

Fwd: Ombudsman Office and the Embassy of Switzerland Launch a Project on Protection of the Victims of Domestic Violence
Das Ombudsman-Büro und die Schweizer Botschaft starten ein Projekt zum Schutz von Opfern häuslicher Gewalt

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On June 22 Ombudsman of Armenia Karen Andreasyan and Ambassador of Switzerland to Armenia H.E. Konstantin Obolensky signed the Agreement marking the start of a new cooperation between the two institutions. The new Project will focus on increasing awareness and access to justice for victims of domestic violence.

The objective of the project is to raise awareness among women and children of their rights with respect to domestic violence and the legal process, including the standard of treatment they are entitled to from the police and other public bodies.

"The biggest problem of women and children with respect to domestic violence is its latent nature. Another issue is that sometimes certain Police officers try not to protect woman-victim of domestic violence but accuse her of applying to the Police or inciting the violence." mentioned Ombudsman Karen Andreasyan in his welcoming remarks.

As H.E. Obolensky pointed out in his speech, "Domestic violence is a phenomenon, that occurs unfortunately all over the world. The Human Rights Defender of the RA and I have decided to co-operate in a project to empower victims of domestic violence to exercise their rights and enable fair and effective access to the legal complaints mechanisms."

The project involves several components including TV and radio public service announcements, publication and dissemination of printed materials, as well as provision of legal and psychological advice and assistance, in person and through HRDI existing 116 Hotline.

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