

Tinishian

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2015



JMF

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



OUR MESSAGE AND GRATITUDE

Let me extend my sincere gratitude to those interested in our activities and achievements, or observing our history and work. These few important highlights and the enclosed report offer an inspiring tour through our projects.

In 2015 we successfully accomplished our mission and strategic goals maintaining all our major and prioritized projects. Twenty four (24) projects have been implemented targeting about 55,000 people of different ages, occupations, interests and social conditions throughout Armenia, Karabakh and Georgia.

We recognize and extend our deep appreciation to our donors for their trust, generosity and concern for the struggles of Armenians, and for our projects addressing those challenges through durable networks and partnerships.

Our success is driven by the expertise of our Advisory Board members in Armenia and the USA, the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and the commitment of our partners. These assets give us strength and faith in what we do and whom we serve.

In 2015 we hosted many guests from different parts of the world, giving them an opportunity to be immersed in the cultural heritage of Armenia while learning about its modern life, to observe Jinishian's work first-hand, and to interact personally with our project beneficiaries. You can find some of the testimonials from the visitors at the end of the report in the Study Tour section.

During the year 2015, Jinishian Memorial Program helped Presbyterians to observe the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in churches around the U.S. In June hundreds of new friends joined us in Los Angeles to celebrate Vartan Jinishian's legacy.

Our annual activities are described in more detail in the subsequent pages. I invite you to visit our website, Facebook pages, and YouTube channel for up-to-date information, pictures and videos to find out more.

Respectfully,

Armen Hakobyan
Country Director
Jinishian Memorial Foundation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Armen Hakobyan', written over a light blue grid background.

DEVOTED SERVICE IN DESPERATE TIMES



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Dear Partners,

The Jinishian Memorial Program addresses the needs of the whole person—social, economic, and spiritual. Drawing on half a century of experience, we also adapt and innovate, adjusting priorities according to particular conditions in Armenia, Lebanon, and Syria, as well as Istanbul, Jerusalem, Nagorno-Karabakh, and Georgia. Local community development is fueled by over 150 grassroots and international partnerships. As an endowment advised by Apostolic, Catholic, and Evangelical board members, we serve struggling Armenian communities through faith-based relief and development programs on a budget of \$1.2 million annually.

In **Armenia**, we are recognized leaders in the area of development—equipping people to reach out and find solutions in their own communities. More than 95% of our projects are designed to address root causes of poverty and to rebuild the faith and promise of the nation. This year, 24 programs directly benefitted more than 55,000 people—with widespread impact in every region of the country, Georgia and Nagorno-Karabakh. Projects include economic development (i.e. low-interest small business loans, agricultural cooperatives), health (medical training, equipment, and prevention), vocational schools and workshops, extensive debate programs for middle school through college students, and faith-based summer camps for thousands of needy kids. We also continued critical social services to the most vulnerable—the disabled, orphans, elderly, and war veterans. In October this year, Jinishian local staff in Yerevan hosted an interdenominational 10-day study tour focused on culture, outreach, and faith, which gave Americans a close connection with our people and our work.

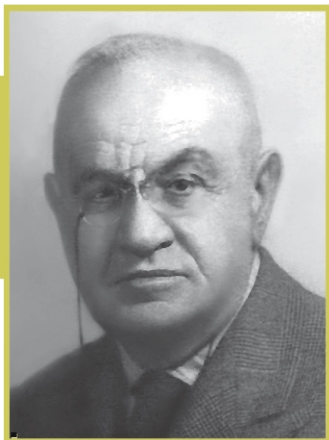
Lebanon faces increasing threats of destabilization and terror, while strained with refugees and a scarcity of housing and jobs. Increased border control has slowed the Syrian influx yet raised expenses for recent immigrants and refugees. We assisted 7,500 people including more than 100 Syrian Armenians. Two-thirds of our work is community health development including medication, preventative health, and critical hospitalization and care. Social services such as family grants and vocational programs grew this year, reaching hundreds of families and the unemployed, including specialized outreach programs for at-risk teenage girls. Programs also support affordable, safe housing; and for the elderly, provide for independent living and activities.

In **Syria**, five years of war has left every remaining Armenian family in need. Jinishian has reached more than 6,000 beneficiaries this year, from children traumatized by war to the chronically ill and abandoned elderly. We doubled grants to help families survive in the face of sky-rocketing costs, devalued currency, and severe shortages even of basic food supplies. We diversified emergency relief to provide for increasing homelessness. In spite of continual violence at our sites in Aleppo, Kamishly, and Damascus, we maintain uninterrupted communication and funds transfers. All centers for health and social services remain open daily, rendering critical financial aid, moral support, and medical referrals. Going beyond wartime disaster relief, JMP also initiated development projects focused on building hope and capacity among Armenians still in Syria. Kessab village received farm machinery to replace those stolen and to re-cultivate land neglected during recent deportations. Teenage students participated in a new debate club. Women learned Armenian handiwork as a source of fulfillment and income.

Istanbul and Jerusalem: JMP is a vital thread in the fabric of support to Armenians as Christians. Jerusalem operations served over 1,000 people with financial aid and a health clinic. Volunteers in Istanbul distributed aid to 160 severely needy families with no other recourse, and provided small business loans and vocational grants.

This holistic, ecumenical work of relief, development and discipleship is the hallmark of Jinishian's legacy. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to continue in our mission. Your support inspires us, and we are committed to putting every penny to work with excellence and compassion.

Faithfully yours,
Eliza Minasyan
Chair of the Board of Trustees,
Jinishian Memorial Program



HISTORY

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 needy Armenians, and supported more than 160 grassroots and local non-governmental organizations through partnership and collaboration.

Today, JMF is a reputable organization which implements development projects aimed at overcoming poverty in the area. The success of the organization is the direct result of partnerships and involvement in different networks to accomplish our shared goals.

The JMF is primarily sponsored by the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Established on May 17, 1966 by a bequest of 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.



DREAMS AND PLANS

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**.

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 PEOPLE



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Our Advisory Board is comprised of representatives of the Armenian Apostolic, Evangelical and Catholic Churches, and professionals related to the Jinishian Memorial Foundation's priority areas.

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CIVIL SOCIETY AND EDUCATION

In 2015, the JMF's Civil Society and Education Department prioritized projects that encouraged and facilitated youth participation. The aim was to develop a strong and healthy civil society and to broaden the youth perspective and understanding of the role of civil society as a vital part of long-term socio-economic improvements in Armenia. Additionally, the JMF partnerships with NGOs and informal groups (youth councils, Civic Action Groups, Youth Clubs, etc.) provided experiences where youth could mobilize and focus their joint efforts on current issues facing the country. JMF prioritized non-formal educational and cultural programs supporting the professional and esthetic development of children and youth.

To serve the Civil Society and Education Department, the JMF has prioritized the following objectives among Armenian youth:

Increased ownership of the projects implemented by the youth

Develop capacity for applying knowledge and skills

Increased knowledge of civic issues (human rights, gender, environment, legal and governance issues)

Participation of the youth in all stages of the initiative /project, from the project initiation to its evaluation.

Increased sense of citizenship and voluntarism among youth.

Develop professional capacities of youth in IT, art and cultural subjects

Enhanced cooperation between youth (youth groups) and civil society structures



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The following strategic actions have been taken during the year to reach the objectives:

- Education and skills development
- Application of innovative approaches
- Diversification of mechanisms
- Practical application of knowledge (grant projects, advocacy actions, internships, etc.)
- Capacity building of NGOs (particularly youth NGOs), Youth Clubs, other youth-oriented structures
- Networking among the youth informal and formal groups and NGOs
- Geographical and institutional expansion of activities.



1. Youth Engaged in Society 2015-2016

Brief Description: The JMF has been implementing the YES project since 2005. The project is aimed at fostering democracy and developing civically conscious and socially responsible citizens in Armenia through the creation and development of Debate Clubs for secondary and high school students. Debate clubs involve students aged 14-17, who later use debate as a tool for being engaged in the civil society development process. The project provided knowledge to high school students about key issues related to the development of civil society, democracy and human rights, building communication and analytical thinking skills that will permit them to more actively participate in the development of Armenian society. The debate clubs, organized in the schools as extracurricular activities, also added value to the education system. The initiative builds links among youth, the NGO sector, and governmental agencies through a civic initiative seminar series and round-table discussions.

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In 2015 JMF continued the implementation of the project in partnership with World Vision Armenia. The number of beneficiary schools involved in the project is 110 out of which the list of 40 schools was provided by WV.

A Facebook page is very actively used by the project's stakeholders and has been providing resources and a forum for discussions. The JMF continues its cooperation with the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, where the students paid several visits in November-December 2015. Seminars/meetings for the students from the regional and Yerevan schools were also organized at the United Nations Yerevan offices and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Each year the National Debate Championship is organized at the end of the academic year and brings together the representatives of all debate clubs. Twenty-two debate teams participated in 2015, representing the project participants schools.

2. Civic Dialogue and Action (CDA) for Change 2015-2016

Brief Description: The JMF has been implementing the Civic Dialogue and Action project since 2005. The project is aimed at fostering civil society development in Armenia through supporting and encouraging university students in out-lying regions to play a more active, capable, and informed role in immediate and long-term economic, social and political development of the country. The project helped to develop students' knowledge and skills in civil society sector and enhanced their civic participation.

Seven universities are targeted under the CDA project, six of which are regional universities and one is in Yerevan: Gavar State University (GASU), Gyumri State Pedagogical Institute (GSPi), Goris State University (GOSU), Kapan Branch of State Engineering University of Armenia (KBSEUA), Vanadzor State Pedagogical Institute (VSPi), Ijevan Branch of the Yerevan State University (IBYSU) and State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA).

CDA for Change 2015-2016 is the logical continuation of

Time Frame: September 1, 2015 – May 30, 2016

Implementer: JMF

Co-funding organization: World Vision

Beneficiaries: nearly 2,500 school students from 110 schools of Yerevan; 21 towns: Armavir, Abovyan, Ashtarak, Artashat, Masis, Metsamor, Vagharshapat, Hrazdan, Gyumri, Sevan, Aparan, Stepanavan, Sisian, Ijevan, Kapan, Gavar, Tchambarak, Vardenis, Alaverdy, Talin, and Vanadzor; and 22 villages.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$53,889

JMF (in-kind): \$14,000

WV: \$46,026

PC USA: \$3,000



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Time Frame: October 1, 2015 – September 31, 2016

Donors: Gulbenkian Foundation

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: Nearly 1,500 university students of 7 universities and 800 young adults of surrounding communities, keeping gender balance.

Indirect beneficiaries are other students of the targeted seven universities, student council members, administration and staff of the universities, families of the students, community members and in general the public of Armenia.

Project Cost:

Gulbenkian Foundation: \$30,000

JMF: \$24,628

JMF (in kind): \$6,600



the CDA project's previous phases. It is readjusted based on the project beneficiaries, stakeholders, and evaluators' suggestions. The project will continue providing the students of targeted universities a further opportunity to examine local and national issues relevant to Armenia's immediate and long-term social, economic and political development. The project will encourage students to initiate new civic activities and small grant projects.

CDA for Change 2015-2016 is directly managed and implemented by the JMF. During the project implementation the JMF will constantly use external technical and human resources, as well as expertise of other local and international organizations for increasing the effectiveness of the project.

3. Youth In Action for Change

Brief Description: Since October 2013, Youth in Action for Change project has been involving youth from the regions of Armenia to play a more active and conscious role in bringing and inheriting positive social change towards development of democratic values in Armenia via establishment and operation of youth centers (YC) in the regions.

Youth In Action for Change project consists of four interconnected components: youth center establishment; priority issue identification; research, project/action development and implementation; and YAC project summits.

YCs have been established in three sites: Gyumri (Shirak marz), Vanadzor (Lori marz), and Gavar (Gegharkunik marz). These are the places where JMF has implemented its youth projects and has a vast experience and capacitated active human resources. The YCs have been established by the former participants of the JMF projects in the site, the graduates of the local universities, in cooperation with the local and international NGO representatives. Each YC will focus its operation on the following areas: 1. Environment, 2. Human Rights (Gender,



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Domestic Violence, Civic and political rights, etc.), and 3. Economic Stability.

These areas have been prioritized by the project stakeholders. Each YC consists of 3 professional teams, one team in each above-mentioned area with 3-5 graduates with appropriate expertise in the field, in total 9 teams. The YC works on a voluntary basis.

During 2015-2016, special trainings will be organized for YC members to further develop their knowledge and shape skills within a specific area. YC members will have an opportunity to organize public meetings, debates and round tables involving the specialists in the area, local community representatives and youth, and to discuss the issues the region faces in a specific area. These activities will help the YC team members to better understand the situation in the communities regarding a specific area and identify the priority issues in the area to focus on later in their projects. Teams will research the identified issues of the area, mobilize the interested youth around the problem, propose solutions to the issues, and implement appropriate projects. YC Summit will be organized to enhance a network of communication and collaboration on social/economic/political issues.

Time Frame: September 1, 2015-August 30, 2016

Donor: Gulbenkian Foundation

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: The project directly targets about 120 students of 3 universities of Gyumri, Gavar and Vanadzor and young adults of surrounding communities of the 3 universities; at least 90 graduates of those 3 universities/ cities who participated in CDA 2005-2015 projects. The total number of direct beneficiaries is 210 youth.

Project Cost:

Gulbenkian Foundation: \$25,000

JMF: \$20,395

JMF (in-kind): \$6,600

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Time Frame: December 1, 2014– November 30, 2015

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: 120 students from YES project schools will directly participate in 12 TV debates. Additionally, 120 students and 24 mentors will directly take part in the debates as audience members.

Indirect beneficiaries: the schools' administrations, the other children of the schools, parents, and general public

Project Cost:

JMF: \$21,056

4. TV Debates 2014-2015

Brief Description: The JMF has been implementing the YES TV Debates project since 2010. YES TV Debates project is aimed at youth engagement in the process of democratization of the Armenian society via participation in debates broadcasted on TV. The debates are broadcasted via Yerkir Media TV Company on a weekly basis within "Azat Qaghaqaci" (Free Citizen) TV program. The project empowers and provides opportunity and space for youth civic participation via a format of structured TV debate in Armenia. The project increased the knowledge and interest of young Armenians in key issues related to the development of civil society, democracy, and human rights. It enhanced the research and debating skills among the students via preparation and participation in TV debates. Additionally, the project contributed to the development of the culture of the debate via mass media influence and support. The positive results of the project, encouraging feedback of the students, school administrations, parents, the state officials and representatives of the local and international NGO communities revealed an acute need for sharing the project experience and results, as well as viewpoints of the schoolchildren on democracy development in Armenia, with broader layers of the population via TV broadcasting of the debates.



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In 2014-2015 the JMF continued shooting and broadcasting TV debates within the Azat Qaghagaci (Free Citizen) program of Yerkir Media studio. It was a logical extension of the YES school debate club creation project (YES Project) implemented by the JMF. The project involved the students from almost all schools participating in the YES project during the last nine years from Yerevan city and regions. During the YES TV Debates 2014/2015 project implementation period, 12 high quality TV debates were prepared and broadcasted.



5. University Students Fourth National Debate Championship

Brief Description: University students' Fourth National Debate Championship (NDC) took place on November 27 and 28 in Yerevan. The championship was among the student teams from the University Debate Clubs in seven universities. Each university was represented by a team composed of five to six members. The first stage of the competition was organized at the American University of Armenia. During the first stage of the debates six debates were organized. Four debates among the preselected eight teams were organized on the same topic: "OSCE fulfills its role in insuring security in OSCE area." The winners of the first four debates, four teams in all, participated in two debates on the topic: "Environmental activists' movements are successful in Armenia." The winners of the last two debates participated in the final debate.

The final debate was conducted at Ani Plaza Hotel on 28th of November, 2015. The topic of the final debate was "OSCE fulfills its role in insuring security in OSCE area." The final debate has been held between the two teams from Vanadzor and Gyumri compiled team of students. Gyumri team was recognized as the winner of the championship by the judges. The team of students from Vanadzor took the second place in the championship. At the end of the event, participants of the championship received medals and certificates of honor from the project implementing organizations. More than 100 university and school students and representatives of NGOs/ international organizations were present in the final debate at Ani Plaza Hotel. All the expenses connected with the NDC organization were directly covered by OSCE Yerevan office.

Time Frame: October -November, 2015
Donor: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Yerevan office
Implementer: JMF
Beneficiaries: 40 students from seven universities.
Project Cost:
 OSCE: 5,000 EUR (OSCE direct expenses)

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Apostolic Community

Time Frame: June 24 – 30, 2015

Implementer: Armenian Apostolic Church, Center of Christian Education

Beneficiaries: 112 children aged 8-15, from needy families attending the "Eornekian" public school in Etchmiadzin.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Armenian Apostolic Church: \$1,463

Evangelical Community

Time Frame: July 3 - August 30, 2015

Implementer: Armenian Missionary Association

Beneficiaries: About 1,620 children, youth and young adults from vulnerable families and 160 camp counselors

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Armenian Missionary Association: \$50,128

Catholic Community

Time Frame: June 16 and August 20, 2015

Implementer: Our Lady of Armenia Convent

Beneficiaries: About 840 children from needy families and orphanages from different marzes of Armenia.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Our Lady of Armenia Convent: \$111,219

1. Summer Camps

Brief Description: The JMF supported Our Lady of Armenia Convent (Armenian Catholic), Armenian Missionary Association (Armenian Evangelical) and Armenian Apostolic Church dioceses to organize summer camps for school children from vulnerable families. The camps were located in rich and beautiful nature sites and provided an environment conducive to spiritual and physical growth of children, developed moral and aesthetic values of children through extracurricular activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor and indoor games, and music classes. The daily program at the camp provided a blend of Armenian religion, language, culture, history, dance, music and sport programs. Children have been provided with four nutritious meals during the day and learned to live in a group environment and developed new social skills. The JMF has been contributing to the organization of summer camp project since 1994.



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2. Summer Camp for Disabled Children

Brief Description: The JMF supported Full Life NGO to organize summer camp for 156 children from Lori, Gegharkouniq region, Yerevan and Kharabagh and to promote independence in disabled children and children from socially vulnerable families. First aid provision training, Bocce ball trainings, formation of Christian attitude/Christian upbringing, art therapy and cognitive trainings on environment were organized as part of camp activities. The summer camp enabled the kids to learn basic survival skills and how to provide first aid to others. Children enriched their knowledge on values and traditions of Christianity and learned to play Bocce ball, which is extremely popular game among people with disabilities.

Time Frame: July 20 - August 5, 2015

Implementer: Full Life NGO

Beneficiaries: 156 children ages 10-17 from Lori, Gegharkouniq region, Yerevan and Kharabagh, (81 disabled children and 75 children from socially vulnerable families from Stepanavan, Tashir, Gavar, Sevan cities and surrounding villages as well as Yerevan and Kharabagh)

Project Cost:

JMF: \$5,000

Full Life NGO & other donors: \$8,277



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3. Preschool Educational Center in Aragva Village in Akhalkalaki

Brief Description: In 2015 the individual donor Mr. Clayton Carlisle supported Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church to continue the functioning of the preschool education center in Aragova village in Akhalkalaki, Republic of Georgia. The project contributed to the elementary education, spiritual and cultural up-bringing, healthy development of 30 preschool age children of the Armenian community living in Aragova village. The children learned elementary mathematics, Armenian language, grammar, drawing, conduct rules, spiritual lessons and singing, and participated in spiritual events and pilgrimages to holy places, the birthplace of holy persons, museums. All these contributed to the spiritual uplift in the village.



Time Frame: September 1, 2015 – July 1, 2016

Implementer: Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church

Beneficiaries: Thirty (30) preschool children; indirect beneficiaries are families of the children.

Project Cost:

Donor, Mr. Clayton Carlisle: \$2,000

Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church: \$3,750

4. Restoration of the Batumi Educational, Cultural and Youth Center Named after A. Mantashev

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia to renovate Educational, Cultural and Youth Center named after Alexander Mantashev in Batumi. The renovated and refurbished center provided children and youth living in Batumi and its neighborhood an opportunity to participate in the different classes functioning in the center thus activating the educational, spiritual and cultural life in Batumi. The project created favorable conditions for the education and upbringing of Armenian young people gathered around Surb Prkich Church in Batumi, helped to fulfill the spiritual and cultural needs of young people, and fostered national spirit through Armenian songs, dances, the Armenian folklore and etc.



Time Frame: May 1, 2015 – September 31, 2015

Implementer: The Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Georgia

Beneficiaries: More than 200 Armenian children and youth from Batumi and its neighborhood.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$21,888



5. Gifts for Children from Vulnerable Regions of Armenia

Brief Description: In December 2015 the JMF delivered gifts to 236 children aged 2-12 from socially vulnerable families from 3 marginalized villages of Vardenis regions of Gegharqouniq Marz (Geghaqar, Vanevan, Karchaghbyur) where harsh social and economic conditions are intensely reflected and conditioned by a number of factors such as severe climate conditions, unemployment and migration from other regions of Armenia and Georgia. Within the scope of the project the JMF provided 547 gifts to the NGOs and other institutions working with children from socially vulnerable families from Yerevan, regions of Armenia and Akhalqalaq who distributed the gifts. The organizations included "Cross of Armenian Unity" from Echmiadzin, Full Life NGO from Stepanavan, Musical Collectives Choir of the Union of Blind People from Yerevan, Eparchial Vicarage of Javakhq from Akhalqalaq, 'Havat' NGO of Mothers of Children with Hearing Impairments from Yerevan. Each child was provided with a personal gift package which included a toy or a package of stationery depending on the age of the child. The initiative brought small but significant emotional uplift to the children.

Time Frame: December 15, 2015 – December 30, 2016

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: 236 children of Vardenis regions of Gegharqouniq Marz and 547 children from socially vulnerable families from Yerevan, regions of Armenia and Akhalqalaq

Project Cost:

JMF: \$3,110



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2015 the JMF's Economic Development Department prioritized projects that target individual farmers, farmers' cooperatives, small and medium businesses, especially those operating in the regions. Besides providing affordable and accessible loans, JMF also initiated and provided grant support to other economic activities fostering agricultural sector and business development in Armenia. In 2015 the JMF initiated a project supporting small and medium business, prioritizing start-up or ongoing businesses operated or established by youth (22-35 age). The JMF continued prioritizing partnerships and intermediary lending mechanisms for delivering small and medium credits with moderate interest rates through micro-credit organizations. The projects supporting income generating activities in the regions, particularly emphasizing women's employment were prioritized.

To serve the JMF's Economic Development Department, the JMF has prioritized the following objectives

Encourage and support regional youth to establish and run businesses

Enhance women's employment opportunities in the remote regions

Increase educational level of borrowers (education on lending services, rights and responsibilities of borrowers, new methods in agriculture, land cultivation, how to start business, marketing, etc.).

Enhance institutional lending services

Increase beneficiaries' access to micro credit services

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The following strategic actions have been taken during the year to reach the objectives:

- MFI sector strengthening activities,
- Advocacy at the state level,
- Fostering agricultural cooperatives,
- Promotion of small and medium businesses,
- Support the establishment of start-up businesses in the regions,
- Collaboration and partnership,
- Education/training for MFIs and clientele,
- Women groups capacitating

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Micro Lending Support to Farmers Low-interest Loan Project 2015

Brief Description: Armenian farmers have no access to low-interest loans since the vast majority of Armenian banks refrain from financing agriculture due to the high risk of the sector and lack of collateral. The recent worldwide financial crisis in its turn hindered commercial banks from working with farmers. Through the "CARD Agro Credit" Universal Credit Organization CJSC (CARD), the project provides 26 farmer cooperatives with an opportunity to get low-interest (subsidized) loans to perform timely agricultural activities and receive low-cost, quality agricultural fertilizers. As a result, the members have efficient and high-quality production/yield ensuring further agricultural development and sustainability. The JMF has seven years of experience of supporting farmers with low-interest loans.



Time Frame: December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2016

Implementer: "CARD Agro Credit" Universal Credit Organization CJSC

Beneficiaries: 26 farmer cooperatives. In total about 250 farmers from Armavir, Ararat, Vayots Dzor and Aragatsotn marzes.

Project Cost:
JMF: \$416,666

2. Golden Wheat Festival in Vardenis

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Homeland Development Initiative Foundation (HDIF) to invest in developing the community based tourism in Vardenis through discovery and presentation of local values during Golden Wheat Festival organized in Vardenis. The festival was largely designed, coordinated, and implemented by the HDIF with a goal to share the cultural values of small communities with a wider audience, attracting new visitors who will invest in the development of tourism in Armenia. This was done using the participatory methodology in order to enhance the capacity of the local communities to organize community-based large events and accept a wide range of tourists in their settlements. The festival contributed to building local experience in arranging large events, and created the basis for other events and initiatives from the people of the region themselves during the year.

Time Frame: September 6, 2015

Implementer: Homeland Handicrafts Initiative Foundation

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project were 11,382 community members living in Vardenis region.

Project Cost:
JMF: \$4,968
HDIF and other partners: \$10,821





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3. Handicrafts Business Development in Regions Project

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Homeland Handicrafts Initiative Foundation (HDIF) to invest in providing startup capital and business management knowledge to four of the HDIF producers to increase the volume of their production and improve the quality. Forty five (45) artisans became economically sustainable and more active in their communities. Enhanced quality of products resulted in increased sales, and improved business capacity, allowed increasing the volume of the production to meet the increased market requirement in Russia and in general.

Time Frame: February 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Implementer: Homeland Handicrafts Initiative Foundation (HDIF)

Beneficiaries: Talin Dolls, Vardenis Sewing, Margahovit Wood, and Spitak Bags handicraft projects with about 45 artisan women and business managers. The indirect beneficiaries are the families of the women.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$19,184



4. Support to Young Entrepreneurs Project

Brief Description: In 2015 the JMF initiated the project to support young people in the regions of Armenia in their need for entrepreneurial success, and to contribute to the creation and expansion of youth-led enterprises, thus promoting development of the local private sector and helping to alleviate the poverty and social disparities. The project will empower young people, age 23-36, from the regions of Armenia to start or expand their entrepreneurial activities by providing business trainings, access to affordable loan capital and further business consultancy and mentoring to sustain the business. The increased employment opportunities for the regional young people will help them to remain and work in their communities, improve the economic state of their families and communities.

Time Frame: September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2020

Implementer: JMF, Business Support Center, Center for Entrepreneurship and Executive Development, World Vision, Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development

Beneficiaries: 30 potential young entrepreneurs from Gegharkunik and Lori marzes of Armenia.

JMF: \$115,848

World Vision and other partners: \$79,152

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2015 the JMF's Community Development Department prioritized projects that empower Armenian communities to find solutions to socio-economic problems within communities through the mobilization of local resources. The JMF continued focusing on the projects that assist in the empowerment of communities, encourage community members' active participation. The projects were developed on the values and principles of the Community Mobilization Initiative Model developed by the JMF in 2005 which is appropriate for the current community development tendencies and perspectives. Based on its observations and successful project experience with youth, JMF continued unifying its efforts on more youth-oriented activities. In the communities, where there were active Community Action Groups (CAGs), formed by JMF or other organization's efforts, youth groups were provided with an opportunity and encouraged to cooperate with CAGs during activities in the communities.

The JMF continued emphasizing its partnership-building strategy to make the impact of the projects more sound and sustainable. The partners were identified based on their experience and reputation working with youth and communities. Meanwhile, for keeping updated with international and national practices in all levels of community development, the JMF continued its collaboration with International and local organizations acting in the Community Development sector.

To serve the JMF's Community Development Department, the JMF has prioritized the following objectives:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Social Responsibility Grant Projects

Within the scope of its economic development project, JMF, in partnership with the “CARD Agro-Credit” Universal Credit Organization, has been implementing “Cooperation in Providing Financial Services to Selected Farmer Cooperatives” program. As a part of the strategic objectives of the organization and the requirements of the mentioned program (to direct 2% of the loan interest rate to social programs in the rural communities of targeted cooperatives) the Jinishian Memorial Foundation announced Corporate Social Responsibility Grant Competition. Applications for the grants came from farmer cooperatives which were involved in “Cooperation in Providing Financial Services to Selected Farmer Cooperatives” lending program and successfully fulfilled their obligations and/or the community nonprofit organizations working in the target communities. Khor Virab and Lukashin cooperatives won the grant competition. As a result of this initiative

- Improvement of sanitary conditions in the kindergarten canteen project in Poqr Vedi community was implemented.
- Improvement of the quality of kindergarten services project in Lukashin community was implemented.

In total about 5000 people benefitted from these 2 initiatives.



1. Project Name: Improvement of Sanitary Conditions in the Kindergarten Canteen in Poqr Vedi Village, Ararat Marz

Brief Description: The kindergarten of Poqr Vedi community was renovated about 3-4 years ago. The roof of the kindergarten, the entrances and the dressing room, kids playing rooms, bedrooms, singing and dancing rooms were renovated and furnished. The kitchen and food pantry were renovated but not furnished and equipped. It was very difficult for the kindergarten administration to provide appropriate service to community kids and to maintain sanitary conditions for food provision with the almost ruined food storage and unequipped kitchen. The Khor Virab ACC won the grant competition. The village local self government body, the members of Khor Virab cooperative and kindergarten administration joined and successfully implemented the project. The Local Self Government of Poqr Vedi took the leading role in the project implementation. With the new grant the kindergarten's canteen and a food storage were renovated and refurbished. To ensure the kitchen's full functioning, a refrigerator, electric oven, air conditioning device, and oven were purchased and installed. With the help from the community members, the tables and cabinets for the kitchen and food storage were constructed.

Time frame: March 12, 2015-September 30, 2015

Implementer: Khor Virab ACC

Beneficiaries: About 3091 community members

Project cost:

JMF: \$ 3,645

Community of Poqr Vedy: \$730

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. Project Name: Improving the Quality of Kindergarten Services in Community of Lukashin, Armavir Marz

Brief Description: About 60 children from Lukashin and Khanjyan communities attend the kindergarten in Lukashin community which was in extremely poor condition and stood on the brink of closure. The reason for the poor condition was the age of the building. The interior walls of the building were crumbling, the roof was broken in several places and the rain penetrated the inside of the building. Lukashin cooperative was one of the grant winners and was supported to implement the project aimed to preserve the kindergarten of Lukashin community. The community members mobilized and renovated the damaged roof, interior walls and all around the playing and sleeping rooms of the kindergarten. The community installed a separate water system for the kitchen, renovated outdoor toilets, and purchased 50 plastic chairs for the children.

Time Frame: March 22, 2015 – September 30, 2015

Implementer: “Lukashin” agricultural cooperative

Beneficiaries: About 2600 community members

Project cost:

JMF: JMF: \$3,645

Community of Lukashin: \$1,100



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Vardenis Development Initiative Project

Brief Description: In 2015 the JMF continued the project named Vardenis Development Initiative (VDI) which was launched in 2013 in Vardenis region of the Gegharkounik region. VDI project was developed based on the JMF developed Community Mobilization Initiative Model's basic principles, which is to help build sustainable communities through grassroots citizen participation in community problem solving, ongoing capacity development, and provision of financial support to community grassroots initiatives.

The goal of the VDI project is to empower Vardenis region communities to find durable solutions to socio-economic problems within communities through the mobilization of internal and external human and financial resources. The project has been implemented in cooperation with World Vision Armenia Vardenis Area Development Program and targets 28 villages (out of 35) in the Vardenis region. During the project implementation, JMF considered and used all available resources of the region, including the Community Action Groups (CAG) formed by the support of World Vision Armenia, Armenian Caritas and other organizations working in the region. The grant projects approved in the scope of the initiative are mainly directed to the improvement of infrastructures such as renovation of schools, kindergartens, water pipelines, etc. The project has its official Facebook page "VDI-Vardenis Development Initiative" which is being regularly updated. Within the scope of the initiative, the Local Advisory Committee formed from well-known, respected Vardenis inhabitants continues to support the project. The committee is well-informed of the issues present in the area and coordinates projects implemented in Vardenis by different organizations, which in its turn promotes the successful implementation of the project.

Time Frame: September 1, 2014–September 1, 2016

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementers: JMF, World Vision Armenia

Beneficiaries: 15 rural communities with about 17,000 residents

Project cost:

JMF: \$110,506



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2015 eight community development projects listed below and one intercommunity project have been approved and implemented within the scope of the VDI 2014- 2016 project.

I. Project Name: Plentiful Water Project in the Community of Torfavan

Brief Description: Torfavan community was supported to implement an irrigation water project. The lack of water is caused by a swampy water reservoir and the absence of a properly constructed dam. The drainage basin of Torfavan community was carved out of the soil and in a dilapidated state. Within the scope of the project the community cleaned the irrigation channel and built a dam 6 meters long and 1.55 meters wide.. It is completely made of reinforced concrete and has a culvert in the middle of the gateway. The cleaned channel and the dam now collect a sufficient amount of water to irrigate the fields of grain, fruit and vegetables without delay and disputes. With the financial support of JMF and World Vision and with engaged inhabitants, Torfavan community possesses a newly built and well equipped pump house, clear water channel with a dam that collects and distributes plenty of water to meet community need.

Time Frame: April 17, 2015- November 15, 2015

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Torfavan

Contractor: Community of Torfavan

Beneficiaries: Community of Torfavan (520 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,166

World Vision: \$2,083

Torfavan community: \$1,765

II. Project Name: Drinking Water System Restoration in the Community of Arpunq

Brief Description: The community of Arpunq is a small village at the foot of a mountain whose upper ridge forms the Armenian –Azerbaijan border. The main water system collects water from the mountainous springs and delivers the water to the village through asbestos pipes. The pipe system built in 1950-1960 has significant damage and does not meet today's sanitary standards. The water main reconstruction was the first priority for this community, and an issue they raised many times with requests financial assistance. Considering the dangerous situation of the water source for the Arpunq community, the JMF, World Vision and Clayton Carlisle (a private donor) came up with a commitment to assist the community to “heal” the water system as much as possible. The community made its own financial contribution as well and was actively engaged in the water main reconstruction process on a volunteer basis. The community replaced 1732 meters of damaged asbestos pipeline with modern PVC pipes, constructed two water catchments and placed 7 manholes for inspection of the running water condition. Although the reconstruction of the pipeline is not complete, the community is full of hope that in 2016 they will finish the water main restoration and will have clean healthy water for their community.



Time Frame: April 17, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Arpunq

Contractor: Community of Arpunq

Beneficiaries: Community of Arpunq (523 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$12,791

Clayton Carlisle and Rotary International: \$4,500

World Vision: \$2,083

Arpunq community: \$2,083

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Time Frame: April 22, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Shatjreq

Contractor: Community of Shatjreq

Beneficiaries: Community of Shatjreq (588 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,157

World Vision: \$2,051

Shatjreq community: \$1,835



Time Frame: April 17, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Tsapatagh

Contractor: Community of Tsapatagh

Beneficiaries: Community of Tsapatagh (414 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,166

World Vision: \$2,083

Tsapatagh community: \$1,875



III. Project Name: Events and Entertainment Hall in the Community of Shatjreq

Brief Description: Shatjreq community of Vardenis region has very unfavorable climate conditions with long, harsh winters. The population is mainly engaged in animal husbandry and agriculture. There was nothing to do for young people and about 50 pupils in the community. The community was supported to have an events and entertainment hall which has a significant impact on the living standards of the population. The community renovated the unused room in the village municipality building, renovated the open veranda, connecting it to the newly renovated room. All the planned activities were done by community volunteers with supervision by the local government and the community action group. Upon completion of the construction, World Vision provided the Shatjreq community with all necessary furniture for the events hall as well as for the library located in the same space.

IV. Project Name: Old Garbage Dump Cleaning and Green Zone/Fruitful Garden Establishment in the Community of Tsapatagh

Brief Description: Tsapatagh community was supported to implement a project aimed to promote and improve their environment. The community volunteers rented excavation equipment and cleaned up an old garbage dump. The 5000 square meter area was leveled and enriched with black soil. One hundred and twenty (120) pear trees were planted in that soil. To water the newly established orchard, the community installed 300 meters of irrigation water pipeline which was linked to the community irrigation channel. Upon completion of the project the orchard was fenced and put into further operation.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

V. Project Name: Community Cultural Center Establishment / Community of Tsapatagh

Brief Description: The JMF supported Tsapatagh community to renovate and rebuild a community building in ruins that had once served as a community center (with a health clinic, post office, cultural house and municipality rooms). The community aims to renovate the roof and the largest room in the building to serve as a center for arts and crafts. The community has professional drawings and all calculations for the reconstruction activities. The main project activities will start early in the spring 2016.

Time Frame: November 25, 2015 – May 30, 2016

Implementer: Community of Tsapatagh

Contractor: Community of Tsapatagh

Beneficiaries: Community of Tsapatagh (414 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$5,833

Tsapatagh community: \$4,208

VI. Project Name: Street Lighting in the Community of Norakert

Brief Description: The JMF supported Norakert community to contribute to the improvement of social conditions in the community by installing a central street lighting system. Community streets have not been illuminated for 25-30 years. The community developed professional blueprints to transform the community appearance and improve evening life and other activities in the community. The community signed a contract with a construction company for the implementation of the project's professional work. The remaining non-professional activities were done by community volunteers.

Time Frame: October 15, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Implementer: Community of Norakert

Contractor: Community of Norakert

Beneficiaries: Community of Norakert (995 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$5,833

Tsapatagh community: \$3,000



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Time Frame: October 15, 2015 – November 30, 2015

Implementer: Community of Small Masrik

Contractor: Community of Small Masrik

Beneficiaries: Community of Small Masrik (995 residents)

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,166

Small Masrik community: \$2,163



Time Frame: April 21, 2015 – May 30, 2016

Implementer: Gardman AACC

Contractor: Gardman AACC

Beneficiaries: Gardman Agricultural Association Consumer Cooperative and Avazan Community (33 farmers at Gardman AACC)

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,166

Gardman AACC: \$3,457



VII. Project Name: Community Club Improvement in Small Masrik

Brief Description: The Small Masrik village has a community center with multipurpose functions and spaces. The center serves as a village municipality, storage for different goods and materials, and a hall for meetings and different gatherings. The meeting hall had a stage and seating, but they were in very bad and unusable condition. Nevertheless, the community children regularly used some part of the meeting room to conduct sports training and dance classes.

The community of Small Masrik was supported by the JMF to recover the community meeting and gathering hall and to turn it into a useful community cultural center. The project was aimed to promote adequate conditions for children's growth at the community cultural house and to create a viable and attractive daily environment for sports, arts and crafts programming.

VIII. Project Name: Fruit Drying in Avazan Community/Gardman Agricultural Association Consumer Cooperative

Brief Description: The Gardman Agricultural Association consumer cooperative (AACC) is operating in Avazan community of the Vardenis region. The cooperative was funded to implement a project aimed to improve community members' social and economic conditions by promoting the use the collected harvest in the most profitable way. The Gardman AACC, together with community members, built a solar dryer, warehouse and fruit reproduction space. Upon completion of all construction activities, the JMF will provide an electric fruit drier that will be installed in the newly constructed fruit reproduction space. The project is in progress and will be finished in spring 2016.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

IX. Project Name: Happiness for Children 2015 Intercommunity Project

Brief Description: The puppet theater was supported to design and play theatrical performances in 10 marginalized communities of Vardenis region; Arpunk, Small Masrik, Torfavan, Vanevan, Geghakar, Shatjrek, Norabak, Lchavan, Makenis, and Norakert. The performances were interactive, and the audience has been a direct participant in the performances. The project helped to revive the spiritual and cultural life of socially disadvantaged communities and to enliven children and youth.

More than 5000 children and adults benefited from the performances and shared joy and happiness with project initiators.



Time Frame: September 08, 2015 – October 10, 2015

Implementer: UNIMA-Armenia

Beneficiaries: 5,000 children and teenagers from 10 village communities

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,208

UNIMA-Armenia: \$948

2. Christmas Performances for Disadvantaged Children

Brief Description: Every year UNIMA-Armenia NGO (Union Internationale de la Marionnette) prepares New Year performances for special schools and orphanages of Yerevan. On Christmas Eve JMF supported UNIMA-Armenia to organize Christmas performances for 384 disadvantaged children from three institutions in Yerevan; 200 beneficiaries from Missionaries of Charity Yerevan Branch in Nork Marash and Nubarashen centers, 55 kids from SORS foundation for support to children with disabilities and their families, as well as 129 beneficiaries from the Special Boarding school #2 of Yerevan.

UNIMA-Armenia organized the performances and games with the participation of folktale heroes and clowns. Snow Maiden and Santa Claus joined the feast bringing the magic of New Year and distributing presents to the children.

Time Frame: December 18, 2015 - January 31, 2016

Implementer: UNIMA Armenia

Beneficiaries: 384 disadvantaged children and teenagers

Project cost:

JMF: \$1,721

UNIMA Armenia: \$1,041



HEALTH

In 2015, JMF's Health Program prioritized projects that focused on improvement of Reproductive Health, Disabled Children Health and Community Health Development. These areas and beneficiary groups have been selected based on the ongoing needs in Armenia identified through available research, discussions with the partners as well as JMF's experience of recent years. JMF continued its attempts to find possible donors for its health program.

To serve Health Department the JMF prioritized the following objectives:

Improved accessibility and affordability of quality health care services through awareness raising, health education promotion, and capacity building of health specialists for children, adolescents, disabled children, and women in Armenia.

Improved access of rural communities to health services by providing training, education, and resources to health specialists and community members.

The following strategic actions have been set to reach the objectives.

- Health education and promotion
- Preventive care
- Awareness raising campaign
- Development and strengthening of health resource and information centers
- Community-based health development
- Advocacy (policy making, curriculum development, etc.)
- Networking



HEALTH



1. Early Detection of Preterm Births, Congenital Malformations and Disability in Armenia (Phase II)

Brief Description: To reduce newborn and infant mortality rate and to improve the quality of life of children with congenital malformations in Armenia, JMF supported Early Detection of Preterm Births, Congenital Malformations and Disability in Armenia (Phase II) project focusing on gaps in knowledge and skills of ultrasound doctors in Armenia. The project targeted Aragatsotn, Kotayk, Gegharkunik, Armavir and Ararat marzes of Armenia as well as Yerevan city.

There are 32 separate women's units in polyclinics and 64 maternity facilities throughout Armenia with over 100 ultrasound specialists. The specialized trainings for ultrasound specialists of maternity hospitals and women's units were organized to identify congenital malformations and to have a clear picture of the state of women's units and maternity homes of Armenia in terms of availability of necessary professional skills (mainly ultrasound specialists) and technical capacities. As a result of the project, in 2014 Ministry of Health (MoH) developed and approved training guidelines for ultrasound doctors on Early Detection of Congenital Malformations in the educational system of Medical University of Yerevan for continuing education. Trained regional doctors will provide proper management of labor for newborns with birth defects.

Time Frame: February 23 – September 30, 2015

Implementers: JMF

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are 40 ultrasound specialists from six targeted marzes of Armenia, and about 20,000 pregnant women and newborns of these marzes.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$12,792

2. Reproductive Health Improvement among Women in Vardenis Region

Brief Description: The JMF in partnership with Maple Leaf Armenian Canadian Medical Center launched the pilot project "Reproductive Health Improvement among women in Vardenis region" in seven communities of Vardenis region of Gegarkunik marz aimed to improve women's reproductive health and to decrease the mortality rate because of breast and cervical cancers. The effectiveness of the pilot program will result in extending the project to other remote areas.



Time Frame: November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Implementers: Maple Leaf Medical Center

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are at least 420 women of seven villages of Vardenis region of Gegarkunik marz.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$6,693.5

PCUSA: \$11,250

Maple Leaf Medical Center Contribution: \$6,057



Time Frame: February 23 – September 30, 2015

Implementers: JMF

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are 40 ultrasound specialists from six targeted marzes of Armenia, and about 20,000 pregnant women and newborns of these marzes.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$12,792

Time Frame: September 1, 2015 – December 30, 2015

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are 120 gynecologists from six marzes (Ararat, Aragatsotn, Armavir, Tavush, Kotayk, and Gegharkunik) of Armenia.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$7,423



Time Frame: March 1 - June 30, 2016

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are about 4,000 newborns, 200 disabled children (to be identified) and nine trained doctors of the targeted regions. Indirect beneficiaries are the families of the newborns and disabled children.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$11,235

HEALTH

3. Provision of the Surgery Instruments for Disabled Childrens` Treatment

Brief Description: The JMF supported the purchase of surgical instruments to treat disabled children and improve the quality of life of those children in Armenia. These instruments include the special pneumatic drill and two types of oscillating saws, which are used to perform bone procedures for children with orthopedic problems. In one year the surgeons in Arabkir Medical Center perform about 350 surgeries and about 60-70% of all cases require these specialized instruments. Therefore, about 200 patients will benefit from this project every year.

4. Improvement of Pregnant Women Prenatal and Antenatal Care in Armenia – Phase II

Brief Description: To decrease infant mortality rate and disability among children diagnosed with congenital malformations in Armenia, JMF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Armenia endorsed the usage of created unified guidelines for case management of higher risk pregnancies and developed protocols for case management of pregnancies with birth defects. The project improved the knowledge and skills of 120 obstetrics/gynecologists in six targeted marzes (Ararat, Aragatsotn, Armavir, Tavush, Kotayk, and Gegharkunik).

5. Disability Prevention among Children and Outreach Clinics in Armenia – Phase VI

Brief Description: To reduce developmental displacement of the hip (DDH) disability among children and improve the quality of life of disabled children in Alaverdi city of Lori region, Eghvard city of Kotayk marz, Vedi city of Ararat region, Vayk and Jermuk cities of Vayots dzor region of Armenia and Yerevan city, JMF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Armenia (MOH) developed training modules with guidelines for ultrasound specialists and pediatric orthopedists in 2010. In the frame of the project, nine ultrasound doctors from five targeted regions and four maternity homes of Yerevan will be trained in prevention and management of DDH according to the above-mentioned modules. At the end of the project, ultrasound doctors will learn how to properly screen infants for DDH before and after the disability are identified, while the pediatric orthopedists learned how to read the ultrasound pictures, identify different levels of DDH and its risk groups, observe changes and improvements of hips, and provide updated treatment of newborns with DDH. The targeted regions will have at least one ultrasound specialist trained in imaging of the hip joint in newborns and an ultrasound device upgraded with the appropriate apparatus for scanning hip joints. The project activities will be implemented in 2016.

OUR STUDY TOURS

DISCOVER AN OLD COUNTRY WITH US TRAVEL TO ARMENIA

STUDY TOUR DATE: OCTOBER 1-13, 2017

We offer a unique and exciting opportunity for you to deeply immerse in the cultural heritage of Armenia while learning about its modern life. You will have opportunities to do more than just sightseeing as you meet with university students, farmers, business people, and visit JMF internationally recognized programs to expand your appreciation and understanding of modern day Armenia. The tour is designed to give a more enriching experience simply missing from commercial tours.

Program

Jinishian Memorial Foundation's (JMF) Study Tour Program is an ideal combination of experiences sharing and learning about JMF distinguished projects while exploring and enjoying Armenia, renowned with their old history, traditions, Christian values, art, cultural events, food and wine. The program usually is 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 will directly benefit a JMF project of your choosing after the study tour.



Experience Sharing/Learning Activities

Our Study Tour provides a unique opportunity to explore JMF projects, witnessing the changes JMF makes in the communities. You will see diverse urban and rural life and visit Armenian families, meet with high school and university students engaged in civic activities, meet and lunch (local food) with farmers in one of the organic gardens, meet JMF partners and stakeholders, learn and exchange your experience with people from this distinctive culture, while immersed in Armenian hospitality. Most importantly, discover ways you can be involved in making positive social change in Armenia.

OUR STUDY TOURS



Cultural Activities

Participate in excursions to historical sites and cultural attractions, visit Echmiadzin – the spiritual center of Armenia, visit historical sites and ancient churches, shop in Armenia's largest open air marketplace, the Vernissage, and discover Armenian carpets, local art work, handcrafted jewelry, wood carvings and ornaments and more. Besides, learn about Armenian history, culture, politics and socio-economic problems in Armenia.

Services and Benefits of Study Tours

- Your care begins with a welcome at the airport and continues throughout your stay.
- Itineraries designed to maximize your overall experience.
- Comfortable accommodations in Yerevan.
- All tours are accompanied with guides.
- Tours can be customized to the group's interests.
- Access to your Study Tour coordinator/guide for free help and advice 24/7.
- Get a better value for the whole package than available by traveling on your own, or even with another group.
- No worry about visiting territories with unfamiliar customs and habits.
- No hassles about where to stay or how to get around.

Accommodation

After arrival you will stay at a four-star Ani Plaza Hotel (www.anihotel.com) or in a rented apartment based on your preference. Ani Plaza Hotel is comfortably situated in the Business and Entertainment Center of Yerevan. It is about 15 minutes from the Zvartnots airport by taxi. Upon request we will book a comfortable single or double room, nicely decorated and equipped with modern amenities and conveniences.

Fees

Trip cost is \$2000 per person (double occupancy) for 10 days if staying in the hotel and \$1500 if staying in the apartments. Single occupancy is by request with additional charges.

Deposit of \$500 is required per applicant. Final Payment is due 30 days before departure. If the payment is not received, space will be cancelled.

This trip is LAND ONLY to allow you the option of airlines and best fares as well as the opportunity to extend your trip on an independent basis. U.S. Domestic and International air transportation to and from Armenia are not included. However, all ground transportation in Armenia for the duration of the trip is included. Once accepted, participants will need to make their own flight arrangements to and from Armenia.

Cancellation

Any deposit and/or total trip price will be refunded upon cancellation within 60 days of departure. JMP changes/cancellation: all trips are subject to change of itinerary and/or cancellation.

Once airline tickets have been purchased and issued they are typically non-refundable and airline rules apply. Cancellation and a variety of travel supplementary protections are available from: www.travelguard.com, www.csatravelprotection.com, www.travelinsure.com or other vendors.



Visa Requirements

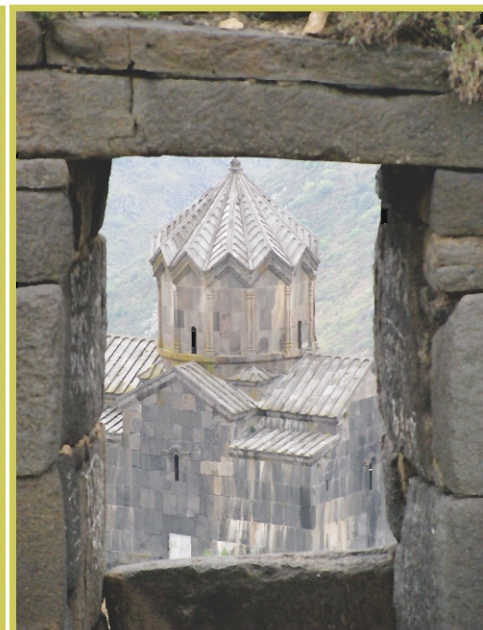
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Application

If you are interested in the Jinishian Memorial Foundation's Study Tour Program, completely fill out the Application and Pre-tour Questionnaire and return both documents along with your deposit to Eliza Minasyan, the Coordinator/Executive Director of the Jinishian Memorial Program, so we can process your application.

For more information and an application, please contact:

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TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR GUESTS



BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Vartkes Kassouni

Going to Armenia as a tourist has its rewards, however going there with a mission has its special and unexpected rewards. Mrs. Kassouni and I had the privilege of going there in June and connecting with the programs of Jinishian Foundation... A year ago, after some 53 years, when I first met Mr. Jinishian in New York, I reconnected with him by way of volunteering to serve in the promotion of its programs in California, and then traveling to see with my own eyes...

For them all, it is obvious that this is not a job but a mission to which they are totally dedicated.

The brains and heart of this whole enterprise are two people and their dedicated staff of men and women. The International Executive Director, Ms. Eliza Minasyan, and the Executive Director for Armenia, Mr. Armen Hakobyan. For them all, it is obvious that this is not a job but a mission to which they are totally dedicated. Whether they personally accompanied us, or their dedicated staff people, we covered city and country, mountain and valley, village and farm, church and cathedral, adults and children, farmers and workers, teachers and students, priests and laypeople. We broke bread with the people in their homes. We ate delicious ripe apricots and cherries sold along the way, right next to the trees loaded with fruit. We drank the ice-cold waters flowing in mountain brooks, and savored their delicious breads right out of the baker's ovens. I was awe-struck by their history and story, told by silent churches and thousands of "khatch-kars" (cross-stones), standing in eloquent silence, and speaking to me in hushed tones only a heart could hear...

No "charity" there

I have two distinct impressions of the dedication and effectiveness of the Jinishian Program in Armenia. First, the lack of ostentation. No lush quarters and offices, but in effective simplicity all is dedicated to their cause... Second, the way in which they connect with the people of the land. No "charity" there, but support for projects which the people themselves, whether on a farm or in a village, ascertain and organize for action. I met with farmers overjoyed that they had received support to build a small dam... I met with a group of young college graduates in a village [who] bragged that they had the cleanest village in the area because of the success of their efforts. God bless them!

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Having returned home to California, Samira and I are filled with grateful memories of the kindness and generosity of our hosts. We are also resolved to continue our support... because the cause is worthy, the people deserve it, and our love celebrates it.

VISITING ARMENIA

Tanya Karimi

"My favorite part was watching Jinishian work in person and interacting with the students and farmers who are succeeding with help from Jinishian's programs. They treated us as honored guests, but we were the ones who were awed and impressed by their ingenuity and dedication," said Tanya Karimi of Colorado Springs who visited with a World Mission Initiative trip in October 2015.

Rev. Charlie Hammil

"Go ... and let the people, their faith and the landscapes draw you into their embrace," says the Rev. Charlie Hammil of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was part of the 2015 journey.

OUR FINANCES

The JMF projects are mainly funded through the endowment fund established by V. Jinishian and through the donations and grants from the organizations and institutions.

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 2015

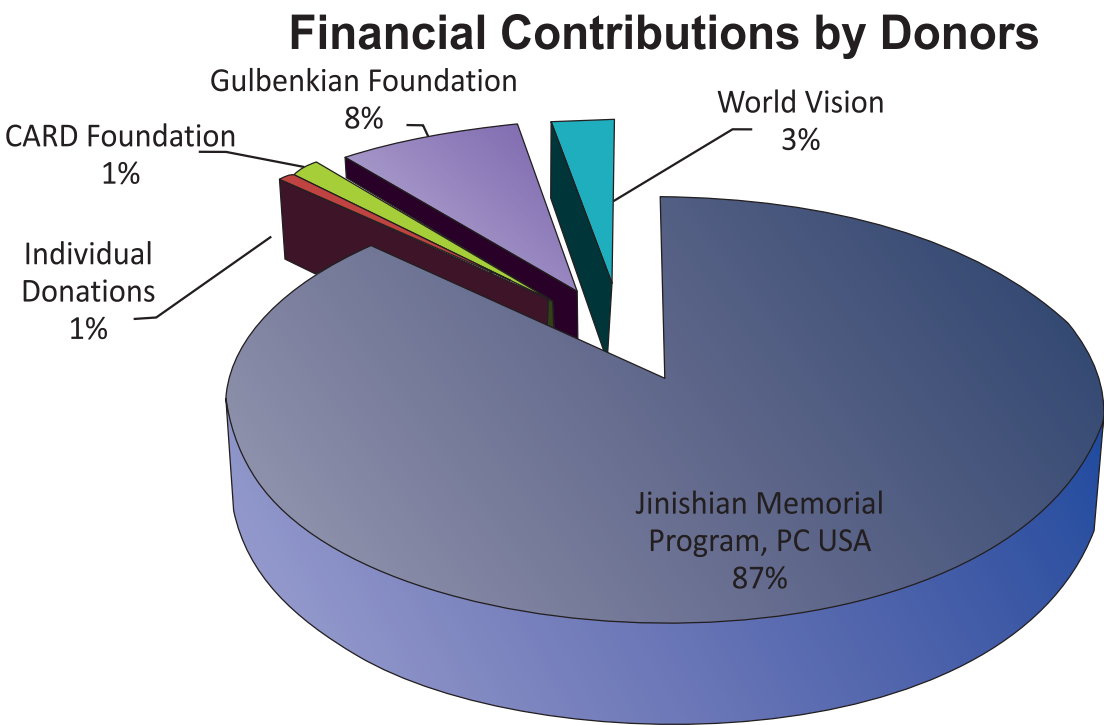
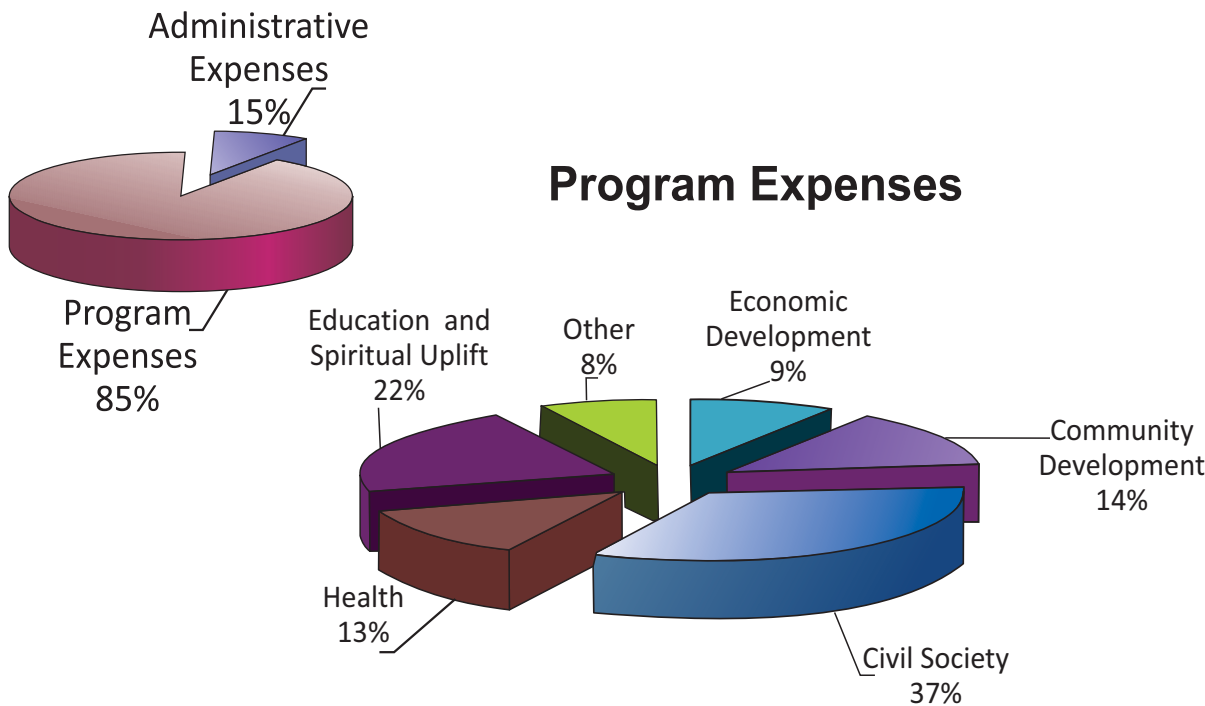
Non-current assets	82,052
Property, plant and equipment	81,162
Intangible assets	890
Current assets	1,324,385
Cash and cash equivalents	689,670
Partially repayable grants and loans	627,768
Inventory and other assets	22
Account receivable	6,925
TOTAL ASSETS	1,406,437

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Liabilities/Accounts	276,427
Project commitments	276,427
Equity	1,130,010
Revolving Fund	1,013,303
Deferred Revenue	116,707
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,406,437

2015 BUDGET SPLIT

Program vs. Administrative



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