

REPORT:

Activities of the “Internet Society Armenia Chapter” in 2019

1. The Internet Sector Armenia Chapter (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter) participated in the Chapterthon 2019 "Connect the Disconnected" project, receiving a grant from the Internet Society. The following activities were carried out within the framework of the project:

- 1) Hrazdan Retirement Club - Three computers and Wi-Fi router with broadband internet connection installed. An internet literacy course was held. As a result, 108 new users have access to the Internet,
- 2) Ashtarak city school # 2 - additional computers have been installed which has enabled 15 more schoolchildren to have internet access,
- 3) Auxilium AM Charitable Foundation of Yerevan - two computers have been provided for online training for young people with disabilities. After the training, the computer will be provide the next person in the queue,
- 4) Vazashen village school - Three computers and Wi-Fi router are installed. Broadband router and computers allowed to increase the number of internet users by another 105,
- 5) Khachik village school - two computers and Wi-Fi router are installed, which have increased the number of internet users by 50,
- 6) Cultural center of Hrazdan municipality - computer installed and a broadband internet conected;
- 7) A computer program has been provided to an American University graduate, a Master's degree disabled woman, who assists NGOs in project management;
- 8) Hrazdan City Libraries - Wi-Fi routers have been installed providing free internet access to library visitors with smartphones. The list of libraries is as follows: Libraries N 1, N 2, N 3 N 4, N 5, as well as Kotayk regional libraries, Solak, Nor Yerznka, Kaghsi, Zovuni village libraries, Shirak State Library.

2. Internet Society Armenia Chapter continued the program "Computers, Services and Wi-Fi Internet for Rural Schools and Libraries", within the framework of which computers with library management software were provided in Chkalovka, Tsovaber, Lchashen, Tsaghkunk, Varars of Gegharkunik Marz. , Norashen Village Libraries, Lernanist, Marmarik, Meghradzor, Zovuni Libraries of Kotayk Marz, Libraries No. 5, No. 7 in Hrazdan, Hrazdan Television Library, Azatamo, Tavush Region libraries of Chinari village, Voskevan, Dilijan city libraries N2, N3 libraries, Jermuk town library of Vayots Dzor marz. The motherboard (intel core I5) has been replaced at the Arevadasht Community Library in Armavir Marz.

3. Internet Sector Society Armenia Chapter has developed a project for Internet, social networking and small business literacy skills for vulnerable groups, which has been presented to the Internet Society grant competition and approved.

The following target groups are under the auspices of the Internet Society Armenia Chapter: persons with disabilities, retirees, retired athletes, young school graduates who do not have a profession or job.

45 people will be selected and trained within the framework of the program (10 participants from each of the first three target groups and 15 young people). The selection criteria will be their willingness to start their own business and have some ideas on how to gain a success in the market.

Internet literacy will include the structure of the Internet, domain space (general and country codes), the role of websites, e-commerce and security. After the computer training, the course participants will start a new phase of their courses - business courses provided by the Business Support Center (BSC). The duration of these courses will be one month. Upon completion of these courses, participants will be able to write their business proposals. Five groups will be created to develop proposals for starting their own small business. People from each target group will be included in the groups. These groups will be led (guided) by business plan development experts. Market research will be done to find out how successful business projects are. At the end business proposals will be presented.

Evaluation of business proposals will be based on their cost-effectiveness, sustainability, future prospects and overall benefits of the program.

After selecting the most promising business plans, start-ups will be registered. Participants whose business plans are not approved by the Expert Committee will join the successful groups. Most employees will initially work on a voluntary basis until startups start earning money.

As a result of these trainings, Internet Society Armenia Chapter will have 45 well-trained startups that will be able to implement their business ideas.

4. In collaboration with RINArmenia, the Chapter has developed a new project and applied for a grant of the Internet Society. The project plans to organize courses on "Introduction to RINA's Future Internet". RINA (Recursive Inter Network Architecture) is a new network architecture designed to overpower the Internet in terms of speed, security and performance. It has been a research project for nearly 10 years, created by the co-founders of the present Internet, John Deen, Louis Pouzin, and others. The goal of the "RINArmenia" project is to develop and implement a new model of the Internet of the Future - RINA technology in various fields, making the Republic of Armenia the first expert center to develop and apply RINA technology across the country.

5. The organization jointly with the Armenian Internet Registry has organized the 2019 Internet Governance Forum - ArmIGF 2019, Youth Internet Governance Forum, and the celebration dedicated to the 25th anniversary of .am domain.

6. The organization has developed a new program to replenish rural libraries of the Republic of Armenia with computers and library management software. To finance the project, the organization has applied to the Czech Embassy in Armenia for a grant.

7. In 2019, members of the Organization took part in different meetings. Thus, Board members Ani Dallakyan and Karen Yerznkanyan participated in the 2019 conference of the Internet Chapters in Bucharest on May 9-10, and Valery Stepanyan, the Chapter Founding Member and Igor Mkrtumyan, President of the Chapter on November 14 - 15 participated in the Community Networks Summit in Tbilisi.

8. The organization has made presentations at a number of conferences:

- 1) Igor Mkrtumyan, Chapterthon 2019 Armenia Program, ArmIGF 2019 Conference,
- 2) Ani Dallakyan, Armenia Chapter: Plans, Implementation and Upcoming Projects, Bucharest, 2019 Conference of European Chapters,
- 3) Vahan Misakyan, Rural Libraries of Armenia Project, Innovative Libraries 2019 Workshop.

9. The organization has participated in the following webinars:

- 1) Community Webinar on PIR / Ethos Capital / Internet Society,
- 2) InterCommunity 2019: A Global Discussion on Community Networks,
- 3) Performance Evaluation Criteria for ISOC Chapters,
- 4) How to Prepare a Successful Video for the Chapterthon 2019 project,
- 5) Q2 European Chapters Call - Encryption and Internet and update from Chapter Advisory Council Steering Committee,
- 6) Internet Society Community Online Call for 2020 Action Plan Development process.