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“GREENS OF ARARAT MARZ” NGO

“Strengthening Public Oversight Mechanisms in the Ararat Marz”

PROJECT REPORT

ARARAT MARZ

“Greens of Ararat Marz” Non-Governmental Organization and its partner “Women's Council of Ararat City” Non-Governmental Organization implemented the *“Strengthening Public Oversight Mechanisms in the Ararat Marz”* 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.

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Artashat City

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“Strengthening Public Oversight Mechanisms in Ararat Marz” Project Report

“Greens of Ararat Marz” Human Rights Non-Governmental Organization in cooperation with its partner “Women's Council of Ararat City” Non-Governmental Organization implemented the “Strengthening Public Oversight Mechanisms in the Ararat Marz” project, which is aimed at reducing corruption risks and abuse in maternity hospitals of Ararat marz through raising public awareness and monitoring activities.

In order to solve these issues there was a need to promote the civil society involvement in the processes of public control.

For this purpose 4 young women from rural communities were involved in public control, as well as in monitoring and public control processes of 50 women who have recently given birth. The pregnant women and those who had recently given birth were provided advice on free obstetrics services.

As a result of involvement of the young people the level of public awareness on the state-guaranteed free obstetric as well as about the health programs related to the mother and child increased.

Announcements about the free services were published and posted in accessible places in Artashat and Masis cities.

As a result of conducted monitoring in the maternity wards of Ararat marz hospitals and the free services provided by the maternity hospital, the existing corruption risks were revealed, a comprehensive report was prepared and submitted to public discussion. Specifically:

- Public awareness activities and control of the hospitals contributed to the reduction of corruption risks in maternity hospitals in Ararat marz,
- Raising the political activity among the rural youth (especially young women) through their involvement in public observation and public control processes.
- The level of public awareness related to state guaranteed free obstetric and the health programs related to the mother and child increased,
- A team of active young women who will be involved in public control activities was created in Masis and Artashat regions,
- Awareness activities were conducted and anonymous information leaflets were distributed among women of the age groups 18-40 who live in the rural communities.
- The summary report of observations was prepared and distributed among the interested partner organizations.
- Awareness meetings were conducted and the monitoring questionnaires were prepared.

- A target audience group from the rural communities of the marz was recruited with the support of community public organizations.
- Formed a team of active young people who will be involved in public control activities.
- Distributed information leaflets among about 50 women who receive obstetric services and conducted awareness activities in two health establishments.
- Distributed a report through social networks, mass media and official websites.
- Conducted monitoring in the maternity departments of hospitals in Masis and Artashat regions among 50 pregnant women and who have recently given birth.
- Observers monitored the availability of the list of paid services in the cash desk. It turned out that the lists are available in the departments of the hospitals, clinics and wards, in visible places.

Surveys and observations revealed that one pregnant woman was not aware of the information regarding the free obstetrics services.

Two pregnant women from Vayots Dzor marz had decided to give birth in Ararat marz, but prior to their first visit they were not aware that the service for them in Ararat marz was paid. The observers clarified the issue for them and made references to corresponding legal acts. During the monitoring, we observed one case when based on the severity of the condition of a pregnant woman she was referred to a better hospital in Yerevan. The observers as well as the hospital staff explained the patient and her relatives that in this case their treatment is free of charge.

The project results were summarized and a presentation has been organized.

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