



Coalition 'Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities' Advocacy Plan 2015-2018

The Coalition "Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities" promotes protection and respect of the fundamental human rights of marginalized communities, to be more precise it promotes equal access to health, social and legal services and inclusion in all social processes, by providing supportive environment for all people, in which equality, freedom and diversity is respected, and where members of marginalized communities actively participate in the struggle to implement their rights and freedoms.

The Coalition is a democratic network of citizen's organizations, based on the principle of equality, horizontal and collaborative actions and decision making based on principles grounded on the framework of human rights.

We believe that respect of diversity and the right to choice are the fundamental principles of healthy, tolerant and free society. We recognize in full the needs and requirements of marginalized communities regarding their health, sexuality and freedom to choose the manner of living and habits, and promote the application of these rights. The Coalition believes that enjoying the sexual and health rights of marginalized communities can be implemented in its full solely by active participation and mobilization of representatives of marginalized communities and partnership with all the relevant factors in the society. Thus, we promote comprehensive understanding of sexuality, including emotional, psychological, social and cultural factors while planning and distribution of services, as well as actions based on integral approach in representing human rights and solidarity in all social movements for justice and equality of all people, regardless of their identity, status, characteristics and differences.

The four main strategic goals of the Coalition are:

1. Promotion of the health of marginalized communities (MC) by increasing the access to quality health, social and legal services;
2. Promotion of MC's rights by creating and promoting laws, policies and practices that prevent discrimination and abuse of MC;
3. Implementing supportive environment, where equality, freedom and diversity is respected in the application of the sexual and health rights of marginalized communities;
4. Stronger participation and activity of marginalized communities in the struggle for application of their rights and freedoms;



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In order to accomplish the above elaborated strategic goals the Coalition works on:

- Campaigns for sensitizing the public regarding the rights of MC;
- Promotion of Anti-Discrimination Law in the context of MC;
- Debating and discussing about Sex and Health Rights of MC;
- Creating reference network of doctors and lawyers, sensitized to MC;
- Developing skills with representatives of public institutions (in the field of health, social services etc.) and state bodies (ministries, parliament, local self-government units);
- Instigating court cases for exercising the rights of MC and providing legal assistance;
- Advocacy for establishing specialized (free, quality, voluntary, confidential) services for sex and reproductive health within the frames of the health protection system;
- Introducing sexual education in school curricula;
- Establishing positive legal environment for prevention of discrimination against MC;
- Promotion of Law on Anti-Discrimination in the context of MC;
- Advocating for amendments of a Law on Anti-Discrimination in the context of MC;
- Advocacy for elaboration of national policies;
- Establishing collaboration and partnership with the Ombudsman and the Public Prosecutor;
- Working with the Commissions for Protection of Patients' Rights in the municipalities;
- Documenting violation cases of sex and health rights of MC, elaboration and issuing reports on the sex and health rights state of MC;
- Informing the MC on their rights;
- Active participation of MC in the Coalition activities;
- Organizing activities for the community's reinforcement;
- Motivating the MC to report/instigate cases;
- Organizing activities for raising the political awareness of MC.

In order to fully accomplish its long term, which is to say providing equal access and enjoyment of human rights of marginalized communities and improve their life quality in different social spheres, the Coalition has developed its second three year advocacy plan.



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Goal 1

Improving health rights of marginalized communities

Objective 1 Improving the right to access and quality of health services							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Providing resources from the budget of RM for the harm reduction programmes							
Improving the work of the Commission for control and the Ethical Commission							
Monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health in the context of MC							
Improving the access to HIV treatment		Stronger together					

Objective 2 Improving the health rights of MC on local level							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Advocating for setting the Commissions for improving the rights of patients in 3 pilot municipalities							
Strengthening the capacities of local NGOs for participation in setting and improving the work of local Commissions for RP in 3 pilot municipalities							



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Strengthening the capacities of MC for practicing the mechanisms for protection of patients' rights on local level							
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Objective 3 Improving the rights of transgender people							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Advocating for provision of financial resources from the FZOM for gender confirmation surgery							
Strengthening the capacities of health workers for treatment of transgender people							
Advocating for adoption of legal framework for gender recognition							

Goal 2 Improving the rights of marginalized communities

Objective 1 Strengthening the capacities of the Police for protection of the human rights of MC							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Sensitizing police officers for protection of MC on local level in few pilot municipalities							
Organizing workshops and trainings with the Police		OSCE, CoE					



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Preparing Guide for treatment of MC by police forces							
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Objective 2 Strengthening the mechanisms for protection from discrimination							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Sensitization of local mechanisms for human rights and protection from discrimination							2013-2014
Using legal mechanisms / strategic litigation to improve policies, laws and practices affecting human rights of marginalized communities							

Objective 3 Strengthening the mechanisms for protection hate speech and hate crimes							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Monitoring of hate speech in Media and activation of mechanisms for protection from hate speech							
Sensitization of social media		Metamorphosis					
Campaign against hate speech (<i>Wall of Shame</i>)							



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Goal 3

Creating a supportive environment for the **recognition and protection of human rights of marginalized communities**

Objective 1 Reducing stigma and discrimination of MC in education							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Lead Org</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Advocating for review and withdrawal of discriminatory content towards MC in textbooks							
Activating the mechanisms for protection from discrimination within the State University in Skopje	Students' Ombudsman	SPUKIM					
Creating safe school environments for LGBT youth							



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Objective 2 Changing negative media representation of marginalized communities							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Lead Org</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Sensitization of journalists from national and local media (network of journalist, trainings etc.)							
Using research and analysis to advocate for a change in the policies and practices of public institutions related to the media	Broadcasting Council Journalists of Association Directorate for Data Protection Commission on Protection Against Discrimin.	Journalists Academics	Coalition				
Publishing announcements and competitions for best article on subjects related to MC							
Strengthening communication with media and journalists on local level							
Creating media events (performative press conferences, video parodies, satirical journalist articles etc.)							
Producing media video articles and dissemination to local media							
Daily Media monitoring							



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Objective 3							
Fostering alternative and socially engaged art and cultural practices							
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Allies</i>	<i>Lead Org</i>	<i>Coalition Staff</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Indicator (s) of success</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Fostering creative activism							
Producing cultural and art works and events as a tool for visibility of MC							
Initiating actions in public spaces							
Organizing public campaigns							
Lobbying for opening a cultural center							
Strengthening regional collaboration with other human rights NGOs and cultural organizations							