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"PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING
OF THE RA 2012-2016 STRATEGIC PROGRAMME
FOR LEGAL AND JUDICIAL REFORMS"
PROJECT REPORT

"Centre for Social Technologies" NGO implemented "Public Oversight and Monitoring of the RA 2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms" 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 505,000 AMD. Project duration: October 1 – November 30, 2016.

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Project Objectives

To find out, whether by making notable expenditures from the state funds in 2012-2016, the Program planned measures had been achieved:

- 1. Within defined terms.
- 2. If deviations occurred what was the reason and whether there are corresponding explanations?
- 3. The extend of the public awareness about the Program implemented in the period of 2012-2016,
- 4. To what extent the efficiency of justice bodies has improved. Does the public feel it in practice? Are the results of legislative and procedural changes visible in the public life?

Implementation Methodology

The following methodology was applied to implement the project:

- 1. Developed a questionnaire for sociological surveys.
- 2. Over 50 randomly selected citizens were questioned during the public opinion study conducted in the scope of the project.
- 3. Inquiries were sent to the RA Ministry of Justice, the RA Judicial Department, Prosecutor's Office, the RA Ministry of Education and Science, The RA Chamber of Advocates.

Monitoring results

The results of "Public Oversight and Monitoring of the RA 2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms" project are available in Appendix 1 attached to this Report. The proposals, which are based on the monitoring results, have been provided to the CSOs Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia.

Summarizing monitoring results

On 27 December, 2016, a round-table discussion of the survey results was organized in the Central Office "Armenian Lawyers Association" NGO. Members of the Governing Council of CSOs Anti-Corruption Coalition of Armenia, representatives of the Government, and other interested non-governmental organizations attended the round-table discussion. Mr. Gegham Grigoryan, Executive Director of "Social Technologies" NGO, and Mr. Artak Saribekyan,

Executive Director of "Armenian Lawyers Association" NGO held opening speeches. Further, the discussions of the report and monitoring results took place. The presented recommendations were particularly important and useful, some of those recommendations were included in the survey results, and the others will be considered during the next study. At the end of the round-table discussion the published study results were provided to all participants.

Publicizing and dissemination of Monitoring Analysis

20 copies of the comprehensive study "Public Oversight and Monitoring of the RA 2012-2016 Strategic Programme for Legal and Judicial Reforms" were published as a result of monitoring and research (See Appendix 1). The Survey summarized:

- 1. The obtained and coordinated findings as a result of monitoring.
- 2. Recommendations for the prevention of corruption risks.
- 3. Recommendations referring to the performance of the 2015-2018 anti-corruption strategy and the implementation of measures included in the Action Plans.

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