their submission to the Global Fund grant.





LGBT-RELATED TOPICS ARE VERY POLITICAL IN ARMENIA, SAYS ARMAN SAHAKYAN

After the news about the LGBT-Christians Forum in Armenia, the press and social networks actively began to discuss the news condemning the idea and organizers.

"As a host side of LGBT-Christians Forum, we are subjected to ordinary pressures by the public," says Arman Sahakyan, Coordinator of a number of projects of the New Generation Humanitarian NGO in the interview to Russian parniplus.com.

"Yerevan mayor elections will be held on September 23, as a result of which the new mayor will be elected. 9 parties and 4 Alliance are taking part in the elections. Against the new authorities, political forces have begun to use homophobic rhetoric in the interest of their political goals.

We hope that the new authorities and voters will not continue the homophobic rhetoric typical of the previous government. Is it not that behind any political manipulation is human lives? " There is an opinion in the article reflecting the interview of A. Sahakian given to Nuntiare et Recreare still in spring.

"We predict that the forum will be held at a high level and will be productive. Because people who live in Europe and organize similar forums should understand what LGBT problems exist in communities outside Europe, how religion affects the quality of life of LGBT people. And, of course, we will find bridges of cooperation to improve the situation."

He expressed hope that there will be a dialogue between the Armenian Apostolic Church, LGBT community representatives and human rights defenders on coming to a common ground and not discriminating against people.

"I have to tell the truth. The topic of LGBT in Armenia is very politicized. This acronym is mainly spoken not from the point of view of law and in the context that LGBT persons are also members of our society, but political and the community is used for political purposes", Sahakyan underscores.

In his opinion, the reason is the pro-Russian strong propaganda conducted at the state level. "It is said that Europe and America are very bad. It is spreading that Europe is propagating dissociation of traditional Armenian families, reducing independence and reducing birthrate", he concludes.



PREVIEW OF SOCIAL ADS – FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

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With the help of the videos, we aim at raising the issue of LGBT people's rights among society.

Before the publication of social ads, the NGNGO organized a preview of the videos with the format of focus group discussion.

The participants watched the videos separately and gave detailed and honest opinions about them.

By highlighting all feedback, comments, and suggestions, we'll work with social ads to adjust to the needs of the society.



Violent, stereotyped and discriminatory attitude toward LGBT people make many of them disappointed with life, people, country, and atmosphere. However, everything could be other way, when the society realized the human being's supreme value and its inalienable rights.

The actors do not necessarily represent LGBT Community.

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FIRST AID" TRAINING

On August 23, NNGO office hosted "First Aid" training.

Trainer Hmayak Avetisyan presented the following topics: first aid definitions, life and death signs, bleeding, injuries, electrocardiograms, drowning, burns, anthrax, myocardial infarction, epidemics.

The training was held in an active discussion and in an atmosphere of questions and answers. Participants emphasized the importance of such training courses and expressed hope for similar new opportunities.

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The first day trainer Anahit Mkrtychyan introduced stigma and discrimination prevention and hate speech topics.

The first half of the second day was devoted to the ECHR and the procedure of applying, which conducted Anahit Mkrtychyan again, and Ara Gharagozyan continued the day talking about torture.





During the next two days the trainer Hmayak Avetisyan introduced two topics each day: public speaking skills, mass media and public relations, strategic planning, safe space for vulnerable groups.

The final part of the training was devoted to project monitoring and reporting topics presented by Levon Barseghyan.

The training was full of interactive activities, consisting of both theoretical and practical parts.

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According to NGNGO lawyer Anahit Mkrtchyan, domestic violence in Armenia remains one of the most serious problems. "Working with women and children who have been subjected to domestic violence for over three years, I have come to the conclusion that it is the result of justifying and hiding this phenomenon not only by the law but also by a large number of society. Despite certain changes, however, the efforts of the human rights activists and women who have been subjected to violence have been finally adopted by the RA Law on "Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Protection of Domestic Violence and Restoration of Family in Solidarity" on December 13, 2017.



This is one of the successes of the great struggle. It remains to establish appropriate mechanisms to ensure the implementation of the law. "

From 2010 on October 1, when 19-year-old Zaruhi Petrosyan, a resident of Masis, died as a result of a constant beating by her husband. In Armenia, it is celebrated as "The National Day of Domestic Violence." Coalition To stop violence against women annually carries out a public event aimed at preventing domestic violence in Armenia. According to the RA Investigative Committee, in the first half of 2018, eight people were victims of domestic violence.



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The latter presented the Czech legislation on Anti-discrimination, protection mechanisms, cooperation framework between the state and civil society institutions.

“An agreement for exchange programs was made,” Sergey Gabrielyan said and stressed that New Generation Humanitarian NGO has long experience of cooperation with Embassy of the Czech Republic in Yerevan, Armenia, and NNGO has started cooperating with Poradna Organization since June, 2018, within the project on How to Find a Way.

“We consider this trip to be successful and effective as it is aimed at the prevention of discrimination. And this is one of the most pressing and actual issues in Armenia, our cooperation with our Czech colleagues will be continuous within this framework.

“On 2018 Poradna Organization representatives will again visit Armenia. During the visit the parties will sum up the project results and will discuss 2019 joint projects including exchange of experience between the human rights defenders and representatives of the Ombudsman of the two countries,” NNGO President concluded.

The study trip was organized within the framework of the project jointly implemented by Poradna pro občanství, občanská a lidská práva and “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic within Transition Promotion Program.



LEGAL SUMMARY

In June-September 2018, New Generation Humanitarian NGO provided 158 legal advice and 8 judicial representations.

Within the framework of the project HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS RAISING AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN AND TRANS PEOPLE in Shirak, Lori regions and Yerevan city, between June and September, 464 beneficiaries have been tested for HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), with **6 new cases of HIV positive** detected. The HIV positive beneficiaries were directed to the National Center for AIDS Prevention.

OUR SERVICES

Legal

- Legal Consulting
- Formation of legal documents
- Representation of criminal and civil cases in the courts
- Strategic litigation

Healthcare

- Pre- and post-test anonymous counseling on HIV
- Anonymous HIV and STI testing
- Provision of condoms and lubricants

Technical assistance

- Provision of space for organizing meetings and events
- Social assistance to families in need
- Provision of consulting to CSOs and assistance in the form of sub-grants

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