



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

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Annual organizational report of 2013

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From Tanadgoma Chairperson:

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is an honor for me to present Tanadgoma annual report, which is a summary document for the organization for the year of 2013. First of all, let me express my gratitude to all tanadgoma project and technical staff, and volunteers as well. Due to their professionalism and dedication, Tanadgoma remains as leading NGO in the field of Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights.

I'd like to emphasize some of recent developments and achievements we have achieved this year.

The organization has developed a reputation of regionally acknowledged organization which brings expertise on regional (South Caucasus) level in the field of RSHR and gender programs. Due to this expertise we implement some important regional initiatives and projects.

In 2013, the organization has maintained all its services for key populations and even expended those services and coverage of target groups such as: MSM, CSWs, IDUs, PLHIV, prisoners, vulnerable youth. Along with testing, counseling, education and materials provision, psychological support was provided to many of them.

During reported year, Tanadgoma contributed significantly to increase awareness on Family Planning methods and cervical and breast cancer among women of reproductive age as Tanadgoma continuously provides counseling and medical check-ups to women of Shida kartli and Samegrelo region through different channels.

Tanadgoma successfully cooperated with different State institutions and high educational institutions and due to active lobbying and advocacy Tanadgoma managed to include SRHR in the Child Care system as well as in the Social Workers' Faculties' curriculum at two Tbilisi univesities.

I'd like to express gratitude to the administration and management of Tanadgoma for their successful fundraising, enhanced and revised financial and administrative procedures, strengthened administrative structure and elaborated/refined several systems which contribute to effective functioning of the organization.

Special appreciation to our branches in Batumi, Kutaisi and Zugdidi. Working on regional level makes our organization functioning nationwide and creates an opportunity to greatly increase coverage of our target groups and organization's visibility in general.

Giorgi Lomidze

From Tanadgoma Executive Director:

Dear colleagues,

Year 2013 was not an easy year for Tanadgoma, since our organization strived to maintain achievements of previous year, and simultaneously was trying to step into a new phase of organizational life. We have been working hard to create strong organizational structure that would support our programmatic development and cope with the challenges that we've been facing in the environment. Due to high professionalism and dedication of our whole staff we were able to overcome difficulties, and enter into this new phase successfully. We were able to get 3-years core funding, we cooperated successfully with various state structures as well as universities and kept to our agenda of pushing forward SRHR topics and supporting the most vulnerable populations.

I would like to especially thank Tanadogma's board and management for their continuous efforts which are already bringing tangible results. Tanadgoma has become stronger, more visible on national and international levels.

I wish us more dedication and success in the coming years.

Nino Tsereteli

Introduction

The mission of Association Tanadgoma is to improve the physical and mental health of Georgian population through implementing prevention, educational and diagnostic programs as well as providing technical support and expertise to organizations, communities and other stakeholders.

Tanadgoma staff is united around the common idea and principles, in order to contribute to improvement of quality of life of Georgian population. We work for general population as well as for the Most at Risk Populations throughout the country. We implement our activities with recognition and respect of race, gender, religious views or ethnicity, based on the principles of human rights, gender equality and non-discrimination.

According to the Tanadgoma Strategic Plan for 2013, the organization's **vision** for the end of 2013 was the following:

- Free and confidential HIV testing and counseling is available for MARPs in 5 regions of Georgia – Tbilisi (capital city), Kutaisi (Imereti Region), Batumi (Adjara region), Zugdidi (Samegrelo Region) and Telavi (Kakheti Region);
- Quality reproductive health services, namely, breast and cervical cancer screening are available for women of reproductive age in rural areas;
- At least one psychosocial rehabilitation program for IDUs is successfully functioning;
- Effective referral system (to cancer screening services, STI services, HIV/AIDS treatment facilities etc.) is functioning;
- At least one of the target groups (LGBT community) has been strengthened on community level and is able to protect its rights.

Programs

In 2013 Tanadgoma was implementing 2 programs - **Reproductive Health** program and **Psychosocial rehabilitation** program. The Reproductive Health program had the following directions: Sexual and reproductive health education targeting MARPs and general population; HIV/STIs prevention among general population and MARPs; Family planning targeting women of reproductive age and Oncological diseases prevention targeting women of reproductive age in rural areas. Psychosocial rehabilitation program aimed to support IDUs and women affected with reproductive system cancer.

Target groups

Target groups of Tanadgoma are: General population of reproductive age, Most at Risk Populations (Men who have Sex with Men, Injecting Drug Users, Commercial Sex Workers), youth, prisoners, trafficking survivors, people personally affected by HIV/AIDS, Internally Displaced Persons, women, etc.

Program portfolio:

During 2013 Tanadgoma has been implementing 2 programs - **Reproductive Health program** and **Psychosocial rehabilitation program**. The Reproductive Health program has the following directions: Sexual and reproductive health education targeting MARPs and general population; HIV/STIs prevention among general population and MARPs; Family planning targeting women of reproductive age and Oncological diseases prevention targeting women of reproductive age in rural areas. Psychosocial rehabilitation program aims to support IDUs and women affected with reproductive system cancer.

According to the mid-term revision of the three-year strategic plan of Tanadgoma, the priority areas for the year 2013 have been defined as follows:

1. Maintaining leadership in the field of Reproductive Health in Georgia
2. Becoming acknowledged on the regional level (South Caucasus) - bringing expertise on the regional level in the field of prevention programs and gender issues
3. Supporting and contributing to development of target groups and communities (MSM, IDUs, IDPs, Youth, Women affected with Breast and Cervical Cancer)
4. Supporting organizational development

Main achievements according to the strategic priorities and objectives are described below:

Strategic Priority 1: "Maintaining leadership in the field of Reproductive Health in Georgia" included four objectives:

Objective 1.1: HIV/STIs Prevention among general population and MARPs (MSM, IDUs, IDU partners, FSWs, Youth, Prisoners) – has been partially achieved. The indicators were complex. Some of the success is based on the indicator measured by the BioBSS surveys among MARPs, e.g. HIV prevalence among FSWs was sustained (under 2%) and did not show increase. However, prevalence among MSM had increased significantly (from 7% in 2010 to 13% in 2012, reported in 2013).

Objective 1.2: Sexual and Reproductive Health Education for most at risk groups – has been achieved, as there was increase in awareness on sexual and reproductive health and rights among MARPs. It should be noted that in 2013 Tanadgoma implemented a project targeting inclusion of SRHR in the Child Care system as well as in the Social Workers' Faculties' curriculum at two Tbilisi universities. This was not initially planned and represent an additional dimension of SRHR work of Tanadgoma.

Objective 1.3: Prevention of oncological diseases of Reproductive System – has been partially achieved, Tanadgoma managed to reach large numbers of women and their skills

on breast self examination have increased through training. However, it was not possible to track referral to the screening services as a result of Tanadgoma activities.

Objective 1.4: Increasing awareness on Family Planning methods among women of reproductive age – has been achieved, as Tanadgoma continuously provides counseling to women through different channels. In 2013, 741 face to face, hotline and online counseling on family planning methods was provided to women of reproductive age.

As a result of implementing activities and trying to reach strategic objective 1, Tanadgoma maintained its position as one of the leading organizations in the field of Reproductive Health, which is also proved by achieved level of funding despite non-favorable donor context, as well as by networking and being capable for continuous service provision. Effects of successfully achieving this priority are directly linked to different target populations of Tanadgoma being able to access services in five cities of Georgia.

Strategic Priority 2: "Becoming acknowledged on the regional level (South Caucasus) - bringing expertise on the regional level in the field of prevention programs and gender issues" included 2 objectives:

Objective 2.1: Conduct fundraising for regional level initiatives and projects - under this objective Tanadgoma achieved some substantial success, having submitted 18 concept papers/proposals (11 of them successful) and reached 2 new donors for the organization. Regional level fundraising was also successful, but on smaller scale. However, regional level consultancy provision by Tanadgoma has increased compared to the previous years (mainly in the South Caucasus region – Azerbaijan and Armenia).

Objective 2.2: Networking - liaise with and take part in the national, regional and international initiatives, networks and coalitions. Under this objective Tanadgoma was also successful and represented in diverse networks and coalitions both inside and outside the country.

As a result, during 2013 Tanadgoma has made an input to sustainability of the organization and its reputation as an expert in the RH field.

Strategic Priority 3: "Supporting and contributing to development of target groups and communities (MSM, IDUs, IDPs, Youth, Women affected with breast and cervical cancer)" included 3 objectives:

Objective 3.1: Technical support provision to target groups. Although Tanadgoma was able to study needs of one new target group – transgender individuals, other groups were not systematically studied, and provision of technical support could not be based on needs assessment. Still, some efforts had been made to support a newly established group of sex workers.

Objective 3.2: Psycho-social rehabilitation of target groups – was achieved successfully. Both target groups –drug users, former inmates and women affected by breast and cervical cancer – were systematically provided with services.

Objective 3.3: Protection and lobbying of target groups' rights Including Sexual and Reproductive Rights. This objective was also only partially reached. Tanadgoma with its partners managed to involve stakeholders in policy dialogue regarding Cancer Control Strategy and influence the strategy with recommendations. However, the planned advocacy initiative targeting penitentiary, as well as medical providers in terms of LGBT sensitization, was not conducted due to lack of funding.

As a result, achieving targets of this Strategic priority turned out to be more difficult, due to reduced funding and changes in the planned programs. However, the successful component was reaching new groups – transgender individuals, and studying their needs, also, advocating for inclusion of transgenders into the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS. Another group that gained benefit from implementation of objectives under this priority are HIV positive inmates, which had access and took part in Tanadgoma-organized self-support groups.

Strategic Priority 4: "Supporting organizational development" included 4 objectives:

Objective 4.1: Enhancing administrative structure and resources. Under this objective Tanadgoma made significant progress – enhanced and revised financial and administrative procedures, strengthened administrative structure and elaborated/refined several systems which contribute to effective functioning of the organization.

Objective 4.2: Generating income for creation of unrestricted funds. This objective was not achieved. Tanadgoma made an attempt to generate income, promote and sell its products. This attempt was unsuccessful. Based on the negotiations with RFSU Tanadgoma agreed that since the economical conditions are not favorable for income-generating activities of the organization, the activities would be suspended. The funds envisaged for this objective were reallocated.

Objective 4.3: Maintaining and strengthening of Tanadgoma branches. Under this objective Tanadgoma increased both skills and knowledge of the regional staff, and also created better working conditions at the regional counseling centers.

Objective 4.4: Maintenance of key service provision. This objective aimed at strengthening existing services and adding some efforts for better reaching target groups. The objective was achieved.

In a broader picture, strategic priority on organizational development was successfully reached. It has made significant input in future development of Tanadgoma. And this, in its turn, will contribute to program development and ultimately in improving physical and mental health of Tanadgoma beneficiaries, as stated in Tanadgoma mission.

Organizational Development

Below are listed main organizational **achievements and accomplishments** during the year:

- Organization developed and General Assembly approved Strategic Plan for 2014-2016
- Improving administration structure – hiring administrative assistant
- Consultations, aiming at organizational strengthening: developing fundraising and organizational development plans for 2014
- Conducting system-based audit
- Launching internship program
- Providing consultations on the regional level – in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Ukraine
- Staff underwent internal and external training on financial management for non-financial staff, on communication, etc.
- Tanadgoma took part in several conferences and consultations: International Harm Reduction Conference, Communities' consultations on LGBT issued, Regional Partner Forum under Bridging the Gap International Program, etc.
- Staff of Tanadgoma participated also in several study visits, such as: advocacy school of drug users, psychosocial rehabilitation for persons with oncological diseases, summer school for case managers, etc.

Innovations during 2013:

- Tanadgoma started working in Small Group Homes for children in State Care, with the aim of incorporating Reproductive Health Education into Child Welfare Reform;
- Through active communication and cooperation with the two leading universities – Tbilisi State University and Ilia State University – Tanadgoma was able to introduce the course on Reproductive Health Issues into the Social Workers' learning curriculum.

Fundraising activities

In 2013 Tanadgoma overall has been implementing 15 projects. Donors were as follows: RFSU, Caritas Czech, Caritas Germany, RTI, GFATM, UNFPA, CSMA, AFEW, amfAR, Man and Nature, BPU (EC), OSGF. New donors that Tanadgoma was able to start cooperating with were Caritas Germany and European Union.

Number of submitted proposals was 18, out of them 11 (61%) were successful.

Cooperation and networking with other actors

The organization has been involved in different national and regional networks and coalitions, such as Georgian Harm Reduction Network, HIV/STIs Prevention Task Force, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network, Eurasian Coalition on Male Health, South Caucasus Network on HIV among MSM and Transgender, HIV in Europe Initiative, AIDS Action Europe. In June 2013, Tanadgoma left the Country Coordination Mechanism, since the term was over. The organization has been active in establishing new collaborations both in and outside Georgia: it took part in establishing National Platform on Care and was elected in the Board of National Coalition on Child and Youth Welfare.

On the other hand, during the reported period Tanadgoma has strengthened the links with the state structures and institutions, such as Ministry of Health, especially Social Services Agency, NCDCPH – a future Principa Recipient of the GFATM grant, Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance. Tanadgoma was invited and took part in different multiagency working groups and councils on issues such as trafficking, healthcare in penitentiary system, access to hepatitis C treatment, mental health reform, breast and cervical cancer prevention, etc.

Institutional Capacity

During 2013 some governance and administration changes took place at Tanadgoma:

- a) In July 2013, Tanadgoma conducted a General Assembly, approved two-years report of management, elected new Board and approved Strategic Plan for 2014-2016. According to this plan, the organization will have three strategic priorities in the coming years: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Mental Health and Organizational Development.
- b) Tanadgoma hired an administrative assistant, which helped the organization in refining several systems and procedures, such as paid leave, staff contracts, purchase/supplies request system, etc.
- c) As requested by RFSU for future possible partnership, a system-based audit was conducted at the organization. Recommendations of this audit provide basis for further development of Tanadgoma.

d) In order to ensure meeting the needs and proper coverage of one of the target groups – MSM, Tanadgoma hired community representatives as outreach workers at 3 sites where MSM-targeted activities are implemented. This increases target group engagement in Tanadgoma activities.

Thematic knowledge

Tanadgoma gained new skills and knowledge through trainings, conferences, study visits and consultancies at the local and international level. The following fields have been improved:

- Tanadgoma branch offices’ representatives attended internal training on: advocacy, SRHR and psychosocial rehabilitation, as well as external training on fundraising and proposal writing.
- Tanadgoma head office staff attended several training on NLP methodology, communication, as well as took part in the networking events and conferences, such as partnership forum of Dutch-funded “Bridging the Gaps” project, International Harm Reduction Conference, study visit to Prague for experience sharing on psychosocial rehabilitation approaches, etc.

Financial overview of 2013

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Year 2013
	(GEL)
Income:	
Income from commercial activities	1485
Income from fundraising	1450301
Other non-cash income	16541
Other non-operating income	12275
Total Income	1480602
Expenditure:	
Operational expenses	1449681
Depreciation	39176
Other non-operating expenses	0
Total expenditure	1488857
Surplus/Deficit	(8255)

Income from fundraising Year 2013

	GEL	%
Global Fund	858 467	59.2%
RTI/USAID	146 174	10.1%
RFSU	140 268	9.7%
Caritas GERMANY	82 522	5.7%
CARITAS Czech Republic	97 626	6.7%
Stiching AIDS Foundation EAST-WEST (AFEW)	61 961	4.3%
UNFPA	38 888	2.7%
AMFAR	15 039	1.0%
Bemoni Public Union/EU	3 943	0.3%
Men and Nature (educational training)	4 893	0.3%
Mainline	-	-
European Union	-	-
HIV/AIDS Alliance Ukraine	-	-
URC	-	-
UNDP	-	-
Curatio	-	-
Ministry of Justice	-	-
IOM	-	-
GPR	-	-
Membership fundraising	520	0.04%
Other	-	-
Total	1 450 301	100.0%