

“Human rights and women in the armed forces in Armenia” Project

Project summary

Project title	Human rights and women in the armed forces in Armenia
Country	Armenia
Budget	287,726.73 EUR
Funding	UK Government’s Conflict, Stability and Security Fund
Duration	10 months (1 June 2019 to 31 March 2020)
Partners and beneficiaries	Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice, the Human Rights Defender’s Office, the Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights
Main objectives	This Project will contribute to better human rights protection in the armed forces, and the rights of female officers by helping the Government of Armenia to guarantee equal service conditions for women and empower them to champion a positive change.
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reform of the legislation.</i> The authorities will draft legislation pertaining to effective preventing, investigating and eradicating human rights violations in the armed forces as well as decreasing discrimination of and inequality among women and men. - <i>Capacity building.</i> The key institutions will develop gender-sensitive methodologies, tools, procedures and training for their staff which would help to prevent, investigate and eradicate human rights violations in the armed forces and establish effective oversight mechanisms, both external and internal. - <i>Human rights awareness.</i> The awareness of the service persons as well as future conscripts of human rights issues and equality principles in the context of the armed forces will be raised.
Implemented or planned activities	<p>The Project will work with the Ministry of Defence and other key stakeholders on the ongoing reform of the military legislation through the <i>provision of expert support and legal advice</i> on the conformity of the military legislation with the Council of Europe standards and international commitments of Armenia.</p> <p>The <i>capacity building activities</i> and the <i>awareness raising activities</i> are directed to the development of anti-discrimination training and coaching mechanisms as well as educational programs in accordance with the priorities and the specific role of each institution in preventing and addressing human rights violation in the army. <i>Information materials</i> such as brochures, leaflets and handbooks will help to raise</p>

	<p>general awareness of the population of the human rights and gender equality in the army.</p> <p><i>Human rights education</i> should become a cross-cutting theme for the in-service training of such officers. The <i>pool of trainers</i> established by the previous Council of Europe action will be complemented by female trainees, and non-discrimination and equality will become a central theme of the training, seminars, workshops. <i>Gender-sensitive human rights curricula</i> for pre- and in-service training and material for teachers will be developed, specially tailored to emphasise equality and antidiscrimination.</p> <p>The Project is also to foster exchanges between the government and the Council of Europe and build <i>capacity of the Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights</i> that coordinates the work of actors involved in execution of the Court's judgments revealing complex structural problems. This includes collecting and analysing information, developing measures to accelerate the execution process and prevent similar violations in the future.</p>
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