**Minutes of Gender Thematic Group meeting,**

**Friday, August 30, 2019**

**Venue: UN Conference room, 2nd floor, LOTUS hotel**

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**GTG Meeting**

**Introduction issues:**

Mrs Aziza Hamidova, Chair of GTG and UN Women Country Programme Manager briefed about the activities on:

1. **“Beijing +25” campaign.**

In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995).

A five-year milestone will be reached towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls everywhere.

The Government of Tajikistan has prepared an extensive overview report, which was submitted on May 15, 2019. Regional report is currently underway. A parallel CSO review report will also be provided separately by non-governmental organizations as supplementary. The Russian version of the document has already been prepared, it remains to complete the English version of the report.

As soon as both versions are ready, Aziza Hamidova will disseminate it to all related parties.

The Regional Review will take place in Geneva, and registration has already begun, which is also open for NGO representatives.

Additionally, Parliament of the Republic of Tajikistan, planned a conference on the Local B+25 Review and 20th anniversary of the Law on Gender Equality, which is planned in December this year.

1. As a positive sign and recognition of GTG efforts, along with general activism in the country, several **cases on domestic violence, street harassment and gender inequality** were reflected in the mass-media in August of this year, on which prevention and punitive administrative measures were taken (corrective labor and penalties).

On “Asia Plus” website there was conducted a survey on perceptions of women on harassment and violence. Notably, respondents mentioned a good progress in terms of street harassment, but still domestic violence is an issue of concern to majority of respondents.

1. **Congratulated with NAP 1325** signed two days ago. Now we have to start the work on it.
2. **“16 days of activism against violence” campaign.**

Bonu Shambezoda, UN Women Programme Assistant made the presentation on some planned proposals and activities on the event:

* active participation in social networks,
* to come up with a logo, banners and roll-ups, orange scarves, bracelets, etc.)
* to organize the marathon with the participation of the families in Botanical garden;
* to show and discuss the movie on the issue of street harassment,
* to involve the youth (with the assistance of Y-Peer organization);
* orange the building (make a big banner and hang it along the building);
* arrange the “Fashion Show Charity Event”, the concept of this event will be discussed with Tajik Mama Group;
* to collect the videoclips from international organizations on the issue of preventing the violence, to show these videos before the movies in the cinemas;

**Responsible Parties’ Proposals and ideas:**

**UN Women** Aziza Hamidova: there have been created the TV programme 12+ at TV DIYOR (Firuza Mirjumaeva, she has also opened the school on educating reporters) in Sugd oblast, which is dedicated to women and their problems. We can share with them our ideas and videoclips to broadcast them on TV.

Like in 2018, UN Women will produce roll-up banners and printing materials for the campaign and make them available to GTG members

**USAID:** Malika Jurakulova proposed to show the recent movie about the “women in prison”;

**OSCE:**

- suggested to show the movie at the universities;

- some activities will be conducted in the regions as well;

- it was planned the Round Table on 18th October with participation of GTG Group members.

**UNDP** Nargis:

* one programme (dialogue) about the 16 days of activism: extermination and prevention of violence and street harassment to be broadcasted by national TV channel.
* to make the photos in the orange frame with state agencies in order to expand the involved audience;
* to ask CWFA share their action plan on “16 days of activism”.

**UNDP** Nargis Boboeva: to make rural people be informed on the issues of violence, conduct some activities in the regions on prevention the violence in the families;

**UN Women** Diana: to organize the “Open-Door Day” with making presentations by the youth

**PDV** Nigina: - to arrange the mobile theater,

* invite an interactive showman (facilitator)
* if collective action is possible and new phase of their project signed off, ready to collaborate on Aushan flash mob

**Conclusion:**

By 10th September all proposals and ideas should be submitted, then prepared and sent the letter to the Government of RT on the 16 days events.

**Recommendations:**

Until 10th of September all GTG members have to submit their proposals on the “16 days of activism against violence” context (with regard to gender stereotypes, stigma, street harassment, gender empowerment, etc.). Should be mentioned the ideas and activity proposals to be implemented in cooperation and individually, each event with the budget allocation. One logo should be used in the event.

**UNDP Volunteer** Anna made the presentation “The situation in Greece Refugee Camp”, which has covered the issues of: map of Hotspots in Greece, overview situation in Lesvos (Greek island).

**“Everybody have to be sure that he is listened and heard!”**

Main problems are: the need in medical assessment, poor living conditions, transportation, less access to information. There have been established the coalition of European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL) with involving the female interpreters and lawyers, which is aimed to better protect the human rights, as the value of legal assistance is crucial there.