



Ukrainian Partners in Armenia Meeting with the Partners of the Program 1-4 August 2012



Since February of 2012, Civic Development and Partnership Foundation (CDPF), “NGO C” civil society development NGO and the Ukrainian “GURT” Resource Center, having received financial assistance from the European Union, have been carrying out a project on “Equal opportunity for national minorities and disadvantaged groups in realizing their cultural rights. Richness through diversity”.

Between the 1st and 4th of August 2012, the CDPF held a meeting with its Ukrainian partners: the director of “GURT” Resource Center Mr. Bohdan Maslych, and Kiev Regional Administration’s chief of the internal policy department Mr. Petro Zakharchenko, in order to discuss program development related issues and brief them on the Armenian experience pertaining to this matters.

This visit provided an opportunity for the Ukrainian partners to get

acquainted with its local associates, as well as, meet the representatives of the vulnerable groups and national minorities. Furthermore, multilateral discussions were conducted between the sides in regards to, the future strategies of implementing this project.

There were numerous facets to the meetings between the Armenian and Ukrainian partners. Following the initial discussions that were held in Yerevan regarding the development and enhancement of the program, the partners paid visit to the headquarters of their second partner in the District of Lori and met with the representatives of the “NGO C”. Furthermore, meetings were held between the partners and the representatives of the communities that were included within the program, and discussions were conducted regarding the primary challenges facing the program and strategies were laid out for closer cooperation between the parties involved.

The primary objective of the program is to increase the capacities of the civil society organizations and cultural institutions, as well as, empower the local regional authorities in Armenia and Ukraine, in order to ensure the preservation of cultural diversity and assist the national minorities in preserving their cultural.

The unique feature of this three-year program revolves around the fact that, throughout the entire duration of the project, all the efforts will be aimed at the preservation of the cultural values and traditions of the national minorities and vulnerable groups in Armenia and Ukraine.

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