

INFORMATION SUMMARY

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Date of establishment	2004
Mission of the organization	Promote the development of civil society in Armenia and protect the human rights and legitimate interests.
Areas of activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■Criminal Justice Reforms■Establishment of juvenile justice system■Child Protection■Domestic violence
Goals and objectives of the organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Transparent and effective implementation of legal and judicial reform, enhancing the effectiveness of justice, particularly the criminal justice system– Contribute to the reform of the penal system– Promote cooperation and partnership between governmental and non-governmental organizations and organizations on social issues as offender resocialisation, domestic violence, children right protection

The “Social Justice” (SJ) is a non-governmental organization based in Yerevan. The Organization was established upon the General Assembly of the Organization on 15th February of 2004.

Since, Social Justice NGO has got very involved in the rehabilitation activities for juvenile and adult prisoners, both inmate and released.

The mission of the organization is restoring social justice within the society.

Furthermore, The Organization aims to invest in criminal justice reforms in the Republic of Armenia (in particular, Reforms in Penitentiary System and establishing the National Probation Service).

It is also among Organizations’ activities to implement reforms with regard to detained persons and convicts, helping them in integrating as full members of the society.

The organization consists of professionals in psychology, penitentiary law, human rights, as well as an ad hoc team of experts for addressing each individual issue in the sphere.

The Organization is the Armenian member of the European Organization for Probation (CEP). Within the framework of implementation of our programs, the Organization has established long-term working relationships with different state Bodies and Agencies such as the Ministry of Justice, Penitentiary Service, Police of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Labor and Social Issues (in particular, with State Employment Agency), Ministry of Education, The Ministry of Defense, the Ombudsman’s office.

Also relationships were established with international organizations such as, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Penal Reform International (PRI), USAID/Counterpart- Armenia, OSIAF-Armenia.

Our Organization has its representatives in:

- Inter-Agency Council for Penitentiary System Reforms of Armenia
- Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (OPCAT) under Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia
- Child Protection Network of Armenia
- European Probation Organization (CEP)
- Interagency Council against Domestic Violence Issues of Armenia

**BRIEF LIST
OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS**

N	PROJEC	DONOR ORGANIZATION
1.	2011 – Study: Education and vocational training for juveniles deprived of their liberty	OSCE office in Yerevan
2.	2011 – 2013 - Strengthening rehabilitation and re-socialisation of prisoners of Armenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of Rehabilitation Unit of Penitentiary System of Armenia: Organizing vocational training and professional orientation in Penitentiary Institutions. They cover the following topics: Accounting, Basic Computer Skills (also web-design for those who has already pass basic skills) and English language • Providing rights to vocational education of juvenile prisoners as protection of fundamental rights of the child • A list of recommendations for organization of vocational education of young prisoners was provided to the Ministry of science and education and to the Ministry of Justice, which included The norms and standards of international (European), requirements and practice by the experience of concrete states, the national legislation, its compliance with international standards, as well suggestions for legislative amendments and reforms and main obstacles, needs and preconditions for contribution of European practice of the field in Armenia • Conducting vocational education for prisoners serving their sentences in 6 penitentiary institutions of Armenia (Computer skills, English language and Accountancy) 	OSCE office in Yerevan
3.	2011 – Implementing the mechanisms for reintegration of prisoners after their release <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project aimed at developing new mechanism of adult prisoners' from 2 penitentiaries of reintegration to society and its practical implementation by preparing and supporting them before and after their release. • Elaboration and providing recommendations to the Ministry of Justice for further legal regulations of the sphere <p>Capacity building for the Ministry of Justice of RA on drafting the Policy Paper of further Probation Service</p>	USAID/Counterpart International Representation in Armenia
4.	2013 - Strengthening Criminal Justice reforms in the Republic of Armenia. Pilot project on juveniles' probation activities. Establishment the probation model for juveniles in the Republic of Armenia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot project on juveniles' probation activities. Planning and implementation of justice policy. • Establishment of the probation model for juveniles in the Republic of Armenia. • Pilot program for different probation activities for juveniles, during imprisonment and serving alternative sentences as well as during probation period (when under supervision) • Analyses of local legislation (mainly Criminal Code, Criminal Presages Code and Penitentiary Code) and providing recommendation and legal drafting to the Ministry of Justice. • Analysis of cross-cutting issues: good governance, human rights, gender issues. • Drafting a baseline for drafting further legal acts according to juvenile justice policy within Penitentiary System in Armenia, including planning further probation activities with juveniles 	USAID/Counterpart International Representation in Armenia
5.	2014 - Study on cost effectiveness (cost benefit analysis) of custodial and non-custodial sentences and probation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis local legal and sub-legal acts which regulate any cost affect during detention, imprisonment and 	Council of Europe

	<p>serving alternative sentences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative costing (cost benefit) analysis of the existing penitentiary service (costs related to the implementation of custodial and non-custodial sanctions and other measures); • General assessment of the costs related to custodial and non-custodial sentences in the view of prevention of re-offending; • Recommendations on the costs effectiveness and social impact for the establishment of the probation service. • Recommendation to develop and implement a new penitentiary policy, including establishment the Probation service in Armenia 	
6.	<p>2014 – Developing Business and Youth Profiles, ensuring employment of Youth in Yerevan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping business representatives in Qanaqer-Zeytun community • Evaluation of demand for workforce, professions and professional qualifications in business organizations • Analyses of supply and demand in labor market and presentation of research results to stakeholders (State Employment Service of RA, Business representatives etc.) 	World Vision Armenia
7.	<p>2014 –2016 Strengthening Police units on Domestic Violence: Developing partnership model for domestic violence prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building of Police Units for Juvenile Crime on prevention Domestic Violence • Capacity building of School Inspectors of Police of Armenia on identification and early response to DV cases • Establishment and developing institutional partnership between Police and community based state and non-state actors, civil society, within the scope of domestic violence • Support to vulnerable groups, consideration of gender issues 	OSCE office in Yerevan
8.	<p>2015 – Need Assessment of Children care centres of Armenia related to possibilities for alternative care organization for the children and existence of social and other services within their possible communities</p>	World Vision, UNICEF Centre for Educational Research and Consulting
9.	<p>2015 – Elaboration training module full package for further probation service officers of Armenia.</p>	Council of Europe
10.	<p>2015 - Towards Enhancing Children’s Access to Justice in Armenia Developing the Juvenile Justice indicators and mechanisms for unified database in Armenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration indicators on juvenile Justice and child victims of crime • Data collection and management process on children in contact with the Law in line with UNODC standards/indicators • Reporting and recommendations for Armenian Justice System 	Ministry of Justice and UNICEF
11.	<p>2015 - Developing the Child Protection Index in Armenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and reporting the child protection sphere in Armenia in line with UN CRC (Child Rights Convention) 	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, World Vision Middle East and Eastern Europe and ChildPact
12.	<p>November 2016-October2017 “Corruption Risk Assessment in the Field of Children Deprived of Parental</p>	USAID, subgranteed by

	Care” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and assess the corruption risks in the sphere of protection of children remained without parental care, in particular their detection, registration, recognition of the status and determination of care, and the systemic issues that create those risks. 	Transparency International
13.	October 2017-October 2018 “Promoting Re-socialization of Juveniles/Youth In Conflict With Law” (“PROJUCE”)	European Union (EU) “Strong CSOs for stronger Armenia”