

## **Discussion on Protection of Women's Rights For the sake of a United Family**

**On 07/07/2010**, The Institute for War and Peace Reporting Armenia Branch and UNFPA CGBV project conducted a joint round-table discussion on the topic of "Defense of Women's Rights for the Sake of a United Family" that took place at Aarhus Information office in Dilijan Armenia.

At the round-table, Ms. Jina Sargizova, UNFPA CGBV Project Coordinator presented UNFPA CGBV project, project goals and activities, as well as the project website. She concluded her presentation with screening of "Territory of Silence" (2009) – a documentary telling a distressing story of a rural woman from Armenian village, who shares her bitter memories that, among other hardships of country life, reflect on a problem of domestic violence against women.

After film screening participants engaged into intense discussion regarding the current situation with the protection of women's rights in Armenia, violence against women, concept of traditional family, the role of women, stereotypes and other issues. Representatives of Gegharqunik regional media, local authorities, NGOs, political parties, as well as students, teachers and other active members of society also took part in the discussion.

This discussion was preceded by a special issue of IWPR's Caucasus Reporting Service dedicated to women's rights in Caucasus. The articles of the issue are available here:

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/crs-issue-537>

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/domestic-violence-finally-debated-armenia>