



Եվրոպայում անվտանգության և  
համագործակցության կազմակերպություն  
Երևանի գրասենյակ



The project is funded  
by the European Union

The project is co-funded by the  
OSCE Office in Yerevan

Implementer:  
Armenian Lawyers  
Association

Partner:  
Freedom of  
Information Center  
of Armenia

Implementer:  
“Reform and  
Development”  
Human Rights  
NGO

Partner:  
“Kantegh”  
Children’s and  
Youth NGO of  
Gyumri

## PROJECT REPORT

“Reform and Development” Human Rights Non-Governmental Organization and its partner – “Kantegh” Children’s and Youth Non-Governmental Organization implemented the “Protection of the Rights of Women with Disabilities in Shirak and Aragatsotn Regions as a Means to curb Corruption in Healthcare Processes,” in the period of 1 April – 31 July, 2016. The project was implemented 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. The Project budget is 1,489,200 AMD. Project duration: April 1 – May 31, 2016.

The project objective was to:

To reduce possible corruption risks in healthcare processes, through the protection the rights and privileges of women with disabilities in Shirak and Aragatsotn Regions.

Goals:

1. Identify possible corruption challenges in healthcare facilities, causes of corruption, their consequences, as well as prevent the occurrence of major obstacles.
2. Raise awareness of women with disabilities about their rights, through teaching and advocacy, as well as to instill respect for their dignity and to feel full citizens of the society.
3. To prevent the women with disabilities from possible corruption risks, as well as to protect their rights and interests, HOTLINE /060 73 70 03/ phone number was established in the in medical institutions, which is operated on business days and hours by the rapid response center.

A press conference took place in “Asparez” Journalists’ Club on the occasion of the launch of the project and to inform the public about the project.

The measures envisaged for the achievement of the project objectives were realized during the project implementation; as a result, we reached the goal: specifically, the possible corruption risks

that may occur in the medical establishments in relation with the rights and interests of the disabled women in Shirak and Aragatsotn marzes underwent monitoring.

The main problem related to with providing the vouchers to sanatoriums and discrimination during the process of such vouchers was identified. Meetings with 100 women with disabilities were held in both regions aimed to restore their infringed rights. Meetings were held in the medical establishments and their superior bodies in the two marzes as well to solve the problem and to organize measures aimed to identify the risks.

About 150 calls were received through the hotline during the project implementation, 63 of which have been relevant to our project goal and all have been completely satisfied and processed. The remaining calls, regardless of the fact that they were not relevant to project objectives, but nevertheless referred to the healthcare sphere were also discussed, and corresponding advice was provided. The project staff supported the people and solves the problem.

In order to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the project, the hotline still operates and more calls are received and we would like to draw attention to the greater progress which occurs after the completion of the project.

An important component of the project “Protection of the Rights of Women with Disabilities in Shirak and Aragatsotn Regions as a Means to curb Corruption in Healthcare Processes” was the REPORT, which was published and at the final presentation of the project, which took place in Shirak Branch Office of the Armenian Lawyers’ Association was presented to the public. The copies of the Report were provided to the medical establishments and sanatoriums of Shirak and Aragatsotn marzes. The Report is attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Project Manager**

**Armen Gabrielyan**

**01 August 2016.**

**Gyumri**