

ALONG WITH TIME #39

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PRESS CONFERENCE



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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) VISITED NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF IN-COUNTRY MISSION ON THE HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME REVIEW IN ARMENIA



A team composed of the World Health Organization (WHO) staff from the WHO Headquarters and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, and a selected team of external experts made a visit to New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) on November 21, 2019.

The meeting focused on HIV prevention activities and services provided by New Generation Humanitarian NGO, the registered progress as well as still existing issues and problems in the field. The visitors got acquainted with the NGNGO activity in general and particularly in the field of healthcare, i.e. HIV prevention programmes among key populations implemented by NGNGO. The meeting went on in an atmosphere of active discussions, questions and answers. The HIV-related situation in Armenia, issues and problems, necessary changes and improvements in the field, sustainability of services were discussed. At the end of the meeting, the WHO representatives had a short talk with representatives of beneficiary communities of HIV prevention programmes.



CHASE THE VIRUS NOT PEOPLE

On November 23, 2019, campaign titled "Chase the virus, not people" took place, within the framework of which famous people, active members of civil society, representatives of various groups expressed their support and solidarity to the campaign and called to put an end the stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV. The campaign was implemented by Real world, real people NGO as well as at the initiative of Community, Right,

Gender group working under The Country Coordinating Mechanism against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria of the Republic of Armenia. New Generation Humanitarian NGO also joined the initiative. So the participants of the campaign had the opportunity to take photos near the poster called Chase the virus, not people and express their solidarity to the campaign.

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TRAININGS FOR MSM AND FEMALE CSW OF VANADZOR AND GYUMRI CITIES

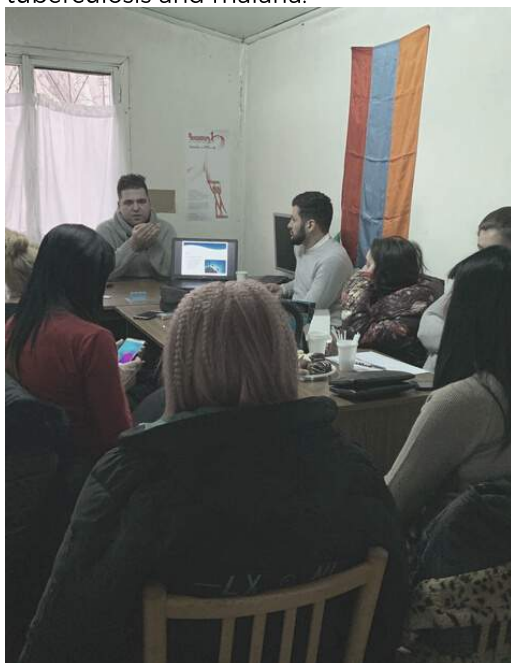


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ANNOUNCEMENT RA POLICE TO PROVIDE MONEY COMPENSATION TO "NEW GENERATION" HUMANITARIAN NGO ON NEXT TIME

New Generation Humanitarian NGO filed a lawsuit on 29 January 2019, seeking to oblige the Traffic Police Service of the RA Police to make them respond to the plaintiff's letter within three days. The traffic police did not file a response to the lawsuit and did not provide a representative to attend the court hearings. As a result, the Traffic Police Service of the Police, in accordance with the requirements of the RA Law on Freedom of Information, having the obligation to respond to the plaintiff's inquiry, failed to comply with the terms of the court's decision to oblige the respondent within three days to substantially respond to the plaintiff's NG-02-015-1901 letter of 29. 01.2019. Turning to the issue of the allocation of costs, the Court has decided to confiscate the only in good lighting conditions, the damage was evident,

after which he watched the recording. On October 29, 2018, Gabrielyan submitted a report to the RA Traffic Police providing the video tape of the recording, amount of the state fee paid in advance for the claim and the plaintiff's representative's payment in favor of the New Generation Humanitarian NGO from Traffic Police Service of RA Police. THE PRE-HISTORY OF THE CASE On October 27, 2018, at the address of the New Generation Humanitarian NGO (hereinafter: Plaintiff) /Yerevan, Tumanyan 41/ the plaintiff's KIA AM 602 LP 61 car was parked. In the evening between 23:30 and 00:30 an unknown car hit Plaintiff's car and fled. The incident was recorded by a nearby camera. Because of the late time of the incident, S. Gabrielyan, the president of the organization, did not notice the damage on the same day. The next day,



About three months after that, no information was received about the investigation, the culprit, and other investigative actions. It also failed even after Gabrielyan's personal visit to the police again. Meanwhile, it is clear from the video that the traffic police arrived at the scene as, besides the plaintiff's car, the unknown driver also hit the other car in front. Having no information about the case, on 29.01.2019, a letter NG-02-015-1901 was sent to the RA Traffic Police (hereinafter: Respondent) requesting information on the course of the case. However, neither written nor verbal answer was given.



On December 8-9, 2019, LIFE-12 offsite Information platform meeting was held within the framework of Right to Health project.

This time the information platform was held for emerging activists.

The goal of LIFE-12 offsite Information Platform is the awareness-raising and capacity building of community representatives on the topics of Sexuality and Right to Health, enhancing their legal consciousness, acquainting them with the domestic and international human rights protection mechanisms as well as promoting the involvement of the community in the bodies of National Response to HIV.

On the first day of the Information platform, NNGO lawyer and attorney, legal barriers overcoming specialist of the Right to Health project,

Anahit Mkrtchyan introduced the topic of the framework of the topic.

Right to Health to the participants: spoke about the state-guaranteed free medical care and service, also the RA healthcare workers' low level of legal consciousness and of medical knowledge on vulnerable groups related issues, their discriminatory attitude and prevention mechanisms of such manifestations of discrimination were discussed within the

On the second day, NNGO Project Coordinator, Hmayak Avetisyan, Sexuality Expert, introduced the topic of "Sexuality", the participants learned about complicated topic through group games, informal learning environment, discovered sexuality components, different key words.

The entire meeting included interesting video-screenings and practical activities. At the end of LIFE-12 Information platform the participants were awarded with certificates of attendance.

"Right to Health" project is implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) from the funds of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.



TRAINING ON PREVENTION OF STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AMONG MEDICAL WORKERS

On December 17 training on the topic of Prevention of Stigma and Discrimination took place among medical workers of 10 polyclinics of Armenia. The training was held by New Generation Humanitarian NGO based on the Training Module on work with Public Officials on Human Rights and Combating Stigma and Discrimination against gay men, other MSM and trans people prepared and published within the regional program Right to Health by the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) with the support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The goal of the training is to raise awareness of medical workers on Prevention of Stigma and Discrimination against one of the most marginalized groups of the society - gay men, other MSM and trans people and seek ways of cooperation aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination against these people. Trainer of the meeting legal expert Anahit Mkrtchyan introduced to the participants the concept and definitions of stigma and discrimination, transition from stereotypes to discrimination, forms and grounds of discrimination,

professional ethics and tolerance: quality services for gay men, MSM and trans people, politically correct terminology and tolerance in health care, in particular in HIV services, basic set of a tolerant health professional. The theoretical part of the training was accompanied with interactive exercises, videos and lively discussions.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN ARMENIA: CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS WAS HELD

Final meeting-discussion titled Human rights protection in Armenia: challenges and achievements took place on December 20, 2019, which was organized by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of Eurasian Coalition on Male Health from the funds of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Stakeholders, especially representative of RA National center for AIDS prevention, representatives of healthcare organizations, advocates, lawyers, human right defenders, activists and community representatives attended the meeting. Mr. Sergey Gabrielyan, president of New Generation Humanitarian NGO launched the meeting with an opening speech particularly emphasizing the importance of the participation of the attendees, reporting and transparent work. After the welcoming speech, Alina Mirzoyan, the project coordinator of Right to Health project, presented the project details and activities, achieved results, financial reporting, and gave the speech to Anahit Mkrtychyan, the lawyer of the project. Anahit Mkrtychyan presented the legal components of the project: cases of violations of the right to health, annual reports based on them, analysis of the legal framework regarding LGBT people, issues related to sex reassignment and gender identity recognition in Armenia, as well as reports presented to the UN and the Committee on Torture. Afterwards, a lawyer, project expert Shushan Khnkoyan presented the report "Analysis of the National Legislation Regulating the Funding of CSOs for MSM and Trans people in the Field of HIV Prevention", referring to the gaps and the importance of the regulations in the field. At the end of the meeting, the participants formed an active dialogue through informal discussions, questions and answers, highlighting the importance of such meetings, discussions about each other's programs and the importance of accountability.



GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO

On December 27, 2019, the General Meeting of the New Generation Humanitarian NGO (NGNGO) was held with the participation of the staff members, outreach workers, trainers and experts, service providers as well as partner NGO representatives. Sergey Gabrielyan, the president of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, delivered opening speech. He briefly outlined the directions included in the new strategic plan of NGNGO, following which the organization should move in the next five years. Arman Sahakyan, assistant to the President of NGNGO on Financial Affairs, presented the financial report of the organization for 2019. Project Coordinators Artyom Movsesyan, Alina Mirzoyan and Hmayak Avetisyan respectively presented the healthcare, human rights protection and advocacy, and youth programs, the achievements of the past year and the works planned for the coming year. After the summary of the meeting and question-and-answer, those who worked conscientiously and efficiently during the year, received letters of gratitude, and those who also performed highly in their work were honored with certificates. The meeting was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

TRAINING SESSIONS AT RA POLICE EDUCATION CENTER CONDUCTED BY NEW GENERATION HUMANITARIAN NGO

On October 21, 2019 cooperation was launched between New Generation Humanitarian NGO and RA Police Education Center. In the scope of this cooperation requalification trainings were organized by NGNGO on topics of Human Rights, Free Gatherings, Stigma and Discrimination, Torture, International Right at the department of requalification and certification of the Police Education Center.



3 trainings were held on October 21, 22 and 25 within the framework of this cooperation. On the first training day, October 21, 2019 NGNGO expert Artur Sakunts, Head of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly-Vanadzor presented the topic of Human Rights Issues in the Republic of Armenia. Council of Europe and Human Rights Protection to 10 representatives of Visa and Passport Department. On October 22, NGNGO expert, defense-lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan presented the topics of Stigma and Discrimination, Torture to 50 representatives newly enrolled in police system. The third training was held on October 25, 2019. NGNGO experts - defense-lawyer Armine Hakobyan and defense-lawyer Anahit Mkrtychyan presented the topics of Human Rights, Free Gatherings and International Right: International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms. The training was conducted within the framework of general military requalification. The training classes included active discussions, questions and answers. At the end of each class the participants were handed certificates of participation. Future collaboration in this format is also planned with the Police Education Center. The organization of training sessions at RA Police Education Center was made possible through the financial support of Norwegian Helsinki Committee.

SMALL GRANT PROJECTS

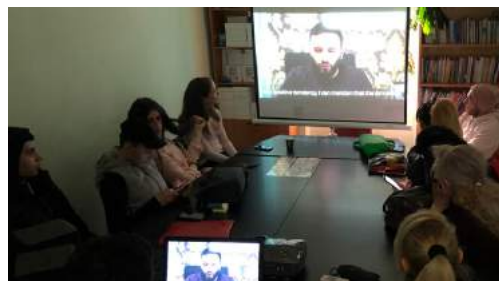
At the end of 2019, New Generation Humanitarian NGO, with the financial support of the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR), announced an open call for small grant projects. The aim of the proposed programs should be community development and youth issues should be addressed. The evaluation committee received over 100 project proposals from all regions of Armenia. As a result of a long and arduous process, the committee identified the first 20 best proposals who were awarded grants.

On January 14, 2020, small grants preparation meeting was held with the representatives of the winning NGOs or initiatives. The opening speech was made by Sergey Gabrielyan, President of New Generation Humanitarian NGO, who presented the action of the organization, strategic aims, as well as he congratulated the participants for successful project ideas. Arman Sahakyan, the financial manager of the organization, presented the order of the reports, the list of necessary financial documents; also the project budgets were reviewed. NGO Youth Program Coordinator Hmayak Avetisyan presented the implementation



process, sequence of actions, introduced the participants to their project mentors, as well as answered all the questions of the participants. At the end of the meeting the participants signed the contracts, and the staff of "New Generation" Humanitarian NGO wished everyone a successful implementation of the projects.

On January 24, 2020, the film entitled "The Right to a Happy Life" was screened at the office of New Generation Humanitarian NGO. The event was attended by community representatives, supporters and allies, human rights activists. The film was made by New Generation Humanitarian NGO in the framework of Right to Health project which was financed by the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), from the funds of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. "The Right to a Happy Life"



"THE RIGHT TO A HAPPY LIFE"

tells the story of a transgender woman, Monica, who she is, when she realized that she is different, how her relatives related the issue. Monica speaks of being discriminated against, rejected, and subjected to constant violence. She hopes that her struggle for

equality will one day win, and that society will have to reconcile itself with the idea that trans* people are also part of society, full members of it, and have the right to work, to start family, and to be happy. Monica talks about her intentions of hormone therapy and a Gender Affirming Procedures. Human rights defenders, a lawyer and sexuality expert also spoke at the film and presented the issue in terms of their profession. The film was watched in a warm atmosphere, people shared their views on the film and the issue discussed during the film, discussed the topic and expressed their solidarity to the trans* community.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH SECTOR

In the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR) and the New Generation Humanitarian NGO, 16 sub-grants were awarded to Armenian state and non-governmental organizations.

The following is a list of organizations that have received sub-grants:

<p>DiverCity NGO</p>  <p>Project name: Capacity building Project manager: Artak Arakelyan Project implementation period: January 15 – February 15</p>	<p>Frontline youth network NGO</p>  <p>Project name: Peace-building Project manager: Lusine Kosakyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
<p>Darbas initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Dar Y Bus Project manager: Sose Zakaryan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>	<p>N 35 inclusive kindergarden in Vanadzor CNO</p>  <p>Project name: Developing atmosphere Project manager: Armaida Abovyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
<p>Let your light shine initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Lusashogh with a park Project manager: Narine Galstyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>	<p>Active youth of Spitak initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Park renovation Project manager: Edgar Kocharyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
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<p>Dilijan community center initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Youth changemakers of Dilijan Project manager: Taguhi Kharatyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>	<p>Araks center charitable NGO</p>  <p>Project name: The planet of our history Project manager: Alla Khachatryan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
<p>DiverCity NGO Community center for development NGO</p>  <p>Project name: Civil awareness Project manager: Hasmik Azizbekyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>	<p>United way NGO and United colors of youth NGO</p>  <p>Project name: YLOW youth camp Project manager: Sevan Shirvani Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
<p>Progress of Gyumri NGO</p>  <p>Project name: Media report Project manager: Hasmik Mkhitarian Project implementation period: December 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020</p>	<p>Successful journey initiative group and Bright future initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Leadership school Project manager: Samvel Petrosyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p>
<p>Peace dialogue NGO</p>  <p>Project name: Right example Project manager: Edgar Khachatryan Project implementation period: December 1, 2019 - February 15, 2020</p>	<p>Right not a favor initiative group and Informed and equal initiative group</p>  <p>Project name: Every job is a job Project manager: Sargis Ayvazyan Project implementation period: January 15 - February 15</p> <p>The project is implemented by New Generation Humanitarian NGO with the financial support of Bavarian youth council (BJR).</p>

On December 9, 2019, the UN Committee against Torture published a list of issues for Armenia. The Committee also referred to the issues raised in the 2019 report by the New Generation Humanitarian NGO and the Eurasian Coalition on Male Health presented to the UN Committee against Torture, in particular:

Point 17. With reference to the Committee's previous concluding observations (paras. 31-32), please provide updated information on: (c) Steps taken to improve the authority of prison administrations, reduce the impact of the criminal subculture and informal hierarchy in prisons and their influence within the penitentiary system and put an end to the discrimination and violence against homosexual prisoners and sex offenders;



It should be noted that in order to solve this problem, New Generation Humanitarian NGO has repeatedly submitted proposals for cooperation to the Ministry of Justice of the

Despite the initiative taken by the Organization, the RA Ministry of Justice has not taken any steps so far to cooperate and participate in the courses organized by the Organization. New Generation Humanitarian NGO will continue to be consistent and involved in the processes of prevention of torture in Armenia.

Republic of Armenia within the framework of its projects implemented in 2018-2019 for the purpose of conducting trainings for the representatives of penitentiary institutions of the RA Ministry of Justice. The selected topics of the courses included human rights, human rights protection mechanisms, prevention of stigma and discrimination, torture, taking into consideration the existence of differentiated and discriminatory attitude in penitentiary institutions.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT



Legal Consultation and Attorney services
January 2020

19 LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

12 COURT CASES

Criminal cases		6
Civil cases		3
Administrative cases		3



New Generation Humanitarian NGO provides legal consultation every working day. We kindly inform that New Generation Humanitarian NGO provides free of charge legal consultation to representatives of LGBTI community. Admission hours at the NGO office are from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



HIV PREVENTION AMONG MOST AT RISK GROUPS OF RA

STATISTIC DATA OF BENEFICIARIES

TESTED FOR HIV IN 2019

TESTED BENEFICIARIES

MSM		4231
CSW		1743
Trans		62
PWID		366
LGBT		776
New HIV-positive cases		59
		25

Were taken under follow-up care with provision of further treatment, care and assistance

INFORMATION AND HIV TESTING CENTER FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

- CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS AND FREE
- NO APPOINTMENT TESTING
- RESULT IN 20 MINUTES



HIV Testing Guide / ՄԻԱՎ-ի թեստավորման ուղեցույց



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Real World, Real People NGO in partnership with the Community, Rights, Gender Working Group under the CCM to Fights HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria of the Republic of Armenia run a campaign called Chase the Virus, Not the People on November 23rd. The goal of the campaign was to strengthen the partnership between the field actors and most at-risk...



A Lifestory. Nora's Diary / Մի կյանքի պատմություն: Նորայի օրագիրը



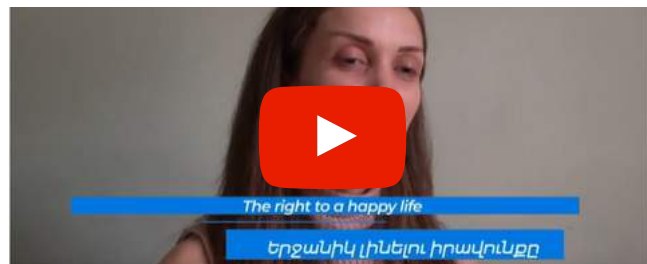
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Երջանիկ լինելու իրավունքը / The right to a happy life



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Ասուլիս «Հնարավորություններ Երիտասարդների համար»



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