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To: Mr. N. Ghukasyan  
Head of National Institute of Education of  
the RA Ministry of Education and Science

Dear Mr. Ghukasyan,

As you know the second meeting on “Conflict management education at Armenian schools” took place in Gyumri on July 17-18, 2015 with the participation of “Women for Development” non-governmental organization (WFD NGO) and NIE regional branches.

**Main objectives of the meeting:**

1. Summarize the results of “Conflict management education at schools” project implemented by WFD NGO together with NIE regional branches in 240 schools of Armenia’s 8 marzes.
2. Discuss peculiarities of activities carried out in separate marzes.
3. Present preliminary results of the surveys held among vice-principles, teachers and pupils to NIE directors.
4. Develop main strategic steps ensuring the sustainable input of conflict management education into Armenian school curricula.
5. Discuss the model of submitting the above mentioned suggestions and approaches to the Ministry of Education and NIE.
6. Define the preliminary timeline of activities planned for the academic year 2015-2016 for the marzes.

Directors of Kotayq, Armavir, Vayots Dzor, Kapan, Gegharkunik, Tavush, Syunik regional branches and WFD NGO staff were present at the meeting.

During the meeting a detailed discussion was held about the results of the class of head hours on Conflict management education, knowledge gained by pupils in the result of conflict management education at more than 240 schools of Armenia’s 7 marzes and the impact of gained skills on the change of school atmosphere, success recorded by schoolchildren directed to the solution of conflicts among pupil-pupil, pupil-teacher, pupil-parent. WFD NGO presented the analysis of the questionnaires filled out by vice principals, nearly 900 teachers and 1200 schoolchildren of 170 schools (see enclosed docs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Special reference was made to the analysis of the questionnaires completed by the teachers and pupils and the works done at 50 schools of Gegharkunik marz. Individual examples were discussed that helped to have a more complete perception of the positive changes available in the conduct of the pupils in the result

of the project (see enclosed docs 6, 7, 8). The participants of the meeting got acquainted with the details and main outcomes of the “Conflict management education at schools in Kotayk Marz” conference organized in Kotayk Marz on March 4 which served as a good example for the exchange of best practices and the project impact evaluation. Mariam Hovhannisyan, head of Kotayq NIE regional branch shared her experience of including all the specialists of the NIE branch into the project, establishing a basic/primary school in the marz, coordinating the work, organizing round tables and other events.

The most significant outcome of the working meeting was the development of the main strategic steps ensuring the sustainable input of Conflict management education into Armenian school curricula. It was decided to submit them as concrete suggestions to Mr. Norayr Ghukasyan - director of NIE of RA Ministry of education and science.

Here go the main suggestions made by the participants of the meeting:

1. In the methodical letter **directed to vice principles and class heads of the pedagogical work at school department** of RA Ministry of education and science bulletin, August 2015 add a link to “Conflict management education at schools” handbook: (“Women for Development” NGO, G. Markosyan, S. Ghazaryan, Gyumri, 2014 (see enclosed doc. 9).

2. Provide some time to present “Conflict management education at schools” handbook and the attached posters to class heads and vice principals during their training courses.

Dear Mr. N. Ghukasyan on behalf of all the participants of the working meeting I ask your support to stimulate and realize the above mentioned suggestions, as well as set Conflict management education on institutional bases.

Sincerely,

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