

Awareness raising meeting for school children

On July 8, 2010 Save the Children, UNDP and UNFPA “Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus” (CGBV) project jointly organized awareness raising meeting on gender equality and GBV issues for children from refugee Iraqi families involved in the “Kid for Kid” educational initiative of “Cultural Adaptation Through Education 2” programme implemented by Save the Children. The event was held at the UN Conference Hall of UN Country Office, Armenia.

Ms. Armineh Haladjian the UN DPI Information Officer delivered a brief and comprehensive lecture about the establishment and work of the United Nations. The kids then watched the video film “UN: It’s Your World”. Ms. Halajyan also distributed UN posters and reader-friendly publications to the children. The meeting gave the refugee children an opportunity to get acquainted with the United Nations Organization a part of the latter’s complex mission being protection of refugees.

Ms. Jina Sargizova, UNFPA CGBV Project Coordinator, continued with a presentation on the role of UN in promoting gender equality, protection of women’s rights and combating GBV worldwide, as well as CGBV project, its goals, activities, and the project website. She focused on the importance of awareness raising campaigns and civil participation essential for success of activities in these fields.

After the presentation Ms. Sargizova screened thematic PSAs on gender equality and GBV issues and distributed information materials (promo leaflets of CGBV project website, 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence and White Ribbon campaign information materials). The children who participated in this event had a unique chance to directly address their concerns about GBV to Ms. Sargizova, who also stressed the key role that children play in promoting principles of human rights and tolerance in the society.