

NARRATIVE REPORT

Professional training for a better future

Implemented by People's Harmonious Development Society in cooperation
with Training Center of Hospice Periscvaleba (Transfiguration)

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The aim of this program was to train qualified, reliable carers who would provide practical assistance to palliative and geriatric patients at the modern international professional level.

Objective: To train women in the specialty of “Personal care for the elderly” in accordance with the norms of infection control.

Results of the project and according actions:

I. Participants selection for the educational course:

During August 2020 we had consultations with our partners from AgeNet International Network from Russia and Kirgizstan. As they have a great experience in organization of training programs and selection of participants.

Announcements for recruitment of training participants were placed on Facebook page of Hospice Periscvaleba and PHDS, as well as on TV Channels.

We organized two presentations on the base of 1) Anti-Violence Network of Georgia Shelter and Hospice Periscvaleba Training Center

Based on analysis of profiles filled out by the applicants, they were invited on personal interviews and list of training participants was created.

II. Training on personal care for the elderly

Tbilisi training:

On the preparation stage training handouts were printed – 12 complects

Training started on the 12th of October 2020 and instead of planned 3 months, it lasted 5 months, due to pandemic and periodic quarantine restrictions, when trainers or mentors or elderly in hospice got sick by Coronavirus. Not all selected participants could participate in training in pandemic situation.

There was theoretical session on the base of Transfiguration Training Center and practice on the base of Hospice Transfiguration. This course consisted of:

theoretical course - 134 hours;

practice: 22 nights duties in Hospice, 23 – 24 hours duties, 50 - Home Care duties.

Training for caregivers in palliative care (Tbilisi): we have managed to train 5 women and 3 nurses. However, the certificates of completion, received only **4 caregivers and 1 nurse**, as the others could not pass the exams.

Argokh, Akhmeta Municipality Training

Training center of Transfiguration Hospice suggested relocating the next training in Akhmeta municipality, village Argokh. About 12 women were invited in the group.

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Training for caregivers in palliative care (Argokh). 8 caregivers were trained and received certificates of completion. Theoretical sessions took place and in Akhmeta municipality and in Tbilisi on the base of Hospice Transfiguration.

This course in Argokh, Akhmeta District consisted of:

theoretical course - 68 hours;

practice: 32 nights duties in Hospice, 20 – 24 hours duties, 44 - Home Care duties.

Outcomes: 20 caregivers were trained during this training course and 13 received certificates of completion.

3 trainees are now employed in Transfiguration Hospice, 1 – by the Home Care Service of the Evangelical Lutheran Deacon Society of Georgia.

5 will be employed by the Home Care pilot project in Akhmeta, supported by Akhmeta municipality and Akhmeta Development Fund.

At all – 9 women reserved working places.

