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ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR AND PROMOTING THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR IT

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"Selen" Club of Journalists NGO implemented "Elimination of Corruption in the Health Sector and promoting the Necessary Steps for it" project with funds of small sub-grants provided in the framework of "Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion" project implemented by the "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" NGO and the partner "Freedom of Information Center" NGO. Project budget is 1,640,200AMD, of which 949,200AMD was provided by the "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" Non Governmental Organization. Project duration: July 1 – October 31, 2015.

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"Elimination of Corruption in the Health Sector and promoting the Necessary Steps for it"

Project Report

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The project objective was to fight against corruption and to eliminate it in the obstetric and pediatric departments of Vanadzor Medical Complex. The following steps aimed to achieve the project objective were planned and implemented in the scope of the project:

1. 01.07.2015 – 01.08.2015 – In this period the organization conducted polls through the journalists in Vanadzor Medical Complex in POP-FOX format: 4 polls among 80 patients and 30 health care workers were conducted. Based on the results the video reportage was prepared, the problems were raised and the current situation was clarified. Later, the solution of the problem was included in the recommendations' package.

2. 01.07.2015 – 22.08.2015 – In this period the sociological survey through questionnaires was conducted. About 300 questionnaires filled in by the doctors, middle and junior medical staff, patients of maternity ward, the parents of the sick children of the children's ward. The results of analysis are attached.

3. 02.08.2015 – "Loru MIG" TV/Radio Company live broadcast about the situation in the health sector in Vanadzor. The guests of the live program were: Head of the Healthcare Inspectorate Department of Lori Marz Lusine Vardanyan, the Project Manager Narine Khachatryan, and Lawyer Arthur Harutyunyan. According to the data about 15 - 20 % of Vanadzor citizens watched the program.

4. Preparation and airing of the TV reportage "Dzayn Bazmats" (Voice of the Masses): – Journalists of "Loru MIG" TV/Radio Company conducted surreys related to the corruption risks in the health sector with the representatives of different layers of population in different communities of Vanadzor City. According to the data about 15 - 20 % of Vanadzor citizens watched the TV reportage. The TV reportage was posted and distributed online through the social media.

Online link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87FwPIP5rKo&feature=youtu.be</u>

5. Organization of awareness seminars: -4 (four) awareness seminars were organized in the scope of the project. Over 80 individuals participated in the seminars. They were informed about their rights and the benefits provided by the state in the health sector. David Shahverdyan, the doctor of Vanadzor Medical center and Arthur Harutyunyan, the lawyer of the project conducted the seminars.

"Loru MIG" TV/Radio Company aired and ensured the coverage of seminars. Further they were posted and distributed online through the social media. They are available under the following links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3DQ1j6lqmk

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Guk-</u> FO57FU&feature=youtu.behttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cgW2tHSdS8</u>

6. 30.10.2015 – Presentation of the survey results of "Elimination of Corruption in the Health Sector and promoting the Necessary Steps for it" project. Mr. Arthur Nalbandyan, Governor of Lori region; Mr. Karen Zadoyan, President of the "Armenian Young Lawyers Association" NGO; Mr. Vardan Abovyan, Director of Vanadzor Medical Center; Mr. Samvel Lambaryan, Head the Health Department of Lori Marz; Ms Lusine Vardanyan, Head of the Healthcare Inspectorate Department of Lori Marz; Doctors Davit Shahverdyan and Ashot Papyan; lawyers and project experts participated in the presentation. Project Manager Narine Khachatryan presented the situation that exists in Vanadzor Medical Center, the results of analysis of the questionnaires and the recommendation and suggestions that were prepared based on the results.

The presentation was covered by independent professional website Iravaban.net as well as by the regional media, in particular by "Lori", "Fortuna" and "Loru MIG" TV Companies. According to the data about 50% Of Vanadzor City inhabitants watched the TV program about the presentation aired by the media. They were also posted and distributed online through the social media.

Online links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aztyh0ceCw&feature=youtu.be http://iravaban.net/104933.html#ad-image-0 http://iravaban.net/en/104994.html#ad-image-0

It should also be noted that Vanadzor hospital complex has a website that was not being updated and was not functioning. During the project implementation the website was relaunched: <u>www.vanmc.am</u>:

Results of the Assessment of Corruption Risks by the Parents of Children of Children's Hospital Department are presented in Attachment 1.

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