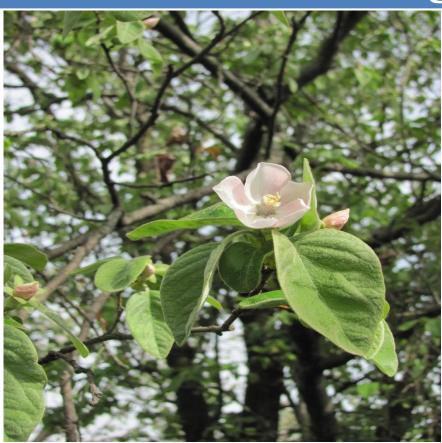


# **Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health - Tanadgoma**

Tbilisi, Georgia

2016

# Annual organizational report



Blossoming quince tree in the garden of Tanadgoma rehabilitation center in Gremi, Kakheti region.

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		TB - Tuberculosis
		UPR – Universal Periodic Review
		VCT – Voluntary Counseling and Testing on HIV

**Abbreviations** 

AIDS – Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

#### From Tanadgoma Chairperson



Dear friends and colleagues,

It is privilege for me to present Tanadgoma's annual report for the year 2016.

I want to express my gratitude to all Tanadgoma administrative, project and technical staff. Due to their professionalism and dedication Tanadgoma is still one of leading NGOs in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Georgia.

In the year 2016, organization has continued work with key populations such as: MSM, sex workers, PUDs, PLHA,

prisoners, probationers and vulnerable youth. Along with testing, counseling, education and materials provision, psychological support was provided to many of them. All services were provided in all 5 Tanadgoma branches.

In 2016 we had a variety of news and updates and I would like to mention several of them which were very important for our organization:

- In 2016 Tanadgoma amended its gender policy document. Also, gender assessment of the whole organization was conducted and gender action plan for 2016-2017 was elaborated.
- In 2016 Tanadgoma started working on internal safety regulations document which will be finalized in 2017.
- Tanadgoma was involved in development of the subject "Me and Society" standards since 2015. In 2016 these standards were approved by the Ministry of Education and Science.
- During 2016 Tanadgoma was part of expert group at the Ministry of Education working on Civic Education standards for upper grades.
- Tanadgoma within SRHR platform together with other RFSU partner organizations from Georgia took part in advocacy of SRHR issues as a follow up of UPR process.
- Tanadgoma's first ever Georgian mobile application on Family Planning was developed for women. The application provides basic information on FP methods, gives possibility to track period, provides information on general Reproductive Health issues, etc.
- In collaboration with AIDS center the first cohort study was conducted for 500 HIV seronegative MSM. It is

- the first attempt to evaluate an incidence of HIV among MSM in Georgia.
- At the end of 2016 Tanadgoma started preparations to open Social Bureaus for provision of free legal, medical and psycho-rehabilitation services to women who use drugs and sex worker women in three cities of Georgia – Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi. This project is for empowering vulnerable women to end discrimination and gender-based violence.

Once again I would like to express thanks to all Tanadgoma staff, all branches, administration and management, all members of the Association for their successful work and cooperation.

I am sure that together we can make better future in the field of SRHR.

Kind regards,

Khatuna Khajomia

#### From Tanadgoma Executive Director



Dear colleagues,

Year 2016 was one more successful and fruitful year for our organization, hence, I am proud to present achievements of Tanadgoma during 2016. This has been the last – third year of Tanadgoma's Strategic Plan for 2014-2016 and our team has done its best to carry out plans and achieve results set back in 2013 for the coming three years. We widened scope of our work, added two more units to our structure and expanded our psychosocial rehabilitation program.

2016 was an interesting year in terms of programs' development, as well as working towards organizational stability and sustainability. Some achievements include advocacy for SRHR, better cooperation with state institutions, as well as conducting active communication campaign on Family Planning issues. I would like to specifically underline the success achieved in raising funds for the coming years. Besides, I am very happy to see

younger generations of Tanadgoma staff members increasing their capacities and becoming true professionals.

In 2016 Tanadgoma elaborated and set new strategic goals for 2017-2019. This means that we will have more and sometimes new challenges. I hope the organization as a whole keeps the same spirit during the coming years to continue achieving its mission.

The last but not the least, I would like to thank all parties – organizations and individuals - who contributed to our development in 2016, starting from staff, volunteers, supporters, stakeholders and continued with partners, as well as board and association members.

King regards,

Nino Tsereteli

#### Introduction

Tanadgoma was established in 2000 as a Georgian non-governmental, non-profit organization. Since then, through cooperation with various local, regional and international partners we have been developing both organizationally and programmatically. Tanadgoma has been constantly working on increasing expertise, improving and institutionalizing services, widening partnership network in order to successfully achieve its strategic goals.

Tanadgoma's **vision** is physically and mentally healthy society, where human right to health is protected, sexuality education is a part of education system, citizens have access to effective reproductive health services, hence spread of infectious diseases is hindered, number of abortions is decreased, use of family planning methods is high, specific attention is paid to high risk behavior groups (key populations), accordingly, psychological problems related to these topics are less prevalent and psychosocial rehabilitation services are widely available.

In order to realize this vision, the mission of the Association Tanadgoma is to improve the physical and mental health of Georgian population through implementing prevention, educational, diagnostic and rehabilitation programs, as well as advocacy of these programs. Also, Tanadgoma provides technical support and expertise to improve capacities of the relevant organizations, communities and other stakeholders.

Tanadgoma shares and conducts its activities based on the following principles:

- All human beings are equal despite their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or ethnic origin;
- Gender, human rights and non-discrimination are cross-cutting issues in organization's work.

Tanadgoma works throughout the country. Services of Tanadgoma are accessible for general population of reproductive age, however, the organization gives special focus and elaborates proactive programs for women and vulnerable, high risk behavior groups (key populations): men who have sex with men – MSM, people who use drugs – PUDs, sex workers – SWs, young people, prison inmates, LGBT community, victims of trafficking, people living with HIV, internally displaced persons – IDPs, etc.

In terms of geographical coverage, by the end of 2016 Tanadgoma had a central office in Tbilisi and 4 branches - in both West and East regions of Georgia: in Batumi (Adjara region), Zugdidi (Samegrelo region), Kutaisi (Imereti region) and 1 center in East Georgia – Telavi (Kakheti region). Besides Tanadgoma runs a Social Enterprise "TG Promo", located in Tbilisi and in 2016 we opened a rehabilitation center for people with addiction problems in Gremi, Kakheti region.

The present report highlights Tanadgoma's activities and finances for 2016, according to 2014-2016 Strategic Plan, which was revised in July 2015.

#### **Program portfolio**

According to the Strategic Plan of 2014-2016, in 2016 Tanadgoma had 3 strategic priorities:

1) Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; 2) Mental Health and 3) Organizational Development.

#### Main achievements overall during 2016 are as follows:

- Maintaining kinds of services, number of target groups and geographical coverage under SRHR program;
- Maintaining clients' satisfaction at very high levels (above 95%), as demonstrated by the surveys conducted in 2014 and in 2016;
- Continued involvement in introduction of Healthy Life Skills Education in Georgia;
- Strengthened advocacy of SRHR at national level;
- > Attracting funds for further construction of the Rehabilitation Center;
- ➤ Attracting funds for Social Enterprise for 2017-2019;
- Cooperation with mass media on SRHR and FP issues, according to the elaborated communication strategy;
- > Starting more targeted work for combating genderbased violence;
- ➤ High coverage of female population demonstrated through high numbers of downloaded cell phone application "My Calendar";
- ➤ Active and successful fundraising for ensuring the organization's sustainability for the coming years;
- Increasing number of staff members;
- ➤ Elaboration of 2017-2019 Strategic Plan, approved by the General Assembly.

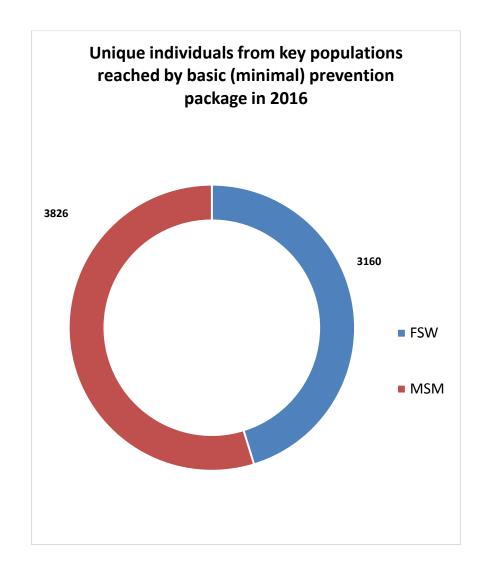


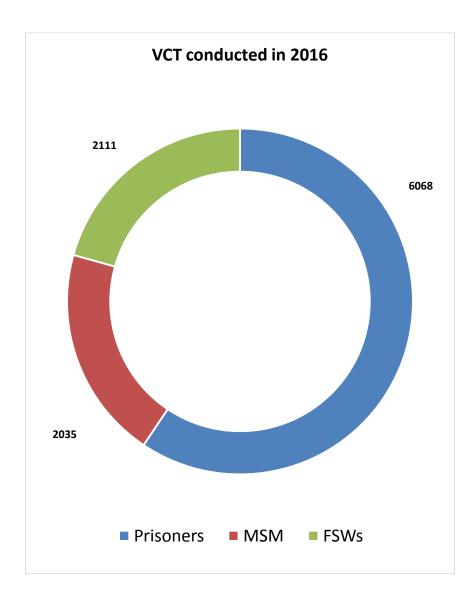


#### Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 1

Providing STI/HIV and viral hepatitis prevention services for the high risk behavior groups including 2016 in five cities – Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Telavi

- ➤ Geographical coverage is maintained in 5 cities and STI/HIV services are provided to all high risk behavior target groups (the same as in December 2014 and December 2015). Major quantitative results are:
- 3826 MSM covered by counseling and information provision on HIV/STI and reproductive health issues, 2035 MSM received VCT and STI services, 145 MSM participated in various trainings. Besides, 33 HIV + MSM participated in trainings and CBT courses. 1320 MSM covered by TB screening.
- 3160 sex workers covered by counseling and information provision on HIV/STI and reproductive health issues, 2111 FSWs received VCT and STI treatment, 178 FSWs participated in various trainings. 1792 FSWs covered by TB screening.
- 15309 IEC materials were distributed among MSM, FSWs and prisoners;
- 244401 condoms and 32332 lubricants distributed among MSM and FSWs.
- 6068 prisoners received VCT. 53 MSM and IDUs covered in prisons by trainings and informationaleducational sessions on HIV/STI/Hepatitis. 45 prisoners trained as peer educators.





#### Coverage of beneficiaries through services (basic package)

MSM is considered to be reached with HIV prevention programs if received at least two services from the list of the basic package (provision of condoms, lubricants, counseling and information materials) and one of them has to be condom at least once within a 6 month period. Clients' participation in informational events on HIV/AIDS awareness and safe behavior can be regarded as counseling. In addition beneficiaries can also receive other services (HIV, STIs, a referral to another specialist, and others) depending on the client's needs.

FSW is considered reached if received at least two services from the list of the basic package (condom, information materials and counseling) and one of them has to be condom at least once within a 6 month period. Clients' participation in informational events on HIV/AIDS awareness and safe behavior can be regarded as counseling. In addition beneficiaries can also receive other services (HIV, STIs, HBV, HCV testing, a referral to another specialists, and others) depending on the client's needs.

#### Coverage of beneficiaries through VCT

MSM and FSWs are considered to be reached with VCT if they have received post-test counseling.



# Advocacy for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights both in Georgia and on the international level

Tanadgoma within SRHR platform together with other RFSU partner organizations from Georgia took part in advocacy of SRHR issues as a follow up of UPR process. Besides, the organization continued the provision of recommendation for CEDAW. Tanadgoma participated in the consultations regarding country transition plan from GFATM to the state funding and started elaboration of HIV prevention standards among sex workers and MSM together with the costing.

Tanadgoma started active policy dialogue process with Tbilisi city hall to advocate for funding and support of HIV/TB services among key populations on the city level. Two meetings were held with the representatives of Tbilisi city hall including Tbilisi mayor. Tanadgoma contributed actively to regional project submission which aims to advocate for

funding NGOs from municipal budget. The proposal was successful and project will start in January, 2017.

## Contributing to prevention and improved treatment adherence of Tuberculosis, as a HIV-related disease

This is a new objective included in the revised Strategic Plan, under which two projects were implemented during 2015. No activities were performed under this objective in 2016.

### Increasing access to Information on reproductive and sexual health and rights for youth (14-24 years of age)

Tanadgoma's experts were involved in development of the subject "Me and Society" standards since 2015. In 2016 these standards were approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

During 2016 Tanadgoma experts were part of expert group at the Ministry of Education working on Civic Education standards for upper grades. Also, a pilot project for implementation of civic education lessons in schools was prepared during 2016. Pilot lessons will start in 2017 in selected schools.

During the reporting year Tanadgoma trained school directors and journalists on SRHR and healthy lifestyle topics. Also, several TV shows were organized by Tanadgoma where organization's experts took part and spoke about importance of SRHR education.



#### Prevention of oncological diseases among women

A short-term public awareness raising project was conducted under this strategic objective in Samegrelo region. Awareness raising meetings with general population covered topics of basic symptoms of oncological diseases and procedures if the disease is confirmed.



# Supporting community mobilization and providing technical support to LGBT and sex workers communities

Tanadgoma continued active cooperation with UNFPA as its strategic partner to promote new tools MSMIT and SWIT (for MSM and FSWs) among community members and organizations.

Along with this, Tanadgoma attracted funds and started targeted work on combating gender-based violence among vulnerable women - sex workers and women who use drugs.

As for cooperation and support of LGBT organizations, Tanadgoma implemented and finalized a project with two of them - Identoba and LGBT Georgia (now Equality Movement). Tanadgoma experts with support of ECOM and GF conducted an assessment of organizational capacity in service provision, conducted mapping of stakeholders (service providers, local and national decision makers, international and foreign partners) operating in Georgia in the field of HIV, sexual health, as well as human rights protection, assessed levels of partnership of these stakeholders with LGBT organizations for increasing uptake of HIV prevention and treatment services by gay men and other MSM and TG individuals.

Tanadgoma experts developed monitoring and evaluation tool(s) that LGBT community organizations can use for the assessment of accessibility and quality of services targeting MSM and TG individuals.

LGBT Community Roadmap/Plan was created to improve the community engagement into the GFATM-related processes and HIV prevention services delivery.

# Improving access to information on SRHR and family planning to women of reproductive age<sup>1</sup>



Three videos (one of them - animation) were prepared and released on Family Planning issues. The videos were shown on central TV channels as social advertisements. The aim of the videos was to increase the awareness of general population on FP issues.

According to the communication strategy developed under this component, Tanadgoma experts participated in popular TV show on Imedi TV channel "Imedis shuadge". According to media statistics, 85000 viewers watched the show in live. In internet resources 997 persons saw the program and 34 shares were registered.

Major success in this direction is that first ever Georgian mobile application on FP was developed for women. By the

<sup>1</sup> https://www.facebook.com/reproduqciuli.janmrteloba/

end of 2016 840 installations of application were detected from ITunes and 4000 downloads of application from Google Play. The application provides basic information on FP methods, gives possibility to track period, provides information on general Reproductive Health Issues, etc.



### Conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the field of SRHR

In collaboration with AIDS center the first ever prospective cohort study was conducted enrolling 500 HIV seronegative MSM over the first 6 months of the study in three cities of Georgia - Tbilisi (capital city), Kutaisi and Batumi. The study will lead to better understanding of the drivers of HIV epidemic among MSM that is essential for guiding public health response. It is important to mention that it is first

attempt to evaluate an incidence of HIV among MSM in Georgia.

#### Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 2

Ensuring provision of sustainable and regular psychosocial services for the following groups: prisoners, people living with HIV, drug users, women with oncological diseases of reproductive system

During the reporting period Tanadgoma has ensured sustainability of psychosocial services for all abovementioned groups. Moreover the organization has expanded geographically, as Rehabilitation center for people with addiction problems started functioning in Gremi, Kakheti region.

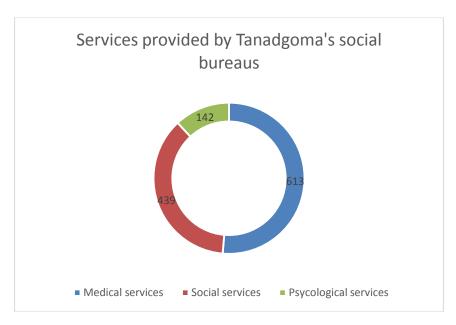


During 2016, 1195 services were provided by Tanadgoma social bureaus. Out of them 613 were medical services, 142 - psychological services, 439 - social services and 1 legal advice.

17 beneficiaries (former IDUs) were employed at Tanadgoma Social Enterprise. In Gremi rehabilitation center 16 beneficiaries were registered (April-Dec 2016), 9 out of them completed rehabilitation course (minimal duration - 1 month).

CBT course was provided to 10 women affected with cervical and breast cancer.

CBT for HIV positive MSM was elaborated by Tanadgoma experts and 33 PLHA MSM received 10-weeks CBT and other psychological support at Tanadgoma.



Contributing to institutionalization of psychosocial rehabilitation for the following groups: drug user prisoners, women with oncological diseases of reproductive system

Tanadgoma experts developed special CBT module for HIV positive prisoners. Also module for conduction of self-support groups in prisons was elaborated. Both modules were handed over to the penitentiary department.

#### **Organizational Development**

#### Results per strategic objectives: Strategic Objective 3

- ➤ Tanadgoma continued active fundraising during 2016. 14 new proposal were submitted to various donors, 10 out of them (70%) were approved.
- During 2016 Tanadgoma hired 11 new staff members, having reached 78 full time and part time staff members by December 2016.
- Internship program continued in Tanadgoma during 2016. In total 8 interns received practice at Tanadgoma premises. Interns were from both Tbilisi State and Ilia State Universities.
- ➤ In 2016 Tanadgoma amended its gender policy document. Also, gender assessment of the whole organization was conducted and gender action plan

for 2016-2017 was elaborated. In 2016 Tanadgoma started working on internal safety regulations document which will be finalized in 2017.

#### **Partnership and Networks**

Tanadgoma is a member of several national and regional networks, coalitions, platforms and councils. On national level these are:

STI/HIV Prevention Task Force; Georgian Harm Reduction Network; Georgian Coalition for Child and Youth Welfare; Coalition on Reproductive Health and Rights; Interagency Council on Combating Trafficking in Persons.

On regional level Tanadgoma has membership in the following structures: AIDS Action Europe, Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM), South Caucasus Network on MSM/TG and HIV, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), HIV in Europe Initiative, Eurasian Key Populations Network (EKPN).

In 2016 Tanadgoma continued successful cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science, Georgian National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Ministry of Corrections - its National Probation Agency and Penitentiary Department, Tbilisi City Hall, National AIDS Center, etc.

Within the frames of regional projects and programs Tanadgoma is the part of, in 2016 Tanadgoma continued strong collaboration with civil society and community organizations in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and other countries of EECA region.

### **Financial statements of 2016**

#### Statement for Financial Position for the year ended 31, December 2016

Amounts expressed in Georgian Lari

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	31-12-15	31-12-16
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	146,493	973,222
Accounts Receivable	368,085	192,141
Inventory	18,070	17,601
Prepaid taxes	51,823	68,404
Prepaid expenses	-	3,180
Total current assets	584,471	1,254,548
Fixed Assets	346,570	325,485
Intangible assets	2,697	2,292
Total long-term assets	349,267	327,777
Total Assets	933,738	1,582,325
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	111,763	145,385
Taxes payables	16,935	23,990
Payables to donors	395,648	1,260,872
Total current liabilities	524,346	1,430,247
Accumulated Fund		
Restricted funds	507,921	285,023
Unrestricted funds	-98,529	-132,945
Total Accumulated Funds	409,392	152,078
Total Liabilities and Accumulated Funds	933,738	1,582,325

### Statement for Financial Performance for the year ended 31, December 2016

Amounts expressed in Georgian Lari

INCOMING RESOURCES Income from commercial activities Income from Fundraising Other non-cash based donations Total Incoming resources  EXPENDITURE	31.12.2015 Total 218,454 2,321,676 - 2,540,130	31.12.2016 Total 48,032 1,923,442 - 1,971,474
Operating expenses Depreciation expense Total Expenditures	2,500,721 39,553 2,540,273	1,949,934 52,170 2,002,104
Net surplus/deficit on operating activities  Income/Expenditure from Financial Activities	(143)	(30,630)
Interest income Other non-operating income Other non-operating expenses	443 78 (46,700)	83 393,735 (620,502)
Net surplus/deficit before tax  Profit tax expenses	(46,323) 6,423	(257,314)
SURPLUS/DEFICIT AFTER TAX	(52,746)	(257,314)

### Income from Fundraising

Amounts expressed in Georgian Lari

	2016 Year	
	(GEL)	%
Global Fund to fight TB, AIDS and Malaria	1,336,912	69.5%
RFSU	253,114	13.2%
Caritas Czech Republic	30,558	1.6%
Caritas Austria	6,745	0.4%
AIDS Research	22,100	1.1%
AFEW	83,988	4.4%
Mainline	1,438	0.1%
SIDA	29,421	1.5%
GYLA	6,556	0.3%
European Union	6,767	0.4%
UNDP	48,356	2.5%
IOM	65,529	3.4%
Membership fundraising	760	0.04%
Other (VAT reimb, Deprc)	31,198	1.6%
TOTAL	1,923,442	100%