

**Annual Report
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In 2019 Equality Movement enthusiastically worked to strengthen LGBTQ community. Here is a brief summary of the work we have done in 2019.

Our goals for 2019 were:

- Increasing access to healthcare and social services for LGBTQ representatives;
- Mobilization and integration of the LGBTQ community;
- Create a conducive environment for empowerment of the LGBTQ community representatives.



The display stand of Equality Movement at the reception in the Tbilisi City Council dedicated to International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day. 19.05.2019

Access to Healthcare and Social Services among the Members of Queer Community

Equality Movement provides LGBTQ and MSM community with rapid and saliva test for HIV/AIDS; Conducts awareness-raising meetings and informational campaigns on HIV/AIDS and LGBT+ issues.

1,500 people attended community meetings on HIV/AIDS held in 5 cities of Georgia - Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Telavi and Zugdidi.

2,000 people got tested on HIV/AIDS in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Zugdidi and Telavi. Our beneficiaries received 30,000 condoms and 15,000 lubricants in all five resource centers in the country.

From 2019 Equality Movement has a new mobile clinic, which was delivered by the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health.

Psychologist and Social Worker Service

Up to 750 persons received social workers' and lawyers' services. 80 persons got lawyers' assistance.

In the extremely problematic and urgent cases we issued 2 912 GEL in order to assist 33 beneficiaries to meet healthcare or commodity needs.

How We Helped the Beneficiaries:

- Issues related to health problems;
- Homelessness and troubles searching shelter or place to live;
- Assistance to mediate or communicate with various public institutions;
- Assistance in searching for jobs;
- Communication with administrative, investigative and judicial institutions;
- Providing Protection in criminal law, civil law and administrative cases, obtaining victim status during the investigation proceedings, providing with legal consultation on various legal or domestic cases;
- Cases on physical and verbal abuse based on homophobic and transphobic motives.

Raising Awareness on SOGI

- 7 blogposts were published on the organization's webpage;
- 6 academic articles written by queer/feminist authors' were translated into Georgian;
- 6 public lectures were conducted which attended by 83 people;
- 2 queer related movies were translated into Georgian.

Campaigns

Online campaign #LetsTalk about Coming Out – LGBT+ people talk about their experience on coming out. The aim of the campaign is to raise the awareness about the diverse experiences community members underwent. Campaign stresses positive and negative outcomes of coming out. Meanwhile, we tried to deliver information to the general population about those barriers and challenges queer people face in their everyday life.

We are working on the campaign against bullying, especially homophobic and transphobic bullying. We use different mediums to address the target audience: publication will be issued which collects up to 16 articles, video series about oral stories of persons affected by bullying in childhood. This campaign will be followed by a survey which scrutinize homo and transphobic bullying and underlines its impact and intensity upon adolescents.



Empowerment of the LGBTQ Community and Improving Integration among Community Members

Equality Movement organizes Equality Award ceremony every year. This year, 9 nominations were awarded.

Equality Movement donated 3 projects with 6 000 GEL. Funded projects are:

[Queer/Feminist Reading Club](#) – for those who are interested in sexuality and gender studies;

[Women Chamber](#) – series of podcasts with the audience up to 17 000 people;

[Ball](#) - contest of Drag Shows which aims to improve Drag culture in Georgia.

We conducted professional trainings for community members;

Trainings aim to strengthen community members, to improve their qualification in order to face less barriers in the process to searching jobs.

We financed English language courses for two queer persons and one Photoshop course for one queer person. We organized project management, photography and social media schools. 51 people attended schools. Attendees awarded by certificates.

