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# Annual Report | 2015 - 2016

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## WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



## Edgar Khachatryan

Peace Dialogue NGO Director

“Our organization continued its efforts in supporting the active participation of the civil society actors in processes of democratization and peaceful resolution of conflicts in our country - Armenia as well as in some of Armenia’s neighbouring countries and other regions.”

Dear beneficiaries, donors, supporters and followers of Peace Dialogue Non-Governmental organization, we are pleased to introduce our Biannual Report for 2015-2016.

During the last two years, our organization continued its efforts in supporting the active participation of the civil society actors in processes of democratization and peaceful resolution of conflicts in our country - Armenia as well as in some of Armenia’s neighbouring countries and regions. We are proud to announce that during the mentioned period the geography of our activities was enlarged and covered various conflict-affected communities of the Eastern Partnership Region and Russian Federation.

Despite the dynamics of growing internal and geopolitical tensions in the region, Peace Dialogue’s team continued its activities towards increasing the effectiveness of the civil society actor’s peacebuilding initiatives and activities aimed at protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

During the last two years, we implemented various programs and initiatives aimed at developing capacities of the civil society actors from Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and Russian Federation (Chechen Re-

public, Rostov Region and Sankt-Petersburg). We implemented **over 7 regional capacity building trainings and workshops** for more than **170 activists** from the mentioned countries, supported about **15 local and regional initiatives** of the participants of our programs.

In 2015 and 16 Peace Dialogue implemented a number of project and awareness raising campaigns aimed at decreasing the number of violations in the Armenian Military Forces. The activities in the framework of that projects were directed towards:

- Advocating for rights of the family members of soldiers died in non-combat conditions in the Armenian Army;
- Public awareness raising on human rights conditions in the Armenian Army;
- Documenting and analysing the records of human rights violations, illegalities and non-combat fatal incidents. Developing of recommendations aimed at preventing human rights violations in the Armenian Military Forces;
- Raising awareness on human rights in military among the future conscripts.

Moreover, during the aforementioned period, several initiatives of our organization were addressed at solving the issues and topics of public concern in Vanadzor, the city where Peace Dialogue is situated.

The organization’s team was involved in activities aimed at improving the quality of the local transportation service in Vanadzor community, observing the corruption risks in this sphere and developing a package of recommendations for the improvements.

We have to mention that we also implemented several structural reforms within the organization, in order to increase the efficiency of our activities, and with the support of our local and international partners and supporters we continue our efforts in developing Peace Dialogue’s institutional capacities to effectively reach our strategic goals.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all our partners, supporters and donors for their important intellectual, political and financial support that help our organization to sustainably work and bring the desired changes to the lives of the people in our city, country and the region.



Peace Dialogue works in 3 thematic areas.



Developing & strengthening democratic institutions



Promoting peace movement & peace culture

Strengthening the respect for human rights & democratic values



7 local, national and international projects implemented during the period 2015-2016



Project Public Control as a Tool for Corruption Risks' Reduction.



Women's Agency of Peacemaking



Arena Community Theatre & Public Art



Peace Counts Training Program



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Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia



Awareness raising mechanism for the effective protection of human rights in the Armenian Armed Forces

## Outcomes



10 articles published



1 TV show organized



10 cities in the South Caucasus, Russian Federation and Ukraine were involved



370 people attended the events



7 regional capacity building trainings & workshops organized



15 local and regional initiatives implemented by the projects' participants



15 national events organized



21 people received pro-bono legal assistance



700 people attended the events



5 court processes initiated

## ABOUT PEACE DIALOGUE

Peace Dialogue NGO (PD) is a non-religious, non-political organization, which was founded in 2009 in Armenia.

**Vision:** The organization unites experienced human rights and peace activists from Eastern Partnership countries, Russia and Europe in order to encourage the active participation of the civil society in processes of democratization and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

**Mission:** Through the formation of a multilayer dialogue on the national, regional and international levels, in conflict and post-conflict societies the organization strives to promote the following three thematic pillars:

1. peace movement and peace culture;
2. the strengthening of respect towards human rights and democratic values;
3. the development and strengthening of democratic institutions.

**Strategic goals:** The main projects and initiatives of PD are mainly aimed at:

- development of civil peacebuilding potential;
- protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- defining the civil control over the process of making decisions of public importance by the state bodies;
- providing opportunities for equal participation of women and men in political and civic processes;
- promoting civil peace initiatives;
- protection and promotion of the rights of the victims of conflicts.

## PROJECTS OF PEACE DIALOGUE IN 2015 - 2016

During the reporting period, PD has been working on the aforementioned thematic pillars as per its Strategic Plan. Within that framework, PD implemented the following projects:



### **Arena Community Theatre and Public Art**



### **Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia**



### **Awareness raising mechanism for the effective protection of human rights in the Armenian armed forces**



### **Public Control as a Tool for Corruption Risks' Reduction**



### **Women's Agency of Peacemaking**



### **Peace Counts Training Program**



### **EPNK – 3**

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 "ARENA: Summer School for Peace and Art."  
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# Arena Community Theatre and Public Art

**Project duration:** 3 years

**Total budget for 2015 and 2016:** 218,588 Euro

**Donor:** The project "Arena: Community Theatre and Public Art" is supported by the zivik (Civil Conflict Resolution) programme of the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa) with means from the German Federal Foreign Office.

**The Project's German Partner:** OWEN Mobile Akademie für Geschlechterdemokratie und Friedensförderung e.V.

## Background:

The ongoing three-year project "ARENA: Community Theatre and Public Art" is aimed at improving the impact of peace building on community and regional levels both through developing suitable strategies for community-based peace building and by creating a safe and supportive platform and network for civil society groups from Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation (Chechen Republic, Rostov Region and Sankt-Petersburg) and Ukraine.

## Overall objectives:

- To create a platform which provides valuable opportunities for mutual support and helps the

civil society actors in resisting the isolation and marginalization they face in their own societies. To provide opportunities for mutual learning and for obtaining theoretical and practical skills, knowledge, and technical tools, including theatrical and public art techniques for more effective community-based peace work, as well as for the participant's empowerment, reflection, systematization and learning processes. Our intention is that the platform will become a resource for dialogue and reflection for the civil society actors involved in the project, allowing them to discover their role as leaders in building local non-hierarchical supportive groups of peace activists and to develop new joint

strategies for further peace building work in their communities;

- To establish a network of the civil society actors and motivated/interested international actors for a sustainable cooperation and support mechanisms for the peace activists in the Caucasus, Russia and Ukraine;
- To empower the civil society actors in Eastern Partnership countries and the Russian Federation to endeavour together to strengthen the impact of peace building, on both the regional and community levels, through creative approaches, new methods and activities in the field of human rights and peace building.





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“ARENA: Summer School for Peace and Art.”  
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## “Can artistic means be used in human rights protection?”

The participants of the ARENA Summer School for Peace and Art, held in Borjomi from July 7 to July 16, 2016, gave an unequivocal “yes” to this question. In the end of the summer school the participants from Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Russia and Lebanon presented their products prepared during the theatre, comics and video seminars. The audience, including Mónica Lenharde, Deputy Head of Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia, was impressed by the expressiveness and social significance of the products.”

*(Embassy of Germany in Tbilisi, Georgia)*

### Results and comments:

During the reporting period Peace Dialogue NGO organized four regional initiatives for the members of the Arena platform:

- 2 Workshops on Systematization of Experiences;
- 1 Training on Community Leadership;
- 1 Summer School for Peace and Art.

Also, within the framework of the project, Peace Dialogue supports the participants’ local initiatives aimed at activating and mobilizing common people for peacebuilding work in the participants’ respective communities.

Peace Dialogue supported seven small projects and three exchange projects between the participants of the ARENA platform.

### Follow-up:

The proposal for Arena’s third year activities has been discussed and prepared. In total 37 participants from the last 2 year of the Arena project will be involved in this phase as well.

The proposed phase of the project consists of the three main components:

Capacity building and mutual learning;

Relation building, retreat and networking;

Analysing and strategizing.

During the third phase of the project Peace Dialogue and OWEN will:

- Provide safe and secure space for dialogue, mutual learning and the exchange of experience between civil-society actors from

*the different regions;*

- Facilitate learning and reflecting upon community theatre and art as tools for promoting dialogue, participation, analysis, strategic development, and improved planning processes;
- Develop appropriate creative methodologies for analysis and the pro-active strategizing based on the current political developments in the region and participant’s resources, interests and potential;
- Encourage and support participant’s initiatives in their communities, aimed at overcoming the culture of violence and at developing critical thinking;
- Identify and involve additional supportive resources to make the efforts of the participants more effective and sustainable.





© 2015, Peace Dialogue, "Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia" project; Workshop on human rights in the Military Forces for future conscripts in one of the schools of Vanadzor. Photo by Armine Zakaryan

# Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia

**Project duration:** 3 years

**Total budget for 2015:** 5,300 Euro

**Donor:** PAX (the Netherlands).

**Beneficiaries:** The soldiers undergoing compulsory military service, the relatives of deceased soldiers, the relatives of soldiers currently serving in the Army.

## Background:

Since 2013, Peace Dialogue NGO has been implementing a long-term program called Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia, which is supported by a grant from the Dutch NGO PAX. The aim of this project is to improve human rights situation in the armed forces of Armenia in order to increase the security of the soldiers serving here. There are numerous violations in the RA army, particularly death cases that are often ignored by the public at large for a number of reasons, which results in continuation of violations and offenses. One of the main reasons for this situation is that the army is a closed institution and there is little transparency. Another reason is a cliché public view of the "victorious army" which makes

people implicitly trust and believe the army and, at the same time, not believe the cases of the offences and violations.

## Target groups:

- National and international actors, Track-I and Track-II both, who can have positive influence on current situation;
- The family members of the deceased soldiers who help to add information to the database of the non-combat deaths;
- Soldiers who are serving in the army and fill in information about the violations in their respective military units.

## Overall objectives:

- To provide families with the truth about how their children died while serving in the military.
- To develop and maintain a public resource with as much information as possible on the subject of the safety of soldiers in the Armenian military and the protection and advancement of their rights.
- To advocate in the courts for the right of public access to valid information on the circumstances and details of military fatalities and to increase professionalism and transparency in the military and judicial systems specifically in regards to this issue.



Parents of Armenian army recruits who died in recent years are concerned that they are not being told the truth about the circumstances of the deaths. Peace Dialogue has launched a video campaign called "We Have a Right to Know the TRUTH!"

Source: <http://common-space.eu>

- To provide a real world example of how change can come about in both administrative and judicial processes in Armenia through informed judicial challenges and increased public pressure.

## Results and comments:

More than **450 young people** participated in different activities of Peace Dialogue aimed at raising awareness of young conscripts about their rights during military service.

Approximately **170 people** participated in **six conflict simulation games** entitled Fair Court.

During the project, PD provided pro bono legal support to **21 people**.

PD created and manages safesoldiers.am internet database. It includes legal acts and international agreements related to the armed forces, as well as reports, publications and expert analysis of local and international human rights organizations, their contact information. There the users can find interactive diagrams and maps that show geographical statistics of the soldiers' death and their official and unofficial reasons. This website includes the fatalities in the army since the ceasefire agreement signed in 1994 between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

In 2015 Peace Dialogue initiated a lawsuit against the Ministry of Defence over the requirement that the ministry provides the requested information on the fatalities of persons serving in the military from 1994 to 2014. In the framework of Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia project, the organization's Dutch partner provided financial support for engaging the due legal help in court. Currently, after finishing all national Judiciary system instances, Peace Dialogue prepares an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights because the organization believes that the constant rejection in providing information by the MoD does not aim at preventing possible arbitrariness of the law and does not guarantee the rights of the persons or the groups of people as it is provided by the RA Law on Fundamentals of Administrative Action and Administrative Proceedings. (See the details on [www.safesoldiers.am](http://www.safesoldiers.am))

One of the most important results of the project is the attitude change on part of the family members of the deceased soldiers. Their involvement into investigation of the fate of their loved ones became more robust and their role more prominent. Now they are more consistent in protecting their own rights in the courts and raising their problems in public platforms. Another important factor

is the awareness raising among the conscripts about the mechanisms for the promotion and protection of their rights before they are drafted into the army.

During the project parents of **9 deceased soldiers** participated in video interviews for the video campaign called "We Have a Right to Know the TRUTH!" While documenting these deaths in the Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia project, the project team found that many families do not believe the "official" version of the "fatal accidents" that resulted in the death of their family members but that is often the only explanation of the deaths given to families. By the end of the project, <http://safesoldiers.am/en/> website informed of **721 fatalities**.

The activities of the Peace Dialogue during the project, have uncovered and exposed many important issues which has generated a great deal of attention from local, national and international media outlets<sup>1,2</sup>

1. See "Defense Minister's Order Has Made Armenian Army Less Accessible to Public, Expert Says": <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/09/16/defense-ministers-order-has-made-armenian-army-less-accessible-to-public-expert-says.html>

2. See "'Peace Dialogue' issues second part of report on casualties in Armenian armed forces": <http://www.commonspace.eu>

© 2015, Peace Dialogue, "Round-table discussions on human rights in Military Forces in Vanadzor." Photo by Arthur Manukyan.



# Awareness raising mechanism for the effective protection of human rights in the Armenian armed forces

**Project duration:** 1 year (2015-2016)

**Total budget for 1 year:** 24.736.08 USD

**Donor:** Democracy Commission Small Grant Program of the US Embassy in Armenia.

**Beneficiaries:** The soldiers undergoing compulsory military service; the family members of deceased soldiers; relatives of the soldiers who currently serve in the Armenian army.

## Background:

This is a project that stemmed from the Safe Soldiers for a Safe Armenia. It was launched in 2015. The project is aimed at raising awareness among local and international communities about the human rights situation in the armed forces and mobilizing their efforts to increase public demand for transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights in the Armenian military.

## Target groups:

1. the audience of local TV stations and NGO representatives in five regions of Armenia (Lori, Tavush, Vayots Dzor, Ararat, and Syunik);

2. officials in Armenian defence structures;
3. internet users age 18 to 40 who are involved in various types of activism but have not worked on issues related to the army;
4. representatives of international organizations dealing with human rights issues and diplomatic missions accredited to the country;
5. local/international experts dealing with the issues related to the RA military.

## Overall objectives:

- To increase awareness among

RA government and Defence officials regarding human rights violations in the Armenian army;

- To combat public apathy towards violations and human rights abuses in RA Armed Forces among international community and local population in Lori, Tavush, Vayots Dzor, Ararat, and Syunik regions;
- To involve local and international experts, local civil society representatives, and independent researchers in studying the issue from different perspectives and in designing the alternative models that will best fit the Armenian context.



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## Results and comments:

In the framework of the project, five round-table discussions have been organized in Lori, Syunik, Ararat, Tavush and Vayots Dzor regions of Armenia in order to raise official's and population's level of understanding of the key human rights issues in the military. More than **88 (eighty eight people)** participated in those events. Representatives of the governors' offices, military recruitment offices, prosecutors' offices and military police officers of the mentioned regions took part in this events and presented their views and concerns regarding the issue. Results show that open discussion of these topics allowed many families to tell their story.

Military expert along with the relevant Peace Dialogue staff continued to attend three ongoing court cases of Harutyun Hambaryan<sup>3</sup>, Manuchar Manucharyan<sup>4</sup> and Gevorg Khachatryan<sup>5</sup>. Additional families have contacted and asked for assistance since this project became more public. In most cases, Peace Dialogue provided them with appropriate contact information for military or governmental organizations that can provide answers to their questions.

**Two (2) people** received draft notices

despite the fact that they were supposed to be exempt from military service due to serious health issues. The Peace Dialogue provided due legal assistance and as a result, they were exempt from military service for three years.

Many local and international media outlets and analytical centres use the data and reports on non-combat fatalities in the Armenian Army provided by the Peace Dialogue NGO. The reports are posted on the [www.safesoldiers.am](http://www.safesoldiers.am) website every three months. Currently as a result of the project the database [www.safesoldiers.am](http://www.safesoldiers.am) includes reports on **938 fatal incidents recorded in the Armenian Army in non-combat conditions during the period from 1994 up to day.**

The information on this most important project is disseminated through the Peace Dialogue's extensive network of local and international experts, peacebuilders and activists.

To the Armenian Ministry of Defence the Peace Dialogue NGO sent its suggestions, including a proposal to introduce human rights courses into the regular curriculum of the military academies to raise awareness and to improve the knowledge of human

rights and fundamental freedoms among the military personnel. MoD responded that some of the points will be included in the Human Rights Action Plan of the Ministry for 2017-2019<sup>6</sup>.

Apart from the previously mentioned, Peace Dialogue is planning to implement a new initiative aimed at promoting proactive civil society participation in the protection of human rights in the Armenian Military through the establishment of a sustainable mechanism for greater civil society control over the actions of the RA Ministry of Defence (MoD). We submitted the proposal to the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) for funding. Peace Dialogue will keep the Democracy Commission informed regarding the further developments of this initiative.

3. See "The challenge of the cause of death of Private Haroutyun Hambaryan was rejected": <http://safesoldiers.am>

4. See "An additional posthumous forensic examination has been appointed for the case of Manuchar Manucharyan": <http://safesoldiers.am>

5. See "Gevorg Khachatryan": <http://safesoldiers.am/>

6. Peace Dialogue NGOs suggestions on the draft action plan of the RA Ministry of Defense for the Human Rights protection for the period 2017-2019: <http://safesoldiers.am>





# Public Control as a Tool for Corruption Risks' Reduction

**Project duration:** 6 months

**Total budget for 1 year:** 919, 800 AMD

**Donor:** The project was implemented in the framework of the program of the “Armenian Young Lawyers Association” NGO, co-funded by the European Union and the OSCE Yerevan Office.

## Background:

The project was launched in May of 2015 and was completed in August 2015. In recent years, the problems connected with public transportation in Vanadzor grew in to a substantial public issue. Very often the actual schedule of the vehicles doesn't correspond to the schedule stated by the service providing companies in their proposals based on which the companies were selected for providing the public service.

## Target groups:

People of Vanadzor

## Overall objectives:

To observe the corruption risks in the public transportation sphere in Vanadzor and develop a package of recommendations for the improvements.

## Results and comments:

At the first stage Peace Dialogue sent official inquiries to the municipality of Vanadzor in order to analyze the relevant structures of and the existing arrangements at the transportation service, and to review the links between those structures and their respective responsibilities;

During the second phase, Peace Dialogue analyzed the weakest links of the transportation system and drafted a list of recommendations based on the findings. The draft was sent to all relevant structures (Ministry of Communication and Transportation, Municipal Department of trade and transportation, and the Bureau for transport in the Lori Governor's office) for their feedback;

Peace Dialogue organized media interviews with the citizens and the relevant local officials in order to

understand the problems they see in the sphere of transportation;

The materials and articles based on those interviews were published in Peace Dialogue's website and in various issues of the main regional newspaper “Asparez”;

Peace Dialogue organized a TV debate on the topic. The participants were the President of Peace Dialogue NGO, the head of the Bureau for Transport in the Lori Governor's office and Municipal Department of Trade and Transportation;

The final version of the recommendations was prepared and submitted to the relevant authorities. Based on Peace Dialogue's recommendations, Vanadzor Municipality created new contracts with the companies providing transportation service in Vanadzor.



# Women's Agency of Peacemaking

**Project duration:** 2 years

**Total budget for 2015:** 9,278.70 Euro

**Donor:** Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), Finland

## Background:

During the second half of 2014 Peace Dialogue completed the ground-work for helping young people to build peace in the Caucasus, and, together with its Finish partner Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) it started the planning and preparation process of a joint project called "Women's Peace Agency Project." The project is aimed to contribute to a more inclusive and effective peace process through a sustained participation of a range of women in the region, by providing a structured multi-layered dialogue process.

## Target groups:

Women who are usually left out of the civil society and the community level processes

By stimulating community level interest and by constructing practical and self-sustaining initiatives, this project intends to preserve the experiences and voices of ordinary women who have lived through troubled times during the Nagorno-Karabakh War.

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## Overall objectives:

The focus of the program is on women's representation in society, not as an end in itself, but as a specific entry-point to the peace process in the region with the belief that this will expand its outreach, and improve sustainability. The logic of this project is built upon a unique combination of methodologies working together to create an innovative dialogue process with CMI's experience in developing inclusive processes of including marginalized groups.

- Empowering and improving the capacity of women-actors in the region to become active agents of change, influencers in their communities for positive social change and peace rather than spoilers;
- Expanding and improving effectiveness of women's participation and include their voices in the peace process through developing mechanisms to systematically and effectively generate recommendations for the peace process;
- Facilitating more critical understanding of history and improving understanding of multiplicity of collective memories and narratives and their role in conflict and peacebuilding in the region;
- Open-up spaces for targeted national and international Track 1 key actors to informally engage in a dialogue with women-actors in the region and be informed of the initiatives carried out by the groups of women at the local level and across the divides.

## Results and comments:

In 2015 with the partnership with CMI in Finland and OWEN in Germany, Peace Dialogue organized five days training in working with biographical memories and oral history. 25 women representatives of organizations dealing with women's issues in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh took part in the event.

After the event Peace Dialogue and CMI supported eight small local projects of the participants' communities aimed at helping them to exercise the learned methodologies in their daily work on activating and mobilizing women for peace in their respective communities. More than 200 people were involved in the local initiatives of the Women's Agency of Peacemaking project's participants.

During the regional joint workshop held in Tbilisi (July, 2015) the participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan and NK received capacities working with stories and memorials. Afterwards, several local events were initiated by the participants using the methodologies and knowledge they received during the workshop.

Evaluating and analysing all the local activities done in the frame of the project, we came to the idea that depending on the political and social contexts the transmission and interpretation of personal stories and the messages contain memorials that can be quite different.

Peace Dialogue intends to continue its efforts in activating and involving women in peace processes in the communities affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.



© 2015, Peace Dialogue, "Peace Counts Training in Vanadzor." Photo by Armine Zakaryan.

## Peace Counts Training Program

**Project duration:** 3 months

**Total budget:** 1,600 Euro

**Donor:** Berghof Foundation (Germany)

### Background:

This program developed by Berghof Foundation brings the exhibition to conflict regions in order to demonstrate best-practice examples of how successful peacebuilders inspire people to take action for peace in their own region or country and focuses on learning from biographies and visualization as a means to foster critical engagement with the essential topics, namely, conflict, violence and peace. The program includes both an exhibition and specifically adapted multimedia materials and the proven Peace Counts Learning Package called "Peacebuilders around the World".

Anna Zakaryan and Artahes Sergoyan of Peace Dialogue NGO, along with co-trainers from Georgia and

Abkhazia, facilitated the Peace Counts program of the Berghof foundation to different groups in both Armenia and in Nagorno-Karabakh. The groups included the mothers of deceased soldiers as well as young adults and women who are interested in peace building.

### Target groups:

Mothers of the deceased soldiers and the young men and women who are interested in peace building.

### Overall objectives:

Strengthening the abovementioned people identity as peacebuilders and encourage them to work towards peaceful solutions of violent conflicts.

### Results and comments:

The programs were held in Shushi and Stepanakert in the NK and Yerevan, Vanadzor, Alaverdi, and Berdavan in Armenia in September and October. One more will be held in Gyumri in November. Prior to these workshops a ToT course was held by the specialists from Berghof Foundation in Peace Dialogue's office in Vanadzor.

The training program provided information and resources to people who are engaged in working in the educational, media or peacebuilding sectors. During the workshops, participants were introduced to a variety of methods for peace education that they could integrate later into their own working environment at their respective grass-roots communities.

Image Source: [www.cmi.fi](http://www.cmi.fi)



## EPNK-3

**Project duration:** 1 year

**Total budget:** 6000 Euro

**Donor:** Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), Finland

Since 2010, CMI has been working with actors from all sides of the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh to establish channels of communication and increase confidence between groups of individuals.

### Background:

EPNK-3 aims to challenge the impasse in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict transformation process by reaching out to the new generation of people that grew up in isolation from each other, and represents one of the groups most affected by the conflict.

### Target groups:

NGOs, mass media, and executive and representative bodies.

### Overall objectives:

- Establishing channels of com-

munications between groups of individuals isolated or deeply affected by ongoing hostilities or by the lack of progress in official negotiations;

- Supporting young professionals to reach out to marginalised groups within their societies, i.e. women, youth, IDPs, and refugees;
- Supporting young professionals to implement local confidence-building initiatives in their own societies;
- Providing channels of communication between young professionals and local and inter-

national actors to inform on initiatives implemented within the societies.

### Results and comments:

Initiatives carried out by the platform of young professionals have varied from cartoon series to documentary films, training, research and analyses.

These initiatives are aimed at reaching out to a larger part of the population, and at participating in the dissemination of innovative discourses and approaches to the long-lasting conflict.

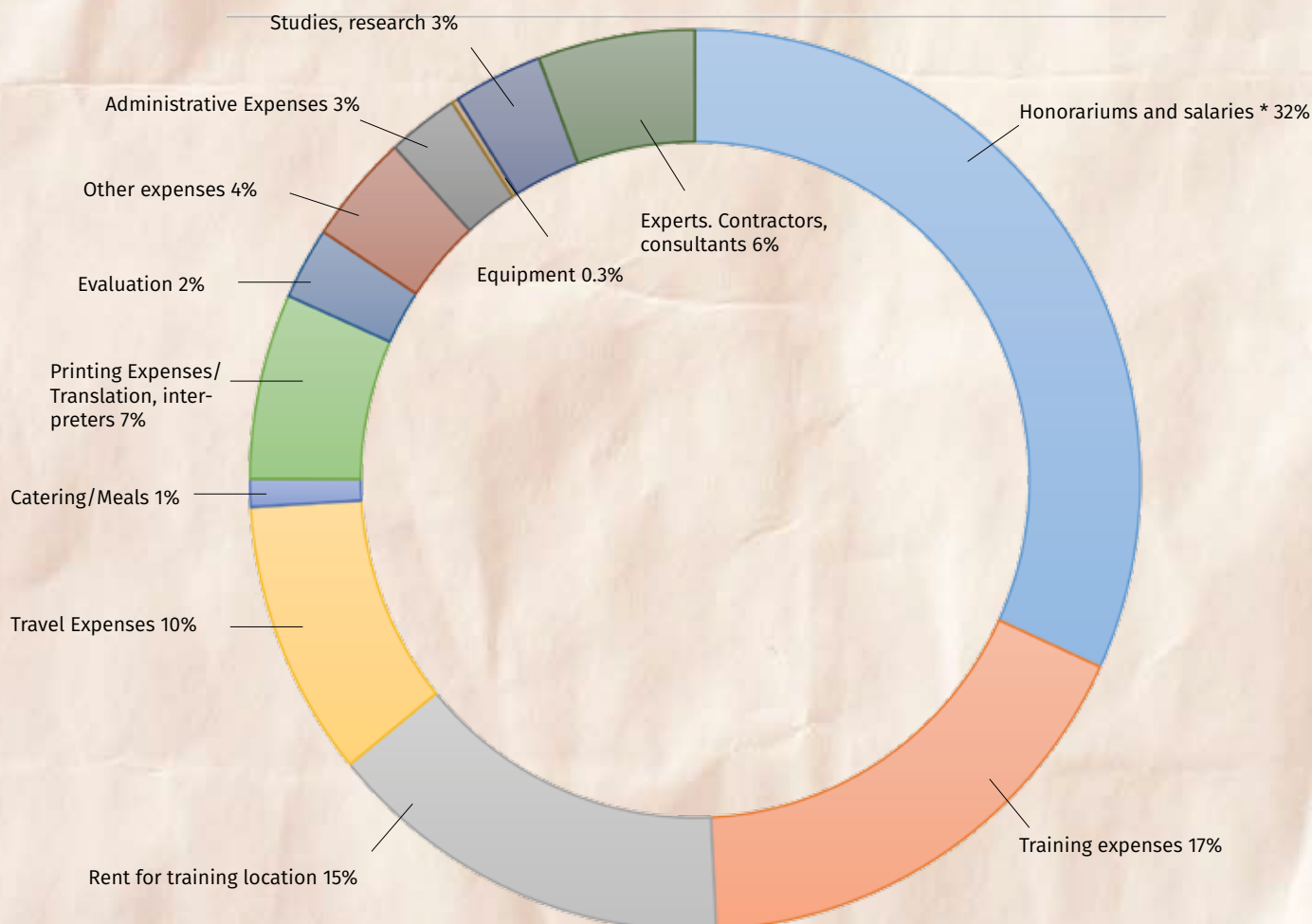


# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2015 – 2016 FISCAL YEARS

## Financial State of Peace Dialogue NGO for the 2015 Fiscal Year

N	Incomes and actual expenditures in 2015 (in EURO)	Total Income	Total expenditures	Total Balance
1	Honorariums and salaries *	46,468.11	41,979.02	4,489.10
2	Training expenses	23,385.79	22,989.09	396.7
3	Rent for training location	22,721.17	19,615.47	3,105.71
4	Travel Expenses	11,701.41	13,089.74	-1,388.32
5	Catering/Meals	1,544.87	1,316.21	228.66
6	Printing Expenses/Translation, interpreters	8,780.96	8,798.06	-17.1
7	Evaluation	3,474.00	3,409.19	64.81
8	Other expenses	5,294.27	5,198.64	95.63
9	Administrative Expenses	3,329.12	3,418.61	-89.5
10	Equipment	300	318.84	-18.84
11	Studies, research	5,856.62	4,284.18	1,572.44
12	Experts. Contractors, consultants	11,693.55	7,519.72	4,173.83
Grand Total:		144,549.88	131,936.76	12,613.12

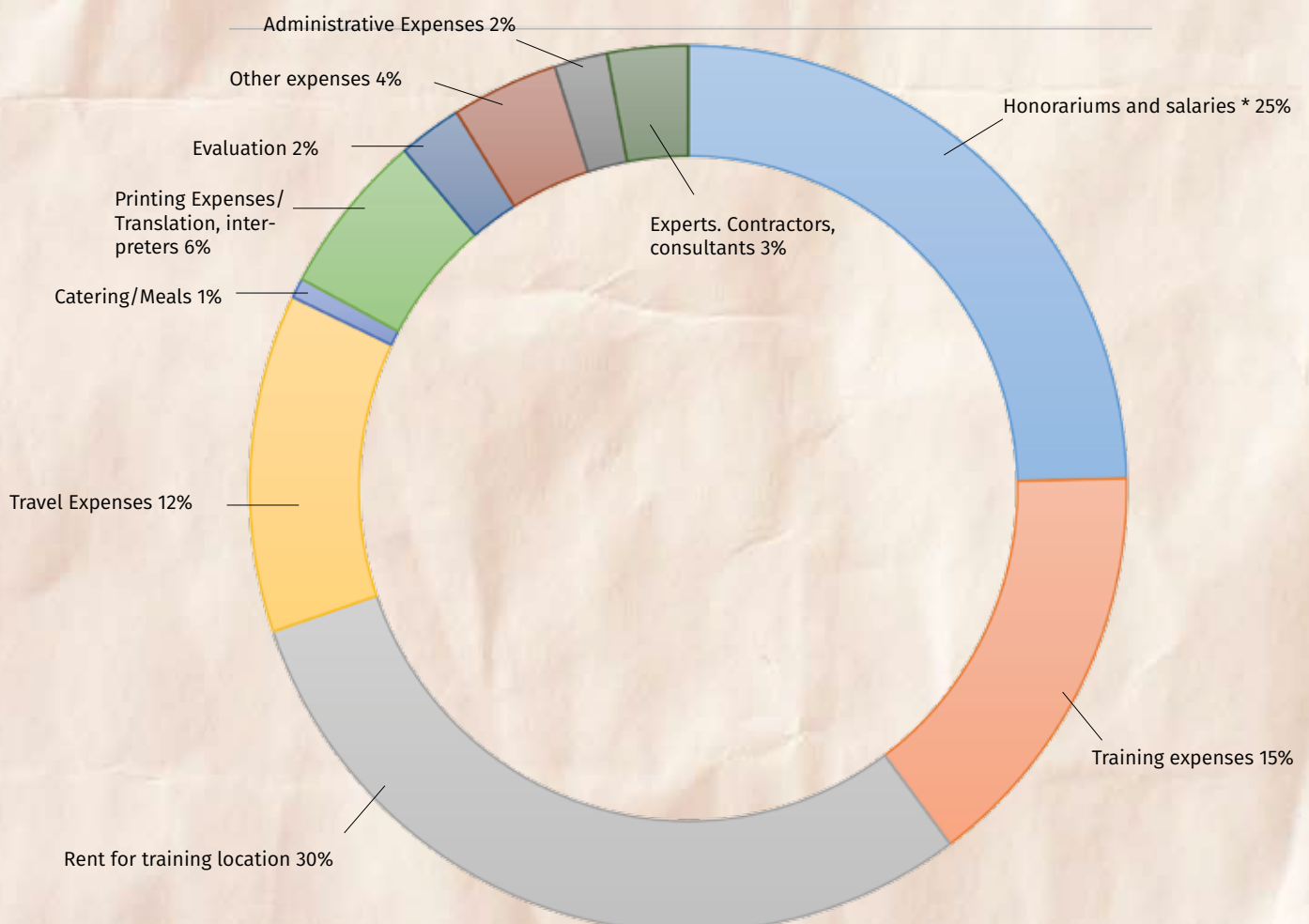
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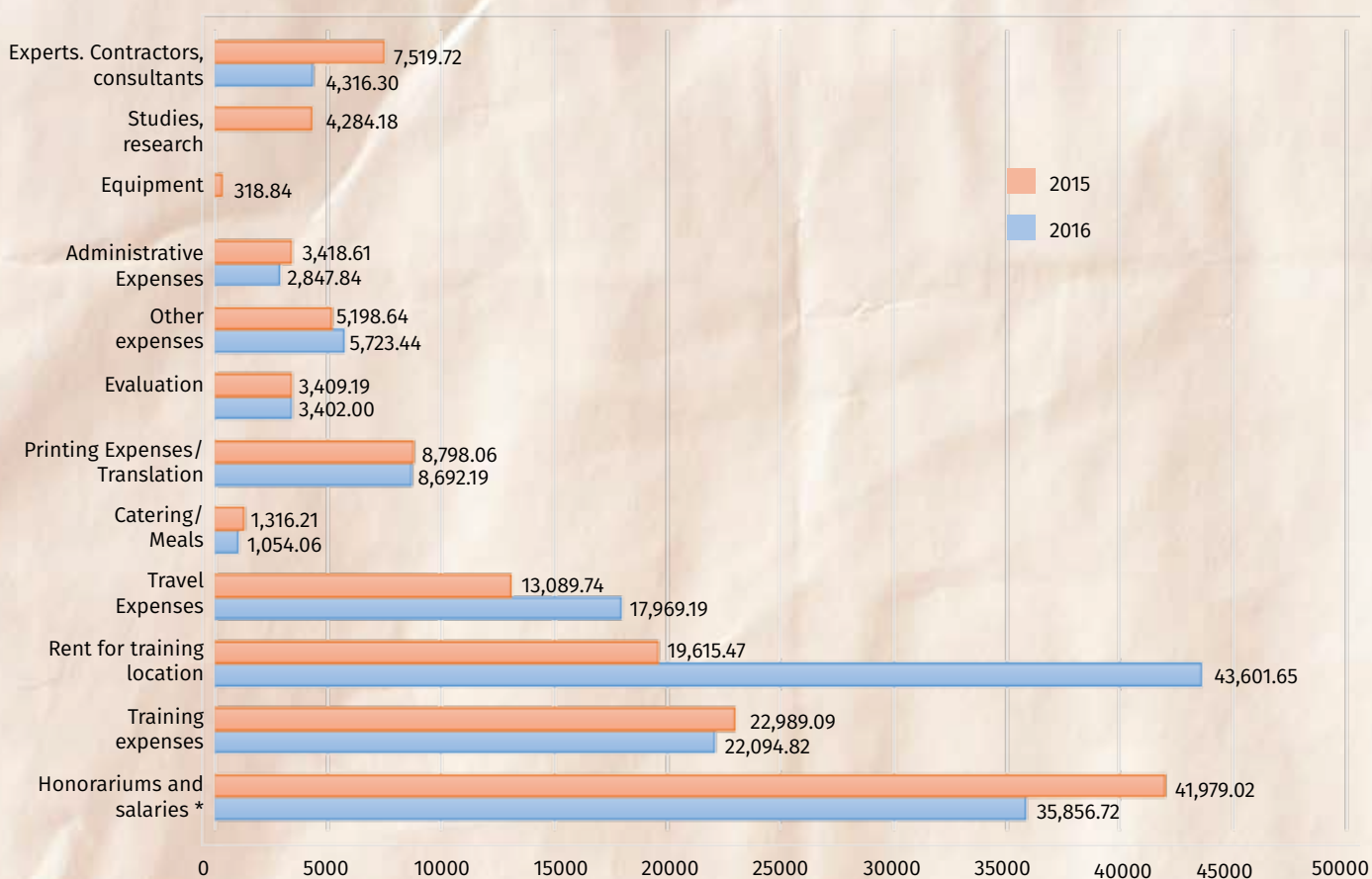
## Financial State of Peace Dialogue NGO for the 2016 Fiscal Year

N	Incomes and actual expenditures in 2016 (in EURO)	Total Income	Total expenditures	Total Balance
1	Honorariums and salaries *	35,956.63	35,856.72	99.91
2	Training expenses	22,094.82	22,094.82	0
3	Rent for training location	43,651.28	43,601.65	49.63
4	Travel Expenses	18,529.86	17,969.19	560.66
5	Catering/Meals	894.05	1,054.06	-160.01
6	Printing Expenses/Translation, interpreters	8,710.57	8,692.19	18.38
7	Evaluation	3,402.00	3,402.00	0
8	Other expenses	5,904.69	5,723.44	181.25
9	Administrative Expenses	3,001.68	2,847.84	153.84
10	Equipment	2,198.00	0	2,198.00
11	Studies, research	0	0	0
12	Experts. Contractors, consultants	4,173.83	4,316.30	-142.47
Grand Total:		148,517.40	145,558.20	2,959.20

## Expenses of Peace Dialogue in 2016



## Comparison of Expenses in 2015 and 2016 Fiscal Years



\* The budget line "Honorariums and salaries" includes payments to the international personnel and trainers of the mentioned projects.



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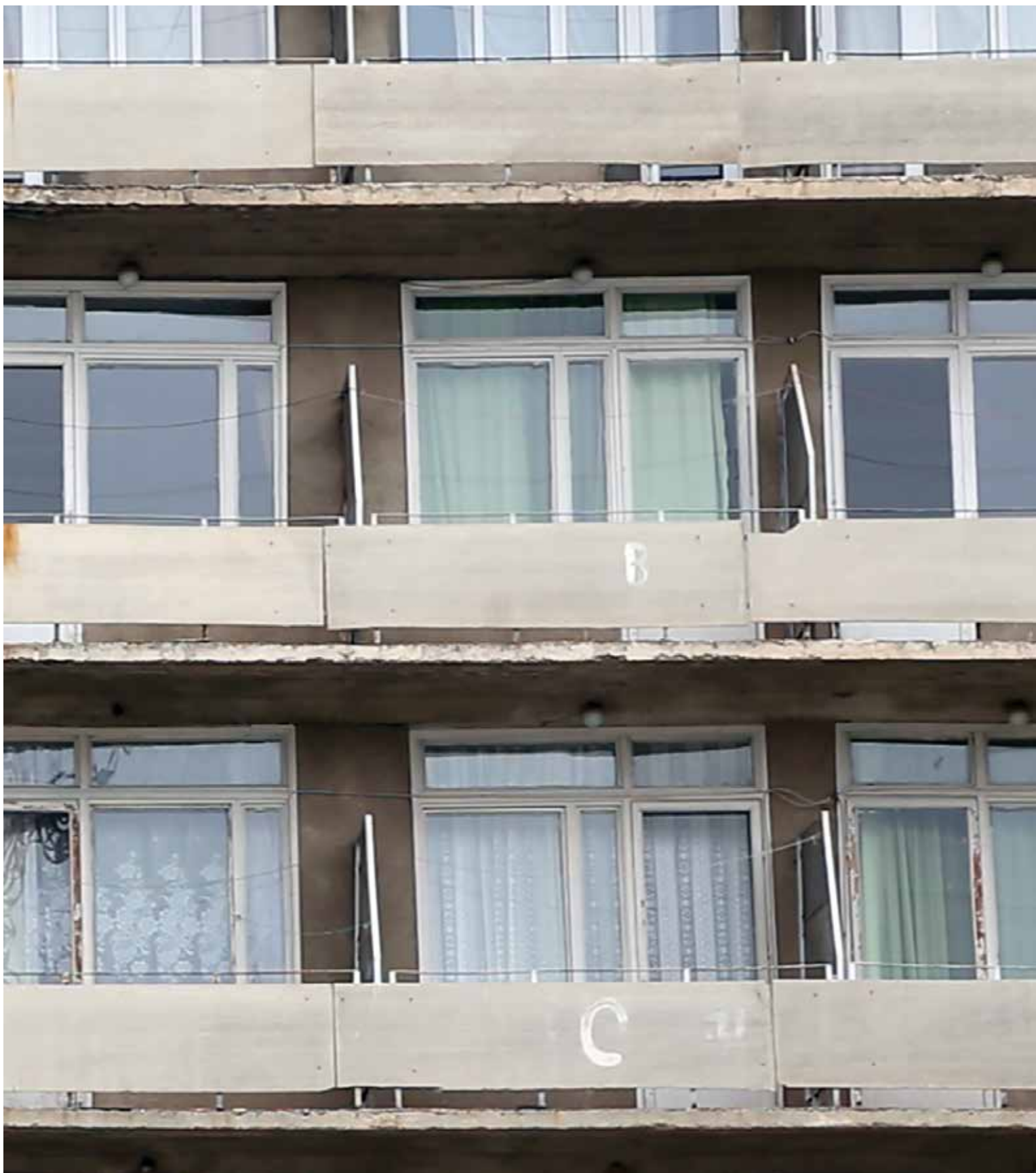
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Many others have helped on individual projects and remain a significant part of what makes Peace Dialogue the organization that it is today. Some of these worked on a contract basis and others were dedicated volunteers.





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