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“The Anti-Corruption Aspects of Legal and Judicial Reforms” Anti-Corruption Event

An Anti-Corruption event on the topic of “The Anti-Corruption Aspects of Legal and Judicial Reforms” was held in Vanadzor on 24 July 2015, with the participation of the CSOs and Mass Media of Lori Region.

The event was organized in the framework of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project co-funded by the EU and the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

“Judicial System is one of the most important systems and preconditions if we want to have a corruption free country. I believe that if the citizen is unable to protect his basic rights in court then we shall not be able to speak about the fight against corruption,” Ms Naira Gyulnazaryan, Coordinator of Anti-Corruption Projects of OSCE Yerevan Office said.

“Unfortunately, at present, Anti-Corruption Council initiated by the Government does not correspond to the idea of the Anti-Corruption Coalition, which is first of all the independence and efficiency. This is the reason that the Coalition did not participate and advised the CSOs not to participate in its activities. And so no NGO submitted a bid for participation in the Council,” AYLA President Mr. Karen Zadoyan, the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project Manager said.

Mr. Marat Atovmyan, Local Expert of the project, spoke about the public oversight in the area of legal and judicial reforms.

Mr. Arthur Sukiasyan, the Lori Regional Coordinator “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” Project, referred to the oversight of the legal and judicial reforms by the Anti-Corruption Coalition.

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and the media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. Anti-corruption training workshops will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organizations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities for carrying out anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be given for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. A sustainable dialogue between CSOs and the Government will be developed with the participation of CSOs, to strengthen the anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

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Freedom of Information Center (FOI) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOI is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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