

... from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope

JINISHIAN STORY 2021





The Jinishian Memorial Foundation (JMF) began work in Armenia in 1993 and became legally registered as a local foundation in 1999. Since then, it has provided economic, social and spiritual assistance to millions of Armenians in need, and supported more than 200 grassroots and local non-governmental organizations through partnerships and collaboration. Today, JMF is a reputable organization which implements development projects aimed at overcoming poverty in the country. The success of the organization is the direct result of partnerships and involvement in different networks to accomplish our shared goals. JMF is primarily sponsored by the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Established on May 17, 1966 through a bequest from Vartan H. Jinishian in memory of his parents, JMP has provided basic services and direct relief to millions of poor Armenians who have lived in the midst of conflict and instability in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, South America, Jordan and Armenia.

MISSION

The Jinishian Memorial Foundation enables Armenians in need to move from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope – through relief, development and spiritual uplift.

MISSION & VISION



Armenian communities are integrated and empowered to sustain a dignified life.





STRATEGIES

- Reduce poverty by supporting the development of sustainable economic activities,
- Empower Armenians at all levels of society to work together to overcome social and economic problems,
- Support the spiritual, intellectual and social development of young Armenians,
- Strengthen civil society through support of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other formal and informal social benefit activities,
- Relieve the immediate suffering of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups through material and spiritual assistance.



PRIORITY AREAS

- Civil Society
- Economic Development
- Community Development
- Health
- Education and Spiritual Uplift



PROGRAM MECHANISMS

Within the priority areas, the Jinishian Memorial Foundation employs four program mechanisms to achieve its mission and goals in Armenia:

- Project development and implementation,
- Partnership with local and international organizations,
- Small grants for development projects,
- Affordable credits through micro-finance institutions.

OUR STUDY TOURS

Jinishian Memorial Foundation's (JMF) Study Tour Program is an ideal combination of experiences sharing and learning about JMF's distinguished projects while exploring and enjoying Armenia, renowned for its old history, traditions, Christian values, art, cultural events, food and wine. The program usually lasts 12 days and is tailored to each group's specific needs beforehand. Thanks to your financial contribution included in the Study Tour Fee, the proceeds directly benefit a JMF project of your choice after the study tour.



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HEALTH PROGRAM

Improved health condition of people living in rural communities through access to quality healthcare services and health related information

JMF HEALTH TEAM



AUTISM AND CEREBRAL PALSY CENTER No more playing alone, no more standing out

Vadim Balasanyan, one of the kids with Autism, has attended the day care center since its establishment. His parents, with tears of hope in their eyes, knocked on the door and soon realized their wish came true. The day care center with its special conditions and devoted specialists, became the best choice for Vadim. Being unable to communicate and get acquainted with the world, the little angel started attending the center for care. Step by step the hard work and efforts towards his treatment, bloomed with success. Now Vadim is one of the best learners among his friends and can speak, write and utter words and numbers. "Hope is life", Vadim's parents say.







A newly established, furnished and equipped day care ceter in the Lady Cox Rehabilitation Centre of Stepanakert, Artsakh, along with trained specialists, serves children suffering from autism and cerebral palsy.

Time Frame: December, 2016 – 2021

Project Budget:

JMF: 75,932 USD Co-funding of HKCC: 75,932 USD

Beneficiaries: Over 200 children

DISABILITY PREVENTION AMONG NEWBORN ON HIP DYSPLASIA IN ARMENIA

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

By the end of 2021, 17 medical doctors from Yerevan and all over Armenia enriched their knowledge and skills on the prevention and management of DDH. For this project, JMF continued its ongoing collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Armenia and increased the capacity of 17 health specialists from Armenia who now serve newborns in the prevention of hip disorders.





Increased number of revealed children with hip displacement/dysplasia thanks to massive screenings and improved early diagnostics.

Time Frame:

April – July, 2021 (4 months)

Project Budget: JMF: 8,056 USD

Beneficiaries:

Direct beneficiaries of the project are about 10,000 newborns and 17 trained ultrasound doctors and neonatologists of Armenia. Indirect beneficiaries are the families of the newborns and children with disabilities.

SEVAN CHILDREN REHABILITATION CENTER A tiny step for a huge change

7-year-old Emil has cerebral palsy. First scared of being accepted in the rehab center, now Emil has become one of the most cheerful family members. His confusion and fear of stretching his leg muscles led to rebelling against therapies. But after the therapy, he improved the motor skills of his most affected body parts. He can now walk independently and even climb the stairs to surprise the therapists on the second floor!

Emil also participates in group therapies to improve his social skills. At one of the group therapies, there was a child who had a speech disorder. Emil wondered why he could not speak. After receiving the answer that people are different and have different abilities, Emil replied, "He is just like me, but in a different way. I am also different, but I can do many things... So we are both special!" And that is our goal, to change the mindset of children with special needs and make them believe in themselves and their uniqueness. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step and Emil has taken his first!



Improved quality of life of children with disabilities of Sevan city and surrounding villages.

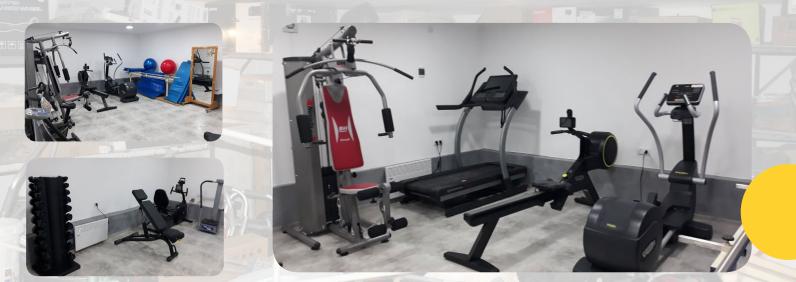
Time Frame: May, 2019 – December, 2021



Beneficiaries:

105 children with disabilities and special needs from Sevan and surrounding villages

ESTABLISHMENT OF OUTPATIENT SERVICES IN STEPANAKERT, ARTSAKH



A newly established, furnished and equipped outpatient service center for people with disabilities from Artsakh. Improved quality of life of civilians and soldiers of Artsakh.

Time Frame: July – December, 2021

Project Budget:

JMF: 2,000 USD Armenian Medical Fund USA 16,500 USD

Beneficiaries:

100 people/soldiers with disabilities from Artsakh

JMF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Strengthened economic state of farmers, business entities and individuals that cannot afford or do not have access to existing financial and technical resources.

YOUTH BUSINESS ARMENIA Conquering new heights with Woody

This is Gevorg from Gyumri, Shirak marz. His business, which deals in production of wooden items, was established in 2019 in the midst of Covid-19 hard times. The dream of establishing his business came true with the knowledge and experience gained through the Youth Business Armenia Programme, delivered by Jinishian Memorial Foundation. He became one of the 100 beneficiaries of the Programme.

Not only did Gevorg study business skills development, but he also acquired a new vision on how to present his products, through Photography and Marketing Skills Development courses initiated by JMF.

His business after overcoming the post-war difficulties and cutting through Covid-19 obstacles, is now becoming prosperous.

He was mostly impressed by the Growth and Performance Skills (GPS) course delivered by the foundation, which offered a fresh breath to his initiations through self-recognition and aspiration for development, allowing him to stand on the ground firmly and act as a new player in the business area. The subsidized loan taken, with the help of JMF, now serves for the expansion of Gevorg's business. He is happy to live, to breathe in his home town Gyumri and prosper with his business and the future fresh ideas.



Young people are supported in the regions of Armenia in their need for entrepreneurial success.



October, 2019 – September, 2022

Project Budget:

JMF Budget, 2019-2020: 43,309 USD JMF Revolving Fund: 100,000 USD

Beneficiaries:

Over 100 young entrepreneurs

IT & ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILL ENRICHMENT OF UNEMPLOYED POPULATION TO BOOST REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A story about choosing the candle light instead of cursing the dark

Changing one's life is a battle. Armenuhi could not imagine abrupt changes in her life. But the linguist and scientific worker, and a young mother of two children, won the battle. She got employed at Instigate Mobile Team in Vanadzor.

The IT project changed her life. She acquired a new vision of the world. With this she broke the existing stereotype on the balance of one's profession and occupation.

On her road towards refusing to curse the dark, she is ready to light a candle, not only for her own self, but for her homeland as well. She is touched by JMF and its partners' work to educate young unexperienced specialists and appreciate their motivation and hard work. With the received support, her dream came true. Along with her own efforts, she turned dreams into reality: the simple understanding of choosing the candle light no matter how hard the wind blows in the dark...



Contribute towards establishment of economic balance between rural and central regions by development of IT education environment in 4 regional cities/ towns in Armenia by creating prerequisites for potential employment in IT sector.

Contribute to the creation and expansion of youth-led startups in IT and other sectors to generate employment, as well as promote development of the local economy to alleviate poverty and social disparities



Project Budget:

JMF: 93,170 USD HSBC Holding plc: 105,500 USD



Over 100 young adults from further regions of Armenia

ERASMUS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS (EYE)

Meri Vardanyan, a Software developer from Sevan, Gegharkunik, is one of the young entrepreneurs who completed a 6-month-long successful exchange programme in Cesantes, Spain through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme. She testifies "I have always thought that we can make our world more beautiful by sharing our experiences. This programme became a real adventure for my personal and professional development".

The programme has become a powerful platform for entrepreneurs. They have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the best European practices, benefit from the guidance of successful mentors, gain hands-on experience and implement it in the development of their businesses in their countries.





Increased cooperation between European entrepreneurs, through the exchange of experiences, stimulating the cooperation and networking among the European business community.

Time Frame: February, 2020 – January, 2024

Project Budget:

JMF: 10,296 USD EU: 72,959 USD Beneficiaries: At least 20 entrepreneurs

BEEKEEPING DEVELOPMENT IN ALAVERDI REGION

Since the launch of the project, 4 beekeepers have been equipped and are successfully running their businesses. Their efforts have resulted in more people interested in beekeeping. As of the end of 2021, over 20 applications have been received after seeing the success of those who have started.





A group of young people in Alaverdi region are equipped to run their business in beekeeping in Alaverdi region, reducing the risk of the bee extinction and meeting the demand of honey in the local market.

Time Frame: March, 2020 – December, 2024 Project Budget: JMF Revolving Fund: 6,184 USD

Beneficiaries:

19 young people willing to run a beekeeping business

IMPROVING DIGITAL LITERACY OF PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

"The project enabled me to take a new vision upon our business and provided new opportunities in the frame of marketing. We registered a lot of positive results: impressive number of followers, acquisition of new customers, increase in sales and, of course, recognition".

Houry Gulguldjyan



Improved digital literacy through a series of short webinars, in-depth online sessions and individualized support in implementation of developed digital transportation strategies.



Time Frame: September, 2020 – June, 2021 Project Budget: HSBC Holding plc: 14,985 USD



EMERGENCY COVID-19 SUPPORT TO RURAL BUSINESSES IN ARMENIA

"Jinishian Memorial Foundation inspired me to pursue my dream of having my own business. In June, 2020 through YBA, I received a subsidized loan to renovate my guest house. Because of the pandemic, I was not able to complete the renovation work because I couldn't afford my own investment. The funds which were given to me for this project in December, 2020, helped me to bring it into completion to be ready for hosting tourists in the season. Moreover, I participated in many useful courses, such as digital marketing, photography, etc. where I gained needed knowledge and skills to use for my business. With this support, I have a ready strategy to move forward: a well-designed logo and a page on Facebook. I truly express my gratitude to JMF and its partners, as well as the very caring and wonderful team I was honored to meet and work with."



Gor Grigoryan, founder of Fazenda

Robust and intensive technical and financial assistance for rural entrepreneurs to survive the pandemic and war crisis through various capacity building activities, access to market strategy development and implementation and emergency grant awards.

Time Frame: December, 2020 – June, 2021 Project Budget:

JMF: 8,220 USD Open Society Foundations Armenia: 44,800 USD Beneficiaries:

Over 100 rural entrepreneurs

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Empowered and united communities able to mobilize internal and external resources to solve community problems.

VARDENIS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (VDI 19-22)

Community members ownership and responsibilities to the communities increased, communities empowered to find durable solutions to their socio-economic problems.



Time Frame: January, 2019 – September, 2022





About 8,000 community inhabitants

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER PLANT IN TORFAVAN COMMUNITY

Solar power for sunny villages of Armenia

Alternative energy sources serve for the improvement of the economic situation of the community. 3 separate semiconductor solar stations with a total capacity of 23 kW were installed in the territory of the village of Torfavan.













SOLAR ENERGY TO THE SCHOOL OF AREGUNI VILLAGE, GEGHARKUNIK MARZ

Solar power for sunny villages of Armenia

With the improvement of the educational environment, the school becomes one of the favorite places for school children in the village.

A 7.2 kW solar power plant has been installed on the roof of the school and connected to Armenia's electricity network. The entrance door was replaced with a metallic one, the entrance roof (the pergola) with its stairs and banister was reconstructed.













CRADLE OF ART: KHACHAGHBYUR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Despite challenges, we are rising by standing on our own shoulders

The school established a pottery workshop and batik classes. In addition, the school library was renovated, furnished, and filled with new books.

All this required great organizational skills from the active teachers, students, and school administration that spared no effort to make the school prosperous and ready to receive new generations.













FOOTBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION IN AKHPRADZOR VILLAGE

The youth in the name of the village

The connection of young people with public life in the village has become even stronger. The community youth added one more moral and emotional bond with their small homeland.

The project aimed at increasing the confidence of the residents regarding the prospects of living in the village.

Thanks to the efforts of the villagers, the youth now have a football field with additional exercise equipment instead of a heap of stones and dirt.







Time Frame: April, 2021 – December, 2020





SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER ESTABLISHMENT AT SMALL MASRIK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Knowledge for the future of the village

School and village active members tried their best to contribute to the development of students' skills and abilities by providing appropriate technical facilities and teaching professional knowledge.

The project gives children the opportunity to choose the craft professions that are in great demand in the market, in addition to the traditional professions (economist, pedagogue, lawyer). The demand for these specialists is quite high in the region.







Time Frame: April, 2021 – December, 2021



70 students and the whole village with 763 residents.

CREATING A SAFER ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF BIG MASRIK KINDERGARTEN

Standing by our villages

A renovated basement of the kindergarten in the village of Big Masrik, which is a bordering community, served as a safer room for children and kindergarten staff, as well as for neighboring primary school students, during the armed conflicts. It increases the confidence of the residents in the prospect of living in the village.











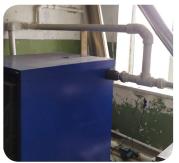


WARM WINTER WITH CENTRAL HEATING AT ARPUNK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Let only kids stay

Cultural life is almost forgotten in the remote village of Arpunk. The only place where people occasionally talk about culture and spiritual life is the community school, that sadly has only 72 pupils. The school is in miserable condition with a dripping roof and dark internal walls from smoke as they heat the rooms by kerosene stoves. Kids study with tears in their eyes because of the gas. It is indeed a challenge to ensure development in these conditions.

In the spring of 2021, with efforts of the municipality of Gegharkunik and JMF, a boiler house and a heating system were installed in the school. A light of joy and hope lit up in everyone's eyes. The director and teachers express hope: "Let only kids stay in the community so we have them at school..."



Time Frame: June, 2021 – December, 2021



Project Budget: JMF: 7,586 USD



Beneficiaries: 97 students and school staff



WARM WINTER AT KAKHAKN SECONDARY SCHOOL Healthy environment contributing to learning

The project has created a supportive school environment to inspire students to learn.

The conditions for maintaining the health of students and teachers have become much better. The fire safety and hygiene conditions have also improved at school.

Because of this, the villagers increased their faith and interest in the future of the community.



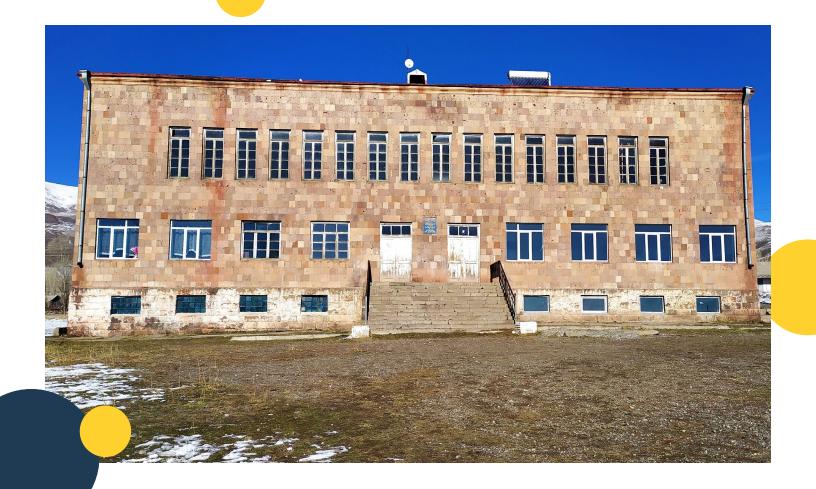












OVERHAUL OF SCHOOL WINDOWS IN THE VILLAGE OF VANEVAN

Health and wellness for our students

A contribution to the improvement of the educational conditions of the students of Vanevan secondary school for ensuring their health and safety through the renovation of the school building windows. 16 new windows with an area of almost 100 square meters were installed.







Time Frame: November, 2021 – April, 2022





JOY TO CHILDREN

Culture and art for spiritual uplift

There is almost nothing cultural for the children living in remote bordering settlements of Armenia, to learn and enjoy. With JMF funding, cultural performances took place in three rural villages where children and teenagers aged 3-15 participated from 6 villages. The events were very interactive, engaging almost every child to simply be joyful. The performance participants where encouraged to use their creative abilities for future cultural events.







Time Frame: July, 2021 – October, 2021





CENTRE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN STEPANAVAN TOWN- PHASE 2

The reconstructed building of the Full Life NGO serves as an Equal Opportunities Centre, providing people and especially children with special needs, with skills and knowledge for smooth integration into society, having equal opportunities and rights as other citizens in the society, during their life time. Every person is a valuable part of our society. Let them feel it!



Time Frame: March, 2020 – June, 2021







JMF CIVIL SOCIETY & EDUCATION TEAM





CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM

Youth are empowered and proactively engaged in civic initiatives on a grassroots level that lead to good and transparent governance and contribute to the development of democracy in Armenia.

YOUTH ENGAGED IN SOCIETY (YES)

Due to the pandemic, we had no choice but to go to online, and moreover, during the Artsakh war, we even temporarily ceased the "Youth engaged in society" project. It was only in March, 2021 when we restarted and were very encouraged to see the great enthusiasm of students to participate in the project activities, which indicates that the debating culture has already penetrated into the schools.



Structured debate clubs in schools enhance critical thinking and public speaking skills of students.
 Students participate in civil society development today and put seeds for future.



Project Budget:

JMF: 46,480 USD AUA: 1,000 USD



960 students from 24 schools

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR CHANGE (YAC) IN GAVAR

Due to a small civic project initiated and implemented by Gavar University students and graduates in the scope of YAC project, student councils in 6 schools in Gegharkunik marz revitalized their activities. Student council participation in school affairs is considered a precondition for development of democracy in schools and enhancement of the quality of school education. With the assistance of mentors assigned to each council, the students initiated civic activities to engage their peers in administrative issues in the schools. Now, all decisions in these 6 schools are made by taking into consideration the opinions of the students.



Graduates and students of the universities in Gavar identify and find solutions to problems in the spheres of Environment, Human Rights Promotion and Protection and Economic Stability through collaboration and proactive participation in decision making.

Time Frame: March, 2021 – February, 2024



Beneficiaries:

150 students and graduates of Gavar State University (GSY) and nearly 200 young adults of surrounding communities.

EMPOWERED AND ACTIVE YOUTH FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC ARMENIA TODAY AND TOMORROW

The project made it possible to use SWOT analysis and other tools, like "COMPASS" HRE manual to understand the strengths and weaknesses and reveal the human rights issues of students in 35 schools. The students particularly were concerned about the issues related to epidemic-emergences, healthy food, and bullying at schools. Moreover, the students developed small projects to give solutions to the problems raised, being consistent so that those problems would not be repeated. Simultaneously in those 70 schools within the established debate clubs, the students developed *critical thinking, communication and rhetorical, teamwork and research skills and enhanced their emotional intelligence.*



- Democracy at school is a precondition for quality education. -"Compass" EC human rights education manual for learning and living democracy in school - Learning to think critically

Time Frame:

March, 2021 – February, 2023

Project Budget:

JMF: 20,367 USD EU: 181,810 USD WV Germany: 20,201 USD

Beneficiaries:

3760 school children (13-17 years old) from 70 schools and 160 youth (18 - 29 years old) from Yerevan and three regions.



EDUCATION PROGRAM

Enhanced knowledge and skills of children and youth from vulnerable families via non-formal education and vocational trainings leading to social and economic prosperity.

YOUNG EXPLORERS CLUBS - ARMENIA

"Mkhitar Sebastatsi" and "Khoren and Shoushanig Avedissians" schools' students are the most enthusiastic and started the operation of the clubs immediately after the two-day TOT organized by Copernicus center and "School and Class" foundation in Yerevan. "Mkhitar Sebastatsi" school students even developed their own website on the project to share the video and photo materials of their production with other schools via the web and on Facebook page of the project. The project will help inspire the children to love scientific experiments and rejuvenate the interest of science in Armenia.



The project collaborates with Copernicus Center in Poland with an aim to enhance the interest of schoolchildren towards science in Armenia as the future of the country is directly connected with the attitude towards science development.

Time Frame: November, 2021 – April, 2022 Project Budget:

JMF: 2,000 USD Fundacja Szkoła z klasą (School and Class Foundation, Poland): 7,090.81 USD



150 students from 15 schools

EU4ENVIRONMENT: GREEN COMMUNITY -RESILIENT FUTURE

Milena, an 8th grade student from Artik No 6 School, came to the Saturday cleaning campaign with a poster that read "Creating a Green Future". She claims that green issues are not addressed only by cleaning the accumulated rubbish. Waste sorting is the best option. With the help of her friends, she remade one of the famous paintings by Minas using candy wrappers, paper, plastic bottles and bottle heads. Their lovely park is clean, waste is sorted, everyone around follows the rules, students have a useful and creative day – what else do we need for a better and green future?







- The best thing you can do is to plant seeds of love for nature in your followers / youth. - You can make a living and help improve the environment by using your own land to grow trees.

Time Frame:

March, 2021 - February, 2024

Project Budget:

JMF: 18,150 USD EU: 163,350 USD

Beneficiaries:

About 2000 children were engaged in the activities of eco-clubs (15 communities of 3 regions of Armenia) and participated in summer camps and country-wide cleaning campaigns

DIASPORA YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM IN ARMENIA

Through organization of lectures and seminars, workshops, various youth forums, excursions and visits the program contributed to the establishment of deeper and more active networks for interaction between youth from different Armenian communities in Diaspora, as well as with the youth living in Armenia. It provided a knowledge and experience-sharing platform to youth for their empowerment and competency in political, economic and social issues and recent developments in Armenia (including domestic and foreign policy)







Time Frame: June, 2021 - May, 2022





25 Youth from Armenian communities of Diaspora and 1750 Armenian Diaspora community members

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM ARTSAKH IN ARSHALUYS VILLAGE

Emergency assistance to the population of the Republic of Artsakh to mitigate the effects of the recent Artsakh war in fall of 2020.









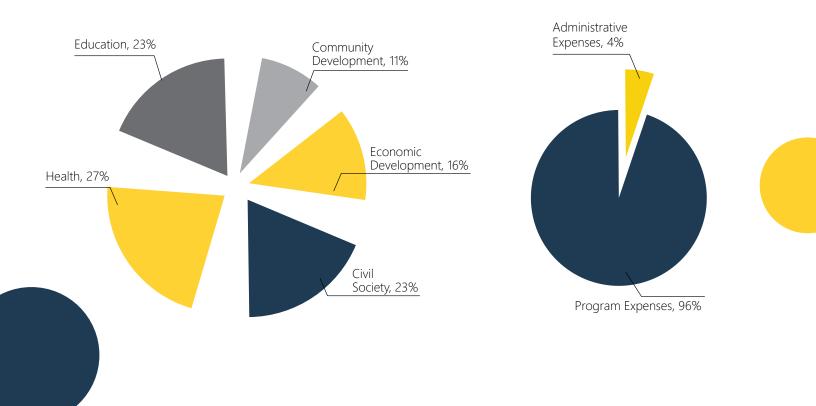
11 families with 60 migrants among them 33 children, others elderly, women



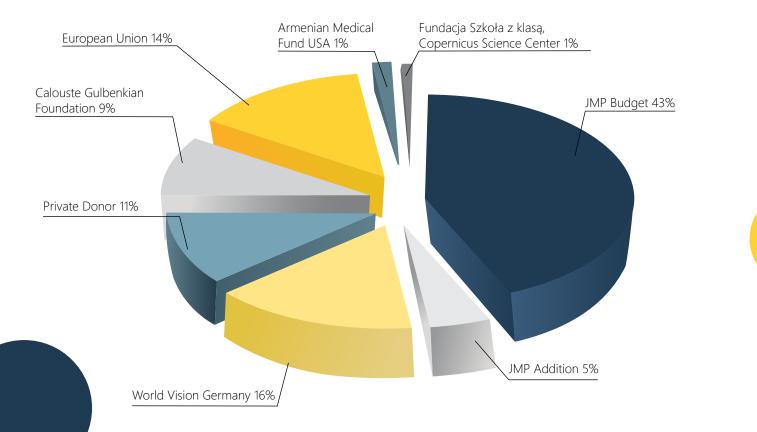
OUR FINANCES



Administrative vs. Program Expenses



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY DONORS



BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER, 2021

ASSETS

Non-current assets	91,913
Property, plant and equipment	91,913
Current assets	1,703,200
Cash and cash equivalents	1,431,356
Partially repayable grants and loans	271,016
Inventory and other assets	828
TOTAL ASSETS	1,795,113
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
Liabilities/Accounts	879,040
Project commitments	815,818
Payables to state budget	9,054
Other liabilities	54,168
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Equity Cash and cash equivalents	916,073 1,431,356





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