



FREEDOM IS A BRIDGE

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

Armenia's "velvet revolution" made history when peaceful protests in Spring 2018 unseated decades of entrenched authoritarian rule and corruption. It's a season of freedom.

Freedom from fear

Anush Aslanyan is a pioneer in spirit, but she struggled with anxiety and a physical handicap.

Getting involved in Jinishian leadership and debate programs as a college student helped Anush to develop problem-solving skills and courage to overcome her challenges. Involvement in civic action projects also equipped her to start a non-profit organization.

Now Anush is growing her own small business with financing and an established entrepreneur-mentor through the Youth Business Development project.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS ON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM
GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR,
FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS AND
RECOVERY OF SIGHT FOR THE BLIND,
TO SET THE OPPRESSED FREE,
TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR."

Luke 4:18-19

Freedom to lead with justice

Twenty-year-old Manya Grigoryan was one of hundreds of thousands of citizens on the streets of Yerevan. She says she's come a long way from the shy 8th grader who joined Jinishian debate clubs and rose to leadership. "For many years I have been a carrier of democratic ideas, and after each debate I have promised myself never to ignore the issues." Manya explains. "And now, the time to stand up for all these problems had come."

Freedom to work with dignity

A weak economy drives many young people to emigrate out of Armenia for jobs. Arthur Papyan, at age 25, was ready to leave his hometown for Russia. But thanks to an intensive IT training course through Jinishian, he found a well-paying job nearby. Arthur is proud to work in his homeland and to volunteer with the IT students: "I hope my determination is a good example. I tell them not to give up."

LONG-TERM*Growing the next generation of responsible citizens*

- Student-led dialogue, and grants for community projects that train young leaders to positively impact the environment, human rights, and economic stability
- University debate clubs
- YES school debate programs

SUSTAINABLE*Generating employment and healthy economic growth*

- Microloans for farm, small business, and hostel owners
- Entrepreneur loans and coaching for young adults
- Engineering and IT training
- Quick Start digital marketing skills for youth

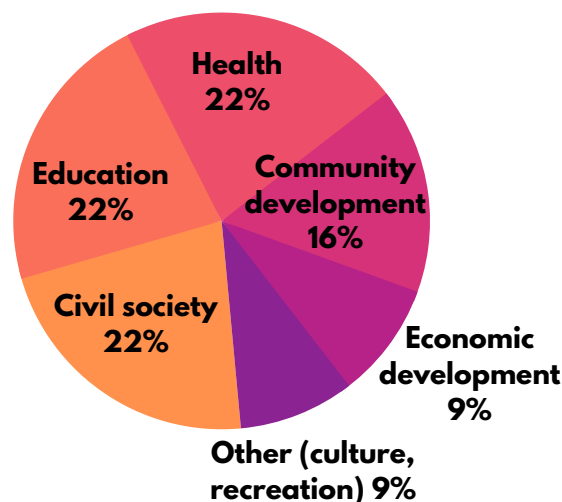
CHANGE*Equipping communities to see possibility in every problem*

- Village beekeeping projects
- Playground build projects
- Christmas performances for disadvantaged children
- Grants mobilized 24 rural communities for heating, water, parks & culture projects

310 YOUTH DEBATES & FORUMS
TAUGHT INDEPENDENT
THINKING FOR 5,000 YOUTH

60,000 BENEFICIARIES SERVED
ACROSS THE COUNTRY

610 MOBILE & ONLINE MEDICAL VISITS
SAVED LIVES, TIME AND MONEY
FOR CRITICALLY-ILL VILLAGERS

**BODY AND SPIRIT**

Healthcare is difficult to access in rural Armenia. With donor support, Jinishian is pioneering telemedicine and mobile clinics with promising results. For one woman in deep poverty, the exams found a malignant tumor in her kidney. She was swiftly referred for surgery and gives thanks for her life. Health outreach also includes:

- Autism and cerebral palsy day care center (Artsakh)
- Children's wellness, school nurse training (Yerevan)
- Community-based early child development (Gavar, Gegharqunik)
- Services for women suffering from violence (Yerevan)

Communist influence has taken a toll on the first Christian nation. Programs to help young people claim and flourish in their Christian faith and Armenian traditions include:

- Summer camp and educational workshops in Georgia
- Church camp support for Armenian Apostolic, Evangelical & Catholic summer programs (2,500 kids nationwide)
- Armenian national dance workshop, publication by Ginosyan
- Spiritual education and experiences in villages (pastoral visits)

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