

Media Tour of Journalists to meet CSOs in Tavush and Gegharkunik

In June 2016 Media Initiative Center organized a media tour to Tavush and Gegharkunik marzes (provinces) as part of CSO DePo program. The purpose of the media tour was to introduce journalists to the activities of Civil Society Organizations operating in various communities outside the capital, and to the problems of these communities.

Total 13 journalists representing 9 media outlets (TV, radio, print and online media) participated in the media tour. During two days the journalists visited seven NGOs: Geghareg Educational and Cultural NGO (Gavar); Martuni Women's Community Council (Martuni); Community Pulse (Vardenik); Astghatsolk NGO of Disabled Children's Parents (Chambarak); Support to Noyemberyan (Noyemberyan); Natali Center for Childcare (Dovegh); Noyastgh (Koghb).

CSOs presented their various activities and initiatives, as well as introduced their areas of expertise and their roles in communities. Thus, journalists got better understanding on CSOs functioning in the region. As a result, an extensive coverage of various issues appeared in media through almost 25 informative and analytical reports in different formats – print, online, audio, video, multimedia. The issues and initiatives covered included: summer camp for children of dead soldiers; employment and vocational education of young people; business initiatives of CSOs; social and economic problems in villages; employment opportunities for the disabled people; childcare and child development; migration; agriculture.

Here is the list of electronically available articles:

- [The Challenge Faced by Ighdz Social Enterprise is Marketing](#), by Arpine Minasyan, Hetq.am
- [The Pulse of Vardenik Community](#), by Arpine Minasyan, Hetq.am
- [The Village Governor Wants to Shut the Only Kindergarten of the Village](#), by Mher Arshakyan, A1+
- [Social Enterprise in Chambarak](#), by Grigor Harutyunyan, ATV
- [Numerous Problems of Bordering Dovegh](#), by Grigor Harutyunyan, ATV
- [The Majority of Gavar Young People is Unemployed](#), by Grigor Harutyunyan, ATV
- [Martuni Offers Alternative to Turkish Products](#), by Grigor Harutyunyan, ATV
- [Wishes of Bordering Community Children's Wishes Addressed to Soldiers](#), by Amali Khachatryan, Yerkir Media
- [Dovegh is Warried for its Kindergarten](#), by Amali Khachatryan, Yerkir Media
- [Banks Require a Mortgage in Yerevan for Mortgage Lending and Consumer Loans in Tavush](#), by Anush Martirosyan, Aravot
- [I am not the Enemy of our Village, but One, who Cares for it](#), by Anush Martirosyan, Aravot
- [The New Production will Engage Many Workplaces](#), by Satik Isahakyan, Public Radio of Armenia
- [Young Families Immigrate from Vardenik](#), by Satik Isahakyan, Public Radio of Armenia
- [They Try to Keep Young People in Vardenik](#), by Satik Isahakyan, Public Radio of Armenia
- [Unemployment is the Main Problem in Gegharkunik](#), by Satik Isahakyan, Public Radio of Armenia
- [Migration is being reduced in Gegharkunik](#), by Satik Isahakyan, Public Radio of Armenia

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