

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES IN ARMENIA – PHASE II

### *Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Human rights and women in the armed forces in Armenia – phase II</b>
<b>Country</b>	Armenia
<b>Budget</b>	630 000 €
<b>Funding</b>	<b>The Council of Europe Action Plan for Armenia 2019-2022</b>
<b>Duration</b>	24 months (1 June 2020 – 31 May 2022)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Ministry of Defence (MoD); Ministry of Justice (MoJ); Office of the Representative of the Republic of Armenia Governmental Agent of the Republic of Armenia before the European Court of Human Rights (Governmental Agent); Security Council (SC); Human Rights Defender's Office (HRDO); Justice Academy (JA), Law Enforcement Bodies and the Civil Society organisations (CSOs)
<b>Main objective</b>	The <b>main objective</b> of the Project is to ensure that human rights in the armed forces in Armenia are respected and promoted, and the role of women in the military is enhanced.
<b>Expected results</b>	<p>1 Legislative, regulatory framework and procedures are improved for effectively preventing, investigating and eradicating human rights violations in the armed forces, and the commitments of state authorities on gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the armed forces are translated into action:</p> <p><i>1.1. The Council's expert recommendations are reflected in the draft legislation and other regulatory frameworks pertaining to effectively preventing, investigating and eradicating human rights violations in the armed forces, including more specifically discrimination of and inequality among women and men</i></p> <p>2 Relevant institutions have enhanced capacities to prevent, conduct effective investigation of human rights violations in the armed forces, including capacities to ensure full and effective equality of women and men:</p> <p><i>2.1. Internal regulatory instruments and procedures to ensure effective investigation of fatalities in the armed forces and full and effective equality of women and men in the military are established by key stakeholders;</i></p> <p><i>2.2. Improved exchange of information and cooperation between stakeholders concerning the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and execution of the Court's judgments related to human rights violations in the armed forces in Armenia is ensured;</i></p>

	<p>2.3. <i>The cooperation between the Human Rights Defender’s Office (HRDO) and the MoD in the protection of human rights violations in the armed forces is improved, transparency and stakeholder participation is enhanced.</i></p> <p>3</p> <p>Military officers, including gender advisors, are empowered to deal with human rights issues in the armed forces, including discrimination, and ensure strong and coherent leadership in support of implementation of gender equality and gender mainstreaming policies:</p> <p>3.1. <i>A trained group of gender advisors – champions of human rights - demonstrate professional competence and increased knowledge of the relevant substantive areas of work and provide support and content expertise on mainstreaming a gender approach into key elements of the MoD’s work;</i></p> <p>3.2. <i>Increased awareness, knowledge and skills of military personnel and future conscripts vis-à-vis human rights and equality in the context of the armed forces</i></p> <p><a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a></p>
<p><b>Planned activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- legislative analysis and drafting of amendments</li> <li>- research</li> <li>- exchange of experience and good practices for decision-makers</li> <li>- development of human rights training courses</li> <li>- training of trainers and providing them with methodologies and other tools</li> <li>- design, development and implementation of methodological tools (guidelines, other instruments) for duty bearers</li> <li>- expert advice and support to working groups</li> <li>- coaching</li> <li>- review and advice on working methods and procedures</li> <li>- awareness-raising measures on human rights and gender-related issues, as well as psychological education of conscripts.</li> </ul>