

"Empowering people with psychosocial disabilities to fight for their rights: an implementation of the CRPD and QualityRights principles in Armenia"

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Implementing organisation(s):

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Project website: qualityrights.org/in-countries/european-commission-project-on-people-with-psycho-social-disabilities-living-in-ghana-ghana-and-armenia/

Project description:

Background. People with psychosocial disabilities are often discriminated and experience violations of their human rights. This is true also in Armenia. The WHO QualityRights (QR) initiative, which follows a rights-based approach and applies the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, provides instruments to challenge this situation. Objectives. This project aims to promote and support the rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities in Armenia. Methods. The project includes the following activities: 1) Collection of data on the respect of the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities in selected mental health facilities. Users, caregivers, and hospitals staff will be surveyed by using the WHO QR toolkit to provide data on the human rights respect in the facilities 2) Provision of the WHO QR training on human rights issues in mental health. The WHO QR training promote the capacity building for people with psychosocial disabilities and other relevant stakeholders in the community, 3) validation of an instrument to evaluate the impact of the trainings. The data collected during these activities will be analysed and the results presented to all the relevant stakeholders. Timeframe: This is a three years project.

Expected results:

- 1) To identify the causes of the non-realization of rights that need to be addressed in mental health services and develop ad hoc improvement plans.
- 2) To empower stakeholders in the community (including people with psychosocial disabilities and their organizations) to respect, promote, and fulfill for the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities in Armenia.



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