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"ELEGIA" CULTURAL

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

CORRUPTION PREVENTION AND STRENGHTENING OF INTEGRITY IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF ARMENIA

PROJECT REPORT

"Elegia" Cultural Non Governmental Organization implemented "Corruption Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity in Educational System of Armenia" Project with funds of small sub-grants provided in the framework of "Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion" project implemented by the "Armenian Lawyers' Association" NGO and the partner "Freedom of Information Center" NGO. Project budget is 1,265,200AMD, of which 865,200AMD was provided by the "Armenian Lawyers' Association" Non Governmental Organization. Project duration: April 1 – June 1, 2016.

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"Corruption Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity at the RA Universities" Project Report

With the present document the "Elegia" Cultural Non Governmental Organization presents the final report on **"Corruption Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity in the Educational System of the Republic of Armenia"** project (hereinafter Project).

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Project budget is 1, 265,200 AMD, of which 865,200 AMD was allocated by the "Armenian Lawyers' Association" Non Governmental Organization and 400.000 AMD was contribution of "Elegia" Cultural Non Governmental Organization.

The financial statement on the project costs is submitted separately to the Grants' Coordinator of the Armenian Lawyers' Association NGO.

Project duration: two months, April 1 – June 1, 2016.

Project Objectives

The main objectives of the project are to conduct monitoring aimed to:

- 1. Study the reasons of corruption risks existing in the universities of the RA and to undertake measures to prevent such risks.
- 2. Study the efficiency of the integrity courses taught in the Armenian universities
- 3. Reveal how the students are able to apply in practice their knowledge and skills acquired during the integrity classes,

Methodology of Project Implementation

The following methodology has been applied for the implementation of the project:

- 1. Elaboration of a questionnaire for sociological surveys
- Sociological surveys among randomly selected students, lecturers and parents of students in
 9 Universities of the RA. 350 students, 25 lecturers and 43 parents of students have participated in the survey.
- 3. Interviews with university administration.
- 4. Interviews with the experts of the NA Standing Committee on Science, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.
- 5. Interviews with the representatives of the RA Ministry of Education and Science and the Director and experts of the RA National Institute of Education.

Sociological Surveys have been carried out in the Following Universities.

- 1. Yerevan State University 35 students
- 2. Armenian State Pedagogical University 41 students
- 3. State Engineering University of Armenia 30 students
- 4. Yerevan State Medical University 40 students
- 5. Gyumri State Pedagogical University 66 students
- 6. Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia 31 students
- 7. National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia- 30 students
- 8. European Regional Academy 36 students
- 9. Movses Khorenatsi University- 41students

The Results of the Monitoring

The results of the monitoring in the scope of *"Corruption Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity in RA Educational System"* project can be observed in Appendix 1 of the same report. The suggestions based on the monitoring results have been submitted to the CSOs' Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia.

Summary of the monitoring results

The round table discussion of the results of the monitoring was organized on 1 June, 2016, at "Kongres" Hotel in Yerevan.

30 participants were present at the round table discussion, including lecturers and representatives of administration of the universities, members of the Governing Council of CSOs' Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia, experts of the NA Standing Committee on Science, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, relevant specialists from "Open Society" Foundation, representatives of other interested non-governmental organizations and students.

During the event Harutyun Aleksanyan, President of "Elegia" Cultural Non Governmental Organization and President of the "Armenian Lawyer's Association" NGO Karen Zadoyan," Coordinator of the CSO's Anti-Corruption Coalition Secretariat held opening speeches. The opening speeches were followed by active discussions of the monitoring results and the presented report. Particularly, the suggestions presented by the participants were important and useful. Some of these recommendations were included in the results of the monitoring whereas the remaining will be taken into consideration during the next monitoring.

After the round-table discussion all participants were provided with the research published as a result of the monitoring.

Publication and dissemination of Monitoring Analyses

As a result of monitoring 200 copies of the comprehensive research (Appendix 1) on the "Corruption Prevention and Strengthening of Integrity in Educational System of Armenia" project was published in "Edit Print" publishing house.

The Study Summarizes

- 1. Findings obtained and coordinated in the result of monitoring.
- 2. Suggestions on prevention of the corruptions risks in the Universities.
- 3. Suggestions on the implementation of the activities provided in the Anti-Corruption Strategy of the RA and its Implementation Action Plan for 2015-2018.

The research has been disseminated among universities and all the interested organizations.

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