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## CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

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During 2006 in close collaboration with the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Health and Marz Health Departments, Project NOVA implemented a series of programmatic activities in Gegharkunik and Kotayk Marzes. Under the terms of this project, a total of 360 health care providers - physician, nurses and midwives – 159 from Kotayk and 201 from Gegharkunik Marzes were trained in key reproductive health, maternal and child health areas. Training courses included:

- Technical updates for physicians and nurses in infection prevention, antenatal and postpartum care, emergency obstetrics, and newborn resuscitation as well as infant care.
- Clinical skills-building workshops on integration of reproductive health into family medicine and integrated management of sexually transmitted diseases.
- A 6-month competency-based Safe Motherhood Clinical Skills training for 29 community nurses from Kotayk Marz and 50 community nurses from Gegharkunik Marz.
- Modular training program for primary health care managers to strengthen management and supervision skills of rural reproductive health services.

To acknowledge participation and contribution of all marz health officials and stakeholders to the above-mentioned events and activities, Project NOVA is pleased to organize a Certificate Award Ceremony to officially hand out the Certificates endorsed by the Ministry of Health and USAID/Project NOVA.

Over the next three years, Project NOVA will continue to improve the quality of and access to maternal and child healthcare services in over 150 in-patient and out-patient rural and urban facilities from Delivery Ward of Marz Hospitals or Maternities, Women's Consultation Centers, Ambulatories, Health Centers to Health Posts in five target marzes – Ararat, Aragatsotn, Armavir, Vayotz Dzor and Syunik.

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