



Dear CSO representatives,

Community Poverty Reduction “Know How” Project was launched in January 2021 with the financial assistance from the EU which is being implemented jointly by the Caucasus Research Resource Center, Economic Development and Research Center, Eurasia Partnership Foundation and Hrant Matevosyan Foundation.

The Project emphasizes the role of the civil society in developing and implementing poverty reduction policies in communities. In particular, the Project aims at enhancing public discussions on inequality and poverty and implement social initiatives aimed at poverty reduction.

In this regard, the Project aims at improving CSOs’ capacities in a number of directions, in particular – in improving budget literacy and participation to the public programme design, as well as programme design and some other directions.

Public Budgets and Budget Programme Monitoring trainings will be conducted by the Economic Development and Research Center (EDRC). EDRC is a think-tank dedicated to monitoring and analyses of public programmes and policies, development and conduction of activities/trainings to enhance budget literacy and analytic/research capacities of beneficiaries. EDRC has vast experience in cooperating with CSOs: numerous trainings and mentoring events were conducted for civil society units, students, mass media representatives. The Center has conducted more than 35 trainings for the staff members of state agencies involved in budgeting processes, high-level officials and NA deputies over the last 4 years.

All those interested CSOs that share the stated programme objectives, have certain expertise and adequate resources to collaborate during 2022-2023 to contribute to the development of pro-poor policies in state and community levels and participate in the budget processes, can respond to the present invitation. In addition, the Community Poverty Reduction “Know-How” project intends to announce a Call for Grants for communities in targeted Marzes in the nearest future to finance community initiatives in areas of community budget monitoring, participatory budgeting, as well as solution of other socio-economic problems. Participation to trainings will be viewed as an advantage during the evaluation of grant proposals.

The trainings are intended for CSOs acting in Shirak, Lori and Tavush Marzes, as well as at the national level. If you are willing to participate, please fill in the online application at <https://forms.gle/WVhqweLG4VYGam5s7>, by **February 28, 2022**. Selected participants will be informed in advance on the training venue and other details.

If necessary, training participants will be compensated for the transportation and hotel expenses.

For additional details and clarifications, please contact Lilit Hakobyan at Economic Development and Research Center (mobile: 096 22 38 03).

Best regards,

Project team

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