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ACTIVITY REPORT

Working Together for Ensuring
Environmental
Sustainability



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This year the “Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment” NGO /AWHHE/ celebrates the 11th anniversary of its foundation. During the 11-year activity AWHHE has pursued the promotion of the sustainable development, poverty reduction and protection of human health and the environment in rural communities of Armenia. Having yearlong accomplishments in store AWHHE still continues its struggle for the provision of a healthy environment for our children and the future generations.



FOREWORD

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE) is a non- governmental organization (NGO) and a national network of focal points working for sustainable development, protection of human health and environment and poverty reduction in close partnership with international environmental and health networks such as Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), Global Anti-Incineration Alliance (GAIA), Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe) and Health Environment Alliance (HEAL).

AWHHE NGO was founded in 1999. The mission of AWHHE is to explore the issue of environment pollution in Armenia, to advocate the human right to live in a healthy environment, to promote the decrease of the risks of environmental harmful impacts on human health, focusing especially on children and women. Particularly the concern for health and safety of children and future generation is an important motivation for women to become catalysts of a change.

AWHHE promotes the solution to the problems related to environmental health risks through advocacy, education and information campaigns; provides independent monitoring and investigations on water supply management and sanitation as well as chemical contamination of polluted sites; lobbies the decision-makers to make sound solutions; contributes to capacity building of rural communities; strengthens the participation of women in decision making at local and national levels; promotes the implementation of Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and ratification of Water and Health Protocol in

Armenia; publishes popular and scientific articles; creates and disseminates information materials, educates people, participates at national and international conferences, forums and processes like Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), International Conference on Children's Health and Environment, Children Environmental Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE), Environment for Europe (EfE), Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).



VISION:

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN
HEALTHY GENERATION FOR ARMENIA

Contribute to reducing of environmental and health risks by promoting sustainable livelihoods of rural communities

Promote healthy lifestyle focusing on women's and children's health

Encourage people to adopt healthy behavior

AWHHE works towards 4 long-term goals to reach the overarching goal, i.e. to contribute to the implementation of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 1, 3, 7 aimed at promoting poverty eradication and sustainable rural development.

Safe Chemicals for all

Contribute to the implementation of SAICM and the Stockholm Convention by promoting the elimination of the banned and obsolete pesticides and encouraging safe alternatives in Armenia

Safe Water and Sanitation for all

Reduce health risks associated with water contamination through improvement of water supply and sanitation management.

Safe Food Production and Rural Development for All

Support the organic farming and the usage of sound alternative approaches in agriculture

Promotion of Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women

Increase balanced participation of women in policy making

Climate adaptation

Contribute to climate adaptation through using alternative energy, increasing agro biodiversity and decreasing land degradation

The high professionalism and experience of NGO members, their dedication served as a strong basis for the development and implementation of 65 projects and their successful implementation.

STRUCTURE

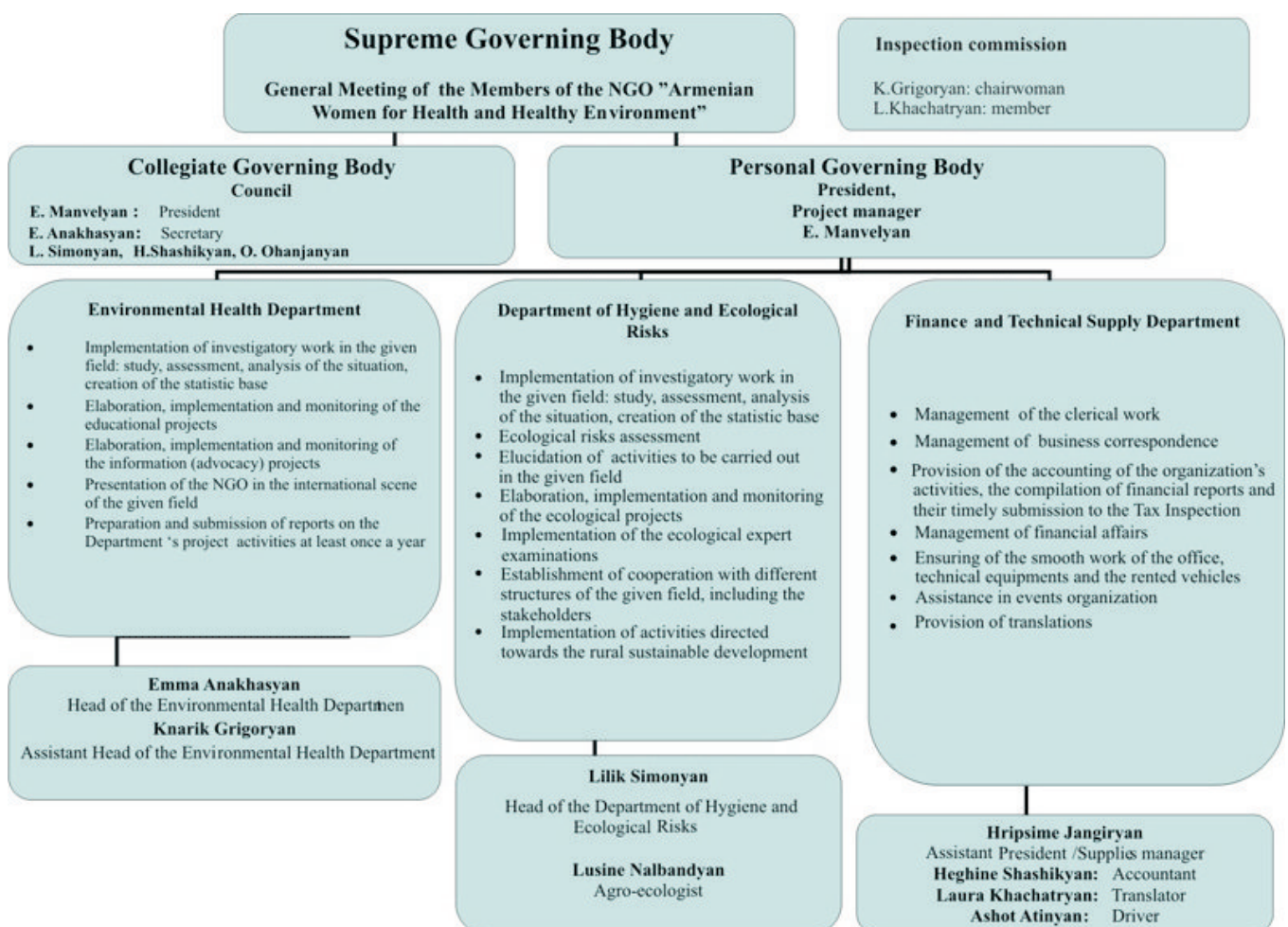
AWHHE is a non-governmental, non-for-profit organization created on the basis of common interests and voluntary of its members.

Governing Bodies

The governing bodies of the organization are the General Meeting, the elected Council with 5 members and the President. The General Meeting is the highest governing body of the organization that is entitled to give a final solution to any question. The General Meeting is convened once two years. AWHHE has 27 members.

The organization has 3 departments: Environmental Health, Hygiene and Ecological Risks and Finance and Technical Supply.

Structure of AWHHE



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ACCOMPLISHED PROJECTS IN 2009-2010

For Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Rural Armenia	WECF	2010
"Sun Energy in Armenia"	WECF	2009
Water Safety Plan (WSP)	WECF	2009-10
Awareness Raising on POPs and Toxic Chemicals for Risk Reduction in Hayanist, Khachpar, Fantan, Kaghsi, Solak and Dzoraghbyur Communities	GEF, WECE	2009-10
For Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Rural Armenia	WECE	2008-09
Engagement in Organizing Preparing and Submission for Fund Raising of Case Study	Earth for ever	2010
Sharing Innovative Solutions for Safer Environment	WfWP	2010
Assistance for the Scoping Assessment for Pesticides Storage in Armenia	OSCE	2010
Innovative Approach- the Key to Progress	WfWP	2010
For Better Information Transfer	WfWP	2010
Stronger Women, Better Results	WfWP	2010
CDM BioWasteFertilizer	Vekst	2009-10
Monitoring ADB Project in Water and Sanitation	NGO Forum on ADB	2010
The WWF Armenian Leopard Campaign	WWF	2009-10
Strengthening AWHHE Communication Possibilities	WfWP	2009
Monitoring of ADB Project in Water and Sanitation	NGO Forum on ADB	2009
SAICM- Global Commitment to Protection of Health and the Environment	IPEN	2008-09
Ecological Sanitation- Sustainable Rural Development Initiative to Reach the MDG 7	WfWP	2008-09
Guidelines for Safe Use of Pesticides in Armenia	IPEN	2008-09

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Project name: For Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Rural Armenia (ELA Project)

Duration: 2008 - 2010

Location: 6 villages in Kotayk and Ararat Marzes: Hayanist, Khachpar, Fantan, Kaghsi, Solak and Dzoraghbyur

Funded by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands through WECF

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Problem

Lack of access to safe sanitation and safe drinking water, irrigation water, sound alternative to pesticides, and capacity of local communities lead to the increase of poverty in rural communities in Armenia.

The hygiene and sanitary conditions in most rural schools do not meet the necessary standards and requirements. The toilets of village schools are pit latrines which are situated in the school yard not far from the school building. Discharge into the drainage system often takes place without any sewage treatment, which results in contamination of the environment, in particular underground waters and other water sources, subsequently increasing health risks for population. This is proved by periodic recurrence of diarrhea in number of villages in Armenia. In many cases the situation can be determined by the limited resources of schools and weak support of the government. However, one of the reasons of the devastation is the lack of knowledge on adequate and safe sanitation. Another big problem is the pollution of soil and ground waters with pesticides due to improper use and storage of pesticides.

Goal

Building the capacity of poor local communities in rural areas through: increasing awareness of civil society, establishing partnership and collaboration between stakeholders; advocating human rights to live in healthy environment, supporting women equal participation in rural development processes.

Ecosan field

AWHHE has been monitoring the maintenance of all previously constructed toilets in 3 target villages (3 school and 28 household toilets) promoting the sustainable sanitation in rural



areas and the usage of ecosan waste as a fertilizer for potato, pepper, cucumber, egg-plant, bean, vegetable marrow and fruit-trees growing.



Drinking water

The new water pipeline (length - 350m) is laid on in Hayanist. As a result - 20 households have access to drinking water. Contribution of local authorities - 39% of total costs.

The monitoring of the water sources and water quality of 6 villages was carried out by AWHHE. During the last five years water from three sources in Dzoraghbyur has permanently been contaminated. 16 samples (34%) did not meet the national requirements for drinking water quality. Regardless of the fact that the village administration has performed some activities for the improvement of water supply in Dzoraghbyur, additional funding is needed for the provision of the local population with safe drinking water.



SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Capacity building

20 benches were made and installed in 6 target villages. The small orchard (170 fruit trees and 50 bushes of Juniper) was planted in the schoolyard of Hayanist.

200 poplars were planted along the road leading to the village Solak, and 40 poplars - in the school yard.

30 pear- and 20 apple-trees were planted in the yards of Fantan school yard and the medical station .

7 tons of biohumus was purchased and used for all school orchards and farmer fields.

Agricultural activities

8 biohumus production units were established in target villages. 200 000 Californian red worms

were provided by AWHHE. Farmers used their own biohumus in their fields. As a result of AWHHE campaign several farmers benefited much from selling worms and providing consultations.

The toolkit was developed in order to raise awareness among farmers on complex approach to agro - ecosystems. This toolkit was delivered to the villagers, farmers and schoolchildren during numerous seminars, trainings, visits, field days and other events organized by AWHHE.

To coordinate the agricultural activities in Kaghsi



and Fantan the agricultural centers were established. AWHHE provided these centers with spraying devices, dried plants for making tinctures as well with information materials and special films for dissemination. Each center has 10 members. Seven orchards in Hayanist, Dzoraghbyur and Solak were treated with herbal tinctures.



SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Crop rotation and the use of different organic fertilizers were experienced in the target villages. The best result was observed where bio humus was used as a fertilizer combined with manure. Certification of 2 organic orchards continued in the village Hayanist.

Energy

3 solar water heaters were installed in Hayanist. All the 3 households had their financial contribution which made 21% of the total cost. Experience in solar water heating for local dwellers: 3 solar water heaters were installed for 3 households (15 people) in Hayanist. As a result people got hot water to meet their daily household and hygiene needs.



Capacity building of AWHHE

The ELA project led to increased capacity of organisation by sharing and exchanging lessons learned among other WECF organizations, building up knowledge, disseminating lessons learned at national, regional and international conferences. There is a clear increase in technical and management capacity of the organisation. Most notable was the increase in knowledge and skills related to ecological sanitation and water management.

AWHHE has become a member of "Organic Interested Group" organized by the Center of Agro-business and Rural Development (CARD) ensuring recognition of AWHHE as an organization dealing with organic farming. 22000 copies of the brochure "Our Friend Compost" were distributed among farmers jointly with ACDI VOCA NGO.

AWHHE produced a short film "How to make compost" together with the mentioned NGO.



All distributed knowledge and skills were implemented in practice, such as implementation of IPM with special focus on plant tinctures.



SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT



I constructed an ecosan toilet for my fellow-villager and earned sufficient money which enabled me to construct for my family a toilet and a bathroom side by side in one place.

Garri Sarkisyan

Due to the support of the WECF and the AWHHE NGO it is already 3 years that I do not carry water in buckets. I wash the kitchen utensils with water heated by the solar water heating system.

Cook of the kindergarten of the Solak village

I have cultivated the soil of my vegetable garden with ecosan product for the first time and reaped a rich crop.

Anichka Sarkisyan



WATER AND SANITATION

Project name: Water Safety Plan Involving Schools (WSP)

Duration: September 2009 - May 2010

Location: Solak and Dzoraghbyur villages, Kotayk marz

Funded by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands through WECF

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Water Safety Plan is developed and used as a tool for involvement and mobilisation of communities in order to identify and eliminate all possible risks related to drinking water safety. We were focused on schools as children are very interested and motivated. Moreover, children are the guides between the citizens and authorities.

The project was executed by the teachers of the schools of Solak and Dzoraghbyur and the schoolchildren of the newly established ecological group (60 pupils of upper grades).

Case of Solak. The schoolchildren and their parents were informed about the water safety through the lectures organized by the teachers previously educated by AWHHE. The teachers and schoolchildren worked together and created 2 wall papers about the water safety issues.



The ecological group conducted nitrates concentration tests of the drinking water samples taken from the centralized water supply and all the 3 sources of water. The results of the tests evidenced the high levels of contamination of the water sources Solak 1 and Solak 2. The monthly investigation of the water of all three sources of decentralized water supply was organized.

As a result of the conducted activities the community learned that the contamination of water of the spring Solak 1 was conditioned by the fertilization with manure the agricultural lands located not far from the source. The increase of nitrate concentration in water of the source Solak 2 was caused by the huge amount of manure and waste piled in the surrounding area, and also due to the run-off during the



rainfall and snow melting.

During the meetings The local people were advised how to avoid the risks of contaminated water. The survey conducted by the ecological group among community members showed that the water was polluted with soil, the water supply network was old, and the pipelines were worn and torn.

Interactive games, exhibition of photos and drawings and many other school events dedicated to water safety issues were organized for and with participation of schoolchildren. They were interested in doing sampling, mapping the village and marking the points of sampling on the map.



WATER AND SANITATION

Project name: Monitoring of the Water Supply Improvement Works Implemented in 4 villages of the Ararat marz

Duration: 2009 - 2010

Location: 4 villages in Ararat Marz: Mrgavet, Verin Dvin, Nerkin Dvin, Lanjatzat

Funded by: NGO Forum on ADB

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) made investments in the improvement of water supply in rural communities of Armenia.

AWHHE as a member of NGO Forum on ADB carried out the project on the monitoring of the water supply improvement works implemented in 4 villages of the Ararat marz (villages Mrgavet, Verin Dvin, Nerkin Dvin, Lanjatzat).

loss of water was reduced, the quality of water improved and the amount of supplied water increased. All this resulted in the accessibility of water supply in those districts of the villages where it was lacking before.

All activities were carried out with the involvement of the most active members of the target rural communities (in total 335 people)



The activities were aimed at replacing the water pipelines with the new ones in the districts where they were out of order or were missing.

The meetings were organized by AWHHE with the designers, the customer, the constructors and the local population. AWHHE achieved the execution of additional construction works. As a result, in Lanjatzat instead of 4500m there was constructed a 7085 m long pipeline (280 water-

meters were installed), in Nerkin Dvin instead of 2100m there was laid out 4045m (412 water-meters were installed), in Mrgavet 4235m instead of 3700m (272 water-meters were installed), and in Verin Dvin there was constructed a

4500m long pipeline (350 water-meters were installed).

Due to the accomplishment of these works the



who maintained contact with AWHHE and lent support to the organization in every undertaking. AWHHE served as a link in the resolution of different issues.

AWHHE made some changes in the design of construction to liquidate the breakdowns in time and prevent the spread of infections. The results of accomplished activities were highlighted through the local newspapers, organized Round table meetings, the radio- and TV programs and the booklets disseminated among the stakeholders and the beneficiaries.

"...at last I got rid of carrying water from the nearby streets. Now when the pipelines are replaced I have water in my house." Sargsyan, the villager of Mrgavet





CHEMICALS AND ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE

Project name: Awareness raising on POPs and toxic chemicals for risk reduction in Hayanist, Khachpar, Fantan, Kaghsi, Solak and Dzoraghbyur communities

Duration: January 2008 - August 2010

Location: Yerevan and 6 villages in Kotayk and Ararat Marzes: Hayanist, Khachpar, Fantan, Kaghsi, Solak and Dzoraghbyur

Funded by: GEF SGP through UNDP, cofinanced by WECF and Arnika

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Problem

Improper management of agrochemicals, including POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) gives rise to enormous problems for human health and the environment. The majority of rural are not aware of impact of agrochemicals. The clear mechanisms of raising awareness and provision of information, and also the educational programs either do not exist or are limited. There are no specialized trainers in the villages.

The pesticides usage affects the agro-ecosystems and consequently human health.

Goal

Empowered rural communities in order to reduce the risks of impact of POPs and toxic chemicals on human health and the environment in Hayanist, Khachpar, Fantan, Kaghsi, Solak, Dzoaraghbyur villages in Armenia.

Outcomes

- Noticeable changes in perception and behavior of people handling the pesticides
- Increased awareness on proper use of pesticides (app. 60%)
- Reduced usage of pesticides during project implementation
- Strengthened capacity on sound management of POPs and toxic chemicals and increased knowledge on sustainable agriculture due to training and certification of 57 local trainers in SGP Global Training Module translated in Armenian.
- Adoption of recommendations on POPs and toxic chemicals impact and sustainable agriculture by the Agriculture Support Centers of 2 regions.
- Increased awareness of villagers on negative health and environmental impact of POPs and pesticides.
- "Snow-ball" effect thanks to organization of 3 farmer field schools for 33 farmers; organization of 3 women groups for income generating activities; practising sustainable agriculture methods in 21 fields



and orchards; breeding of Californian red worms and production of bio-humus in 19 farms, and installation of 3 solar dryers for women groups following a training on preparation of devices for 3 villages.

- Sound agriculture methods practised in 40 farms (100 farmers)
- 3 solar dryers are available for women groups in 3 villages



ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE

Rouzanna from the village Solak says with admiration, "This dryer is just a miracle. The fruit dries in a day or two."



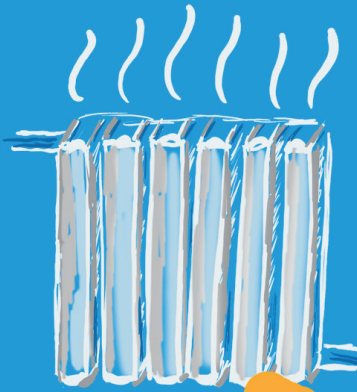
This year we have planted the potato 15 days earlier than our neighbor, but we added a handful of biohumus to each tuber. Potatoes in our garden blossomed earlier and we reaped a richer crop than our neighbor. As for the taste and sweetness of tomatoes, I cannot even find a word to express my surprise. My kids say that it tastes like an apple.

Here is what Yeghish, the villager of Hayanist, says, "I have done an experiment in my home garden. I have fertilized a part of radish with nitre, and a part of radish with biohumus. The radish grown with nitre was bitter in taste and hollow inside, but the radish fertilized with biohumus tasted good and remained fresh for a long time. I have made up my mind to increase the production of biohumus so that it suffice for the whole vegetable garden."

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The Sun is Our Friend



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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Project name: Sun Energy in Armenia

Duration: 2008 - 2009

Location: Solak Village, Kotayk Marz

Funded by: German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety and GTZ, through WECF

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Goal

Enhanced capacity of local communities to use Renewable Energy Sources to contribute to energy saving, climate change mitigation and poverty reduction.

Coughs, colds, bronchitis and other respiratory diseases are a major threat to the health of small children in Armenia. With harsher winters predicted as a result of climate change, the situation is set to worsen unless energy for heating and hot water becomes more cheaply

communities can act to counter the erosion of living standards associated with climate change.

- Successful implementation of the project has its snowball effect. Children's families became informed about the alternative energy usage possibility and share the information with neighbors. The residents of the village became convinced of the advantages of the use of solar energy to meet their daily needs. They made their own contribution to the installation of solar water heaters for their households in follow up project.



and easily available. AWHHE has found a solution to what they call the "energy poverty" that will be associated with climate change in rural communities, namely solar energy. Although winters are cold, Armenia has 2,500 hours of sunshine per day- a resource that the group has shown can be used to create cheaply. AWHHE has worked with solar energy experts to set up an innovative and decentralized solar energy panel and plant at the kindergarten in Solak village. The total project cost was 3,000 Euros. The new plant saves the kindergarten money and means that hot water is more available all the year around. Funds that would have otherwise gone on gas, wood and animal manure bills for the open fire are no longer required. The children's health benefits because unhealthy fumes from fire, including those created when plastics burn, are reduced. More hot water has made life at kindergarten much more comfortable when winter temperatures fall very low. The children are healthier and happier. Teachers and kitchen staff also benefit, and a sense of hope has been created in the entire community. The project has shown that

- Villagers use water heated by solar water heaters 200 days a year for food preparation, dish and linen washing, hygienic needs and for physical conditioning.
- The kindergarten saves electricity and gas for water heating. The solar water heaters will be exploited for many years and every year new children and their families will become recipients of this energy and will aware of using solar energy in their households.

The "Sun Energy in Armenia" project receives CEHAPE award at the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Parma, Italy, 2010.





OTHER PROJECTS

Project name: Save the Leopard in Armenia

Duration: 2009 - 2010

Location: Yerevan

Funded by: Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WWF Armenia

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The International Day of Biodiversity is celebrated throughout the world offering an opportunity for the public to focus its attention on this issue.

The Project was aimed at raising awareness and knowledge on the biodiversity in Armenia among schoolchildren and organizing the event "Save the Leopard" dedicated to the Caucasian leopard - one of the rare mammals living in Armenia. The event took place in the Yerevan State Zoo. More than 200 children from 7 schools of the capital took part in the event. 142 handworks of talented schoolchildren were presented to the Special Commission which was comprised of professional artists and representatives from WWF-Armenia and AWHHE. As a result 25 pupils were awarded prizes of 5 categories. Moreover, all the children who participated in the event were given encouraging prizes. The event was opened with welcome words of the Minister of Nature Protection, the Honorable Consul of Norway in Armenia, and the representative of the Education Department of the Yerevan city administration. The schoolchildren from 7 schools took an active part in the contest games. As a result, the school N 176 was recognized as the winner of the competition.

The event became a real festival. Everybody was in high spirits and the smile was hovering over the faces of both the grown-ups and the young.



Project name: SDM Bio Waste Fertiliser

Location: Yerevan, Lusakert, Kotayk Marz

Duration: 2009 - 2010

Funded by: VEKST Foundation

Goal: Combine scientific, technical and practical knowledge in describing conditions and solutions for production facility of organic biohumus/ fertilizer with Lusakert Biogas Plant digestate as raw material.

The project was implemented in Partnership with VEKST and the Armenian State Agrarian University (ASAU).

The results showed that it is possible to produce biohumus from digestate. 20 cm layer of substratum from digestate (15% of straw) was humified in 26-34 days and the nutrients were the best when moistened with liquid mass.



Project name: Assistance to the Scoping Assessment for Pesticides Storage in Armenia

Location: Yerevan

Duration: 2010

Funded by: OSCE

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In 1982 more than 500 tons of obsolete and banned pesticides was buried in the site of active landslide area. Most of pesticides belong to persistent chlorine-organic compounds /POPs/. The site belongs to the administrative area of Yerevan. Since 2001 AWHHE continuously has monitored the burial site providing investigations, information and lobbying campaigns.

On April 4, 2010 an emergency situation was created due to the fact that the burial site was destroyed by an unknown person and the toxic pesticides were on the surface of the ground mixed with soil. This was a real catastrophe. More than 3000 square meters of the territory was covered with chemicals which were in torn packages and broken containers. The strong smell of chlorine and other chemicals was suffocating. The situation was aggravated by the heavy rains in spring resulting in leakage of toxic substances into the surface water which falls into the rivers of Getar, Hrazdan, Araks and finally into the River Kur.

AWHHE provided technical assistance to an international independent expert John Vijgen to carry out an assessment of the pesticides storage site organizing meetings with all stakeholders.

Outputs

The urgent plan was developed by the expert of OSCE, Ministry of Emergency Situations, AWHHE, Ministry of Agriculture and other members of the working group under the leadership of the international expert John Vijgen and presented to the Prime Minister of RA.

The financial support of WECF made it possible for AWHHE to participate in the public hearings in Brussels. The problem was presented at GA IPEN, Almaty, 2010.

As a result of discussions the Commission recommended to recognize the problem of obsolete and banned pesticides as a priority and to have it on the EU agenda until the problem is finally resolved.

At present the original state of the burial site is restored. The site is fenced in and provided with a guard. But the problem still remains, moreover, due to the pollution of the soil and reservoirs new risks have emerged connected with health risks to the population living in the vicinity of the burial site.



OTHER PROJECTS

Project name: Guidelines for safe use of pesticides in Armenia

Location: Ararat and Kotayk Marzes

Duration: 2008-2009

Funded by: IPEN

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The guide on the safe use of pesticides in agriculture, precautionary measures and the treatment in case of poisoning is created in the Armenian language in the form of modules, based on the information materials provided by WHO, UNEP and Eco-Accord. The guide was disseminated among farmers and local administrations.

Project name: Ecological Sanitation - Sustainable Rural Development Initiative to reach the MDG 7

Duration: 2008- 2009

Location: Hayanist and Khachpar (Ararat marz)

Supported by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WfWP

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The sustainable sanitation concept is promoted and disseminated among 7 local NGOs and 1 international organization through trainings with participation of international experts.

Project name: For better information transfer

Location: Yerevan

Duration: 2009

Funded by: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WfWP

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Project name : Stronger Women – Better Results

Location: Yerevan

Duration: 2009

Funded by: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WfWP

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Project name: Strengthening AWHHE Communication Possibilities

Location: Yerevan

Duration: 2009

Funded by: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WfWP

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As a result of 4 implemented projects AWHHE staff improved communication skills, increased knowledge and became sufficiently skilled in performing tasks such as managing conflicts, conducting effective negotiations and making business correspondence, communicating with media, organizing press conferences and writing press releases, improved fundraising activities, computer and English language skills which enlarged members reporting capacity and provided more possibility for participation in international events.

WATER AND SANITATION

- Water Supply with Anticipation of Improvement booklet in Armenian, 2009
- Let's save the water booklet in Armenian, 2009
- Developing Partnership throughout the World booklet in Armenian and English, 2009
- Water and Our Health booklet in Armenian, 2009
- Ecological Sanitation: Option for All booklet in English, 2009
- UDD Toilets in Rural School Hayanist, Article for GTZ Armenia in English, 2009 (<http://awhhe.am/downloads/susana/en-susana-cs-armenia-hayanist-school.pdf>)
- Through improved water and sanitation, Poster for 5th World Water Forum in Turkey poster in English, 2009
- Experience of the Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment NGO in Sanitation (2005-2009) - poster in Russian, 2009
- Case Study on Community Water Supply in Rural Armenia brochure in English, 2008
- Case Study on Access to Safe Drinking Water for the Villages Dzoraghbyur and Deghdzavan brochure in English, 2008

CHEMICALS AND ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURE

- Alternative to Pesticides, brochure, 2008
- Safe Use of Pesticides, brochure 2009
- Our Friend Compost, brochure, 2009
- Farmer Field Schools on Integrated Pest Management, brochure, 2009
- Catch Sight and Take Care, leaflet, 2009
- Organic Farming, booklet, 2010
- Beware of Obsolete and Banned Pesticides, booklet
- Safe use of Pesticides, booklet, 2009
- First Aid in Case of Poisoning, booklet
- Routes of Environment Pollution with Pesticides, booklet
- Green Light to Pesticides-Free Products, poster, booklet

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ACHIEVEMENTS



During the reporting period of 2009-2010 AWHHE successfully accomplished 15 projects in 5 provinces (marzes) of Armenia. Our partners were Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), NGO Forum on ADB, WWF Armenia, OSCE, Ministries of Agriculture, Nature Protection, Emergency Situations, the Center for Ecological and Noosphere Studies and local authorities. The direct beneficiaries of the implemented projects were more than 700 000 people from target areas. During the mentioned period 103 000 copies of brochures and booklets were published and disseminated. The laboratory studies of 300 samples of soil, water and milk were conducted. The journalists, local NGOs, OSCE, UNDP, the ministries and the business sector applied to AWHHE for consultation and interviews for more than 150 times. AWHHE has 27 volunteers. Each staff member of the organization makes annual input of 300 man-hours on voluntary base.



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