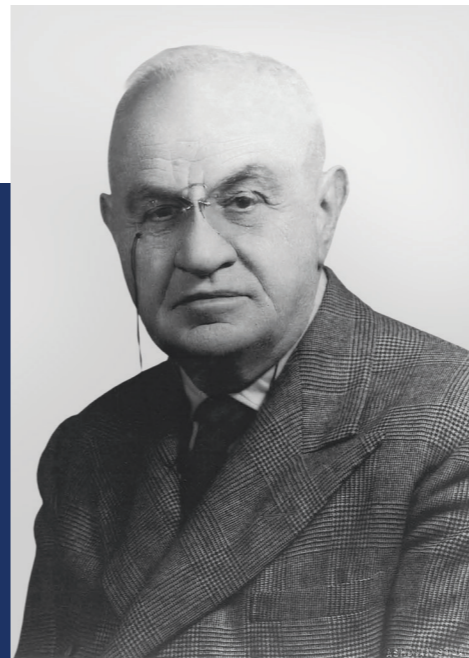


JMF

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

JINISHIAN STORY 2022





HISTORY

The Jinishian Memorial Foundation (JMF) began working in 1993 and was legally registered in 1999. For 30 years, we have provided economic, social and spiritual assistance to millions of Armenians through our partnership and collaboration with more than 160 grassroots and local NGOs. Today, we work to implement development projects aimed at overcoming poverty in the area, finding success through collaborative involvement in their partnerships with different local and global networks to accomplish our shared goals. The JMF is primarily sponsored by the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In memory of his parents, JMP was established on May 17, 1966 by the bequest of Vartan H. Jinishian with the goal of providing basic services and direct relief to millions of Armenians living through conflict and instability in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, South America, Jordan, Jerusalem and Armenia.

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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

JMF contributes to economic and social development of Armenia via educating and empowering of children, youth and entrepreneurs through long term intervention and institutionalization of innovative development models.

AREAS OF FOCUS

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



PROGRAM MECHANISMS

In accordance with these areas of focus, the JMF employs four mechanisms to achieve its mission and goals in Armenia:

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



OUR STUDY TOURS

JMF's Study Tour Program is a unique experience that exposes participants to our ongoing projects while providing the opportunity to explore Armenia's history, traditions, Christian values, art, cultural events, food, wine and beautiful landscapes. The program typically lasts 12 days and is tailored to each group's specific needs. Proceeds from the cost of the Study Tour Program directly benefit a JMF project of your choice determined after the conclusion of the tour.

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JMF TEAM

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HEALTH

IMPROVING THE HEALTH CONDITIONS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES AMONG CHILDREN IN ARTSAKH

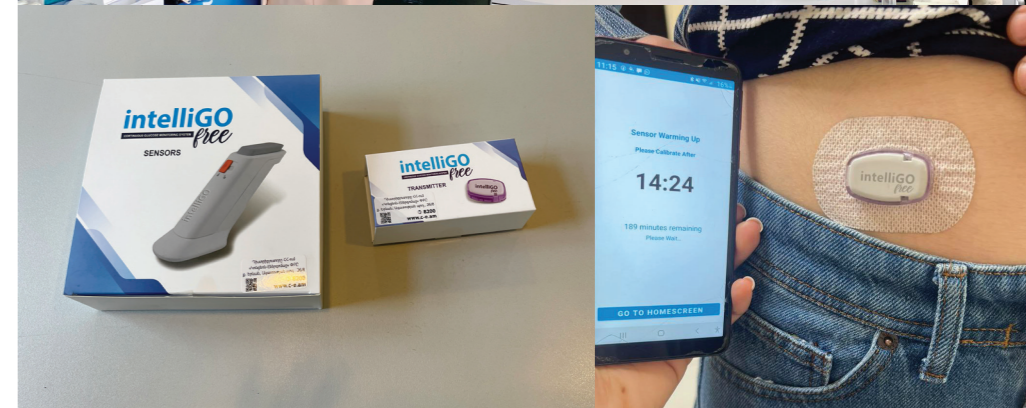
Time Frame: December 2021- December 2022

Project Budget:
JMF: 20,000 USD

Beneficiaries: 17 children in Artsakh

17 youth under the age of 18 diagnosed with Type I diabetes are regularly provided with insulin, syringes, and strips by the Artsakh Ministry of Health and three are required to measure their blood glucose level a minimum 5 times a day.

In an effort to improve the quality of life of children with Type I diabetes in Artsakh, JMF successfully provided IntelliGO Glucose sensors to all 20 children, allowing them to constantly monitor their glucose levels and ease this strain on their daily lives.



EAST EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON CEREBRAL PALSY AND DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE

Time Frame: March 2022 - July 2022

Project Budget:
JMF: 5,000 USD; AACPDM: 15,000 USD

Beneficiaries: 150 local doctors and health specialists from Armenia and Artsakh

The goal of this project was to bring together research, education and international practice to improve and individualize the treatment of patients with Cerebral Palsy, by engaging different disciplines involved in the treatment process. The conference successfully created an ongoing network of communication between local and diaspora doctors regarding youth orthopedic and rehabilitation treatment. The quote below, given by the chairman of the conference's organizing committee, helps to exemplify the importance of events like these and the impact it has had on the Armenian medical community.

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"On behalf of the organizing committee of the IX EEMCPDM in Armenia, Yerevan, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jinishian Memorial Foundation for the great support for our meeting. The scientific program was developed by the local host committee in consideration of and with input from health care professionals in surrounding countries, and supplemented with presentations by content experts from around the world. The meeting materials were published as a supplement of the "Armenian Journal of Health & Medical Sciences. Hopefully you will feel your investment was a wise one. The Jinishian Memorial Foundation always supports our medical projects in Armenia and we are proud to be collaborators. I again convey our most sincere gratitude for your support. It was a vital component of our success."

Garen Koloyan, MD;
Chairman of the organizing committee of the IX EEMCPDM meeting

PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES - GEGHARKUNIK MARZ, SEVAN

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Time Frame: October 2022 - July 2023

Project Budget:
JMF: 1,000 USD
Armenian Medical Fund USA: 20,000 USD

Beneficiaries: More than 130 children



The specially equipped playground was completed in June of 2023 and is accessible to children with disabilities as well as children attending the nearby kindergarten. Special attention was paid to ensuring that the equipment is safe and accessible, improving manual dexterity, providing enjoyment, and creating a healthy environment.

DR. NORAYR BABOUMIAN

Dr. Baboumian was a kind and well-respected man whose generous contributions to the JMF over the years have had a positive impact on thousands of Armenians in need. Having passed away in 2018, he is remembered by the JMF as someone passionate about providing less-fortunate Armenians with opportunities to live a better, more fulfilling and comfortable life, particularly with regards to the people of Artsakh. In addition to seeing his contributions realized through the establishments of the Dr. Norayr Baboumian Blood Bank Center (\$600,000 USD) and the Dr. Norayr Baboumian Rehabilitation Center in Sevan (\$105,000 USD), the JMF would like to honor him with the establishment of the Household Improvement Project at the Caroline Cox Rehabilitation Center in Stepanakert. You can read more about this initiative on the next page.

HOUSEHOLD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CAROLINE COX REHABILITATION CENTER, STEPANAKERT

Time Frame: September 2021 - September 2022

Project Budget: 20,000 USD

Beneficiaries: 300 children, 1000 outpatients and inpatients

Since the beginning of the September 2020 War, the number of people with disabilities in Artsakh (both military and civilian) has risen sharply.

The Caroline Cox Rehabilitation Center in Artsakh is the only operating center in the region. More than 1,000 people of varying ages receive treatment for both physical and mental conditions annually. Due to the increase in the number of patients, equipment for washing, ironing and sterilizing have begun to break down.

The JMF has invested in new equipment for the Lady Cox Rehabilitation Center to improve their washing, ironing, and sterilization processes.





Time Frame: November 2021 - August 2022

Project Budget:
JMF: 23,370 USD Private Donor: 100,000 USD

Beneficiaries: About 100 adults with disabilities living in Sevan and surrounding villages



DR. NORAYR BABOUMIAN

Department for Adults

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of life of adults with disabilities and the economic state of their families from Sevan and ten surrounding villages through the establishment and running of a specialized Rehabilitation Center that will create necessary conditions for rehabilitation and social adaptation to further contribute towards the improvement of the socio-economic state of project beneficiaries. Our objectives were to:

- Establish a rehabilitation Center for adults with disabilities: negotiate with Sevan Town Hall municipality), Ministry of Health of RA, Sevan Medical Center to acquire building beside the Children Rehabilitation Center of Sevan and establish a Rehabilitation Center for Persons with disabilities (the result will be a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) from four sides).
- Reconstruct, renovate, furnish, and equip the building next to Children Rehabilitation Center of Sevan to serve as a Rehabilitation Center for adults as well as a Resource Center to conduct professional training for the staff and vocational training for the beneficiaries.
- Recruit and train specialists to be further employed to work with the beneficiaries of the project at the Center.
- Conduct outreach visits to targeted villages to identify new cases of adult disability to further register at the Center for treatment.
- Run the operation of the Center for one year.

REHABILITATION CENTER - SEVAN

Department for Children

Time Frame: March 2022 - December 2022 (ONGOING SINCE MARCH 2019)

Project Budget:
JMF: 21,429 USD

Beneficiaries: 130 children with disabilities from Sevan and 10 surrounding villages

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of life of children with disabilities and development disorders and the economic state of their families from Sevan and 10 surrounding villages through establishment of a specialized Rehabilitation Center. This center has created the necessary conditions for rehabilitation, education, activity and social adaptation to further contribute towards the improvement of the socio-economic state of the children and their families. Our objectives are to:

- Establish a Rehabilitation Center for children with disabilities and development disorders
- Reconstruct, renovate, furnish and equip the building to serve as a Rehabilitation Center for children and Resource Center for conducting professional training for the staff and vocational training for parents of the beneficiary children.
- Recruit and train specialists to further be employed to work with children at the Center.
- Conduct outreach visits to the targeted villages with the purpose of identifying new cases of child disability and development disorder to further register at the Center for treatment.
- Organize vocational training for parents (mainly mothers) at the Resource Center for potential employment.



7 year old Davit is a very sunny and joyful patient at the Sevan Children Rehabilitation Center. He can warm your heart with his smile. Davit has cerebral palsy and had yet to attend school when he first started his therapy at the Center. He lacked balance and coordination, couldn't walk independently, had a speech disorder, and his behavior was challenging. But thanks to his positive personality, ability to communicate and make friends, and to the services at the Center he was able to overcome and thrive!

Thanks to his hard work and the help of the Center, he has started attending school and is set to discover new horizons. He still has obstacles to overcome and the Center is always ready to open its doors to him and surround him with love and care.

DR. NORAYR BABOUMIAN BLOOD BANK CENTER - YEREVAN

Time Frame: March 2022 - December 2026

Project Budget:

JMF: 650,000 USD;
Ministry of Health of Armenia: 530,600 USD

Beneficiaries: All patients in need of blood service in Armenia and Artsakh

This long-term project goal is to establish a new Blood Bank Center in the area of the Hematology Center in Yerevan, this new facility will be able to provide services to all hospitals of Armenia and Artsakh. The project's objectives are to:

- Develop the Blueprint of the Center (a comprehensive architectural package of design, financial estimation and timeline documents for construction), make necessary calculations, draft accurate volumetric sheets with detailed specifications.
- Build and furnish the new building for Blood Bank Services according to the specifications of the Blueprint.



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC STATE OF FARMERS, BUSINESS ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT AFFORD OR DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO EXISTING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES

YOUTH BUSINESS ARMENIA (YBA)



The YBA supports young people in the regions of Armenia in their pursuits of entrepreneurial success. Since launching the program, 234 people have been trained on the skills and practices necessary to become a successful entrepreneur.

Time Frame: October 1, 2021 – October 31, 2023 (*ONGOING SINCE 2015*)

Project Budget:
JMF: 23,573 USD
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF): 57,833 USD

Beneficiaries: Over 100 entrepreneurs

“Being a psychologist and psychotherapist from Gyumri, having my own clinic was a pipe dream. I worked online with adult patients only, even though the demand for services for children ages 3-12 was high, especially since the devastating war. I had neither the premises nor equipment to help. YBA gave me the chance to clarify my company vision, learn how to run my own business, design my own business model and receive an affordable loan. This was a life changing experience. Now I have my own place with quality equipment and can provide in-person services to accommodate the number of my patients, which grows day by day.”

Marine Mkrtychyan
Gyumri, Shirak Region



Discover Our

<p>Woody Gyumri Gyumri, Shirak</p>  	<p>Bedding.am Vanadzor, Lori</p>  	<p>Voosh Bloom Dilijan, Tavush</p>  	<p>ArmBee Honey Farm Alaverdi, Lori</p>  
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<p>Zovak Rural Guesthouse Norashen, Tavush</p>  	<p>Moreni Guesthouse Tsaghkashen, Gegharkunik</p>  	<p>Karhanyan Online School Vanadzor, Lori</p>  	<p>Around Tavush Ijevan, Tavush</p>  
<p>Masreny Tea Room Tsapatagh, Gegharkunik</p>  	<p>Castle Ghesthouse Gyumri, Shirak</p>  	<p>LK Beauty Salon Chambarak, Gegharkunik</p>  	<p>Hakobyan's Family Alaverdi, Lori</p>  

YBA Entrepreneurs

<p>Ani Coffee & Sweets Vanadzor, Lori</p>  	<p>Bunker Pub Gyumri, Shirak</p>  	<p>The Boo Cafe Vanadzor, Lori</p>  	<p>Yellow Dream Cafe Ijevan, Tavush</p>  
<p>Ananents Art Center Jvezh, Kotayq</p>  	<p>Sevan Photo Sevan, Gegharkunik</p>  	<p>Hayq Food Deghdzavan, Tavush</p>  	<p>Arpi Jelly Gyumri, Shirak</p>  
<p>Home Food Goris, Syunik</p>  	<p>Nalbandyan Tea Odzun, Lori</p>  	<p>Kanach Tun Yenoqavan, Tavush</p>  	<p>Arpi Jelly Gyumri, Shirak</p>  
<p>Home Food Goris, Syunik</p>  	<p>Tsaghkavanq Ghesthouse Karmirgyugh, Gegharkunik</p>  	<p>Quick Lunch Ijevan, Tavush</p>  	<p>Quick Lunch Ijevan, Tavush</p>  

ERASMUS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS (EYE)

Time Frame: February 2020 – January 2024

Project Budget:
JMF: 10,296 USD
EU: 72,959 USD

Beneficiaries: At least 20 entrepreneurs

The experience and knowledge I gained through the exchange with host entrepreneur Jasmina Moyses in Santanyi, Spain was invaluable. As a new entrepreneur, I was looking for an opportunity to expand my business “Sarvor Tourism” in Gavar, Armenia, which offers travelers the experience of life as livestock keepers in the mountains. In just one month at Jasmina’s holiday rental agency “Travila”, I grew not only as a professional but also as a person. While supporting her with product descriptions and promotions using the storytelling method, I discovered the many nuances of the field and realized the gaps that my organisation needs to fill. Finding common points of interest and seeing the benefits of working together, we decided to continue our cooperation after the exchange.

Lala Mkrtychyan
Gavar, Gegharkunik Region



The EYE program facilitates and promotes the cooperation between European entrepreneurs through the exchange of experiences, stimulating cooperation, and networking among the European business communities.

BEEKEEPING DEVELOPMENT - ALAVERDI REGION

Time Frame: March 2020 - December 2024

Project Budget:
JMF Revolving Fund: 6,184 USD

Beneficiaries: 19 young entrepreneurs, the local community, the local bee population

In an attempt to tackle the problem of unemployment among young people in the Alaverdi region, this project aims to develop the beekeeping business in the community to provide employment opportunities whilst contributing to an increase in the number of bees, reducing the risk of their extinction and meeting the demand of honey in the local market.

“Training as a beekeeper through this project, I gained significant knowledge and was able to double the number of my beehives. I am thankful for this opportunity, not only for myself, but for the well-being of the people living in the Alaverdi region. It is truly becoming a base for cluster development, providing new opportunities in this sector and impacting the lives of many who are involved.”

Karen Bektashyan,
Alaverdi, Lori Region



24 IT SKILL ENRICHMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT IN THE REGIONS OF ARMENIA

Time Frame: October 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022

Project Budget: JMF: 17,385 USD
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF): 40,483 USD

Beneficiaries: Over 100 young adults from further regions of Armenia

The goal of this program is to help establish an economic balance between rural and central regions through the development of IT education infrastructure in 3 regional Armenian towns. By creating a program of prerequisites for potential employment in the IT sector, we've seen success in the hiring of community members in the tech industry. Since starting the program, 112 people have been trained and 46 have been employed.



Vasil, from the remote Lori region in Armenia, proudly served in the Armenian military. But during the brutal 44-day attack, Vasil was severely wounded, changing his life forever. When his injuries kept him from returning to service, it was a devastating blow to him both physically and psychologically. Hearing about the "IT Skill Enrichment for Young People" project, Vasil decided to participate. Using the knowledge and experience that he gained in the program, Vasil is now running his own IT firm and exploring other opportunities in the field.

"The project helped me overcome my pain through interacting with good and educated people who helped me stay determined in pursuing my goals. I encourage others, especially those who are afflicted, to never give up no matter how deep and dark your valley is to pass."

Vasil Aqelyan
Vanadzor, Lori region

DIGITAL SKILL ENRICHMENT OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN ARMENIA

Time Frame: March 15 - October 15, 2022

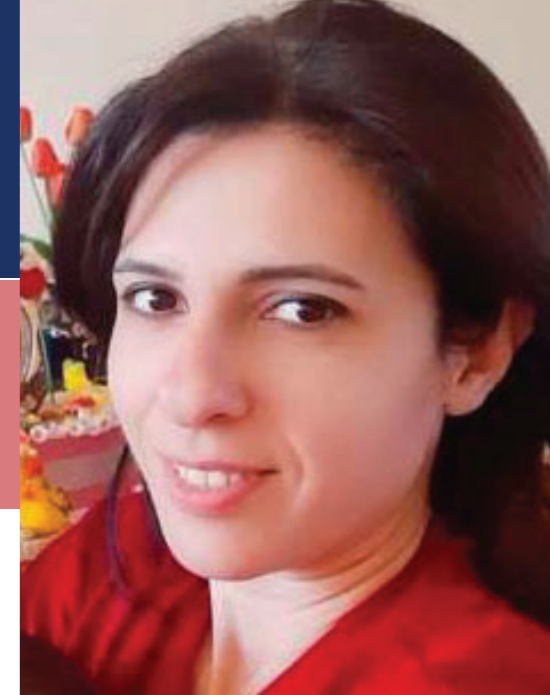
Project Budget:
CIPE (Center for International Private Enterprise): 8,000 USD

Beneficiaries: Over 80 women entrepreneurs across the country

The goal of the program is to create opportunities for women entrepreneurs to generate income by building a foundation of digital transformation processes in businesses, targeting basic skills, knowledge and capabilities related to digitalization.

"I'm 37 years old and married with two kids. My business was at risk of failing because I had almost no digital marketing knowledge or skills. This program equipped me with the foundation I needed to digitally promote my business. Now I find that developing my business is so exciting and I am ready to take needed risks and overcome obstacles. The program has also had an impact on my personal life as I was able to revisit many things that I'm still in the process of changing. I've learned to be agile and assertive while taking forward steps in business."

Anush Sosinyan
Alaverdi, Lori Region



ENGINEERING ARMATH LAB ESTABLISHMENT - BATUMI

Time Frame: January 3 - December 31, 2022

Project Budget:
JMF: 16,000 USD

Beneficiaries: 36 schoolchildren ages 12-18 and young adults from Batumi city of Georgia

The goal of this project is to develop an IT educational environment among Armenian children and youth residing in Batumi city. The hope is that this will create new employment opportunities for Armenians in Georgia and strengthen ties between employers in the IT sector and Armenian community. Additionally, the activities of the Mantashian Educational Center of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Batumi will widen and its role will increase among the community members, thus fostering the unification of the Armenian community.

“My name is Mariam Volodyan and I study programming. The most important thing is that I have made a lot of friends and found communication in Armath. As for programming, I have learned to make dimensional objects, among them a house, a telephone, etc. I am very curious about it. Through all of this, my mindset and my brain in general are developing. We have a great teacher. If anything isn't clear to you, you can ask him about it and he will explain it all once again. I love programming.”

Mariam Volodyan



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

EMPOWERING AND UNITING COMMUNITIES TO MOBILIZE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES TO SOLVE COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

“I am interested in developing in the sphere of computer technologies and want to make it my future profession. I studied how to make different presentations using the 2D program and learned to create coordinates and make various figures with the 3D program. I like informatics very much!”

Arman Gazaryan



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VARDENIS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (VDI)

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR VANEVAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Time Frame: January 2019 - September 2022 (ONGOING SINCE 2019)

Project Budget: JMF: 60,000 USD

Beneficiaries: About 8,000 community inhabitants

This initiative encompasses a number of projects (detailed on the following slides) that aim 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's objectives are:

- To encourage the mobilization of community resources to address community based projects and grassroots civic initiatives by supporting financially and technically community projects.
- To facilitate a network of collaboration and synergy between communities at regional level and between NGOs and donor organizations acting in the region.

Time Frame: January 2020 - April 2022

Project Budget: JMF: 4,070 USD

Beneficiaries: 158 residents

“The school in our village was established in 1989 and has overcome many obstacles. Every difficulty has left its mark on our school, which gradually became unsightly without care, remaining indifferent to modern times. But like light, the Jinishian Memorial Foundation appeared to us and improved the unfavorable conditions of our school, step by step. Together we repaired the school hall, then the fence, which was the most important security matter. But the biggest and most important achievement was the overhaul of broken windows. The old windows were broken, covered with cellophane, not allowing sunlight to permeate into the classrooms.

New windows worked the best for us. Classrooms are warmer and brighter now.

Now it is snowing but it's warm inside and the winter wind does not blow in here anymore.”

Tigran Khachatryan
Vanevan Secondary School, 12th grade



This project contributes to the improvement of the educational conditions of the students of Vanevan secondary school by ensuring their health and safety through the renovation of the school building windows, school hall and fence.

SKILLED HANDS AND A HEALTHY BODY

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Time Frame: May - December 2022

Project Budget: JMF: 6,122 USD
Secondary School of Khachaghbyur Village: 1,720 USD

Beneficiaries: 137 students and 34 staff

Following the traces of dream - a student's essay about the program

Recently, an all-student school assembly was held at the school where students were asked what they would like to see their school look like.

When the phrase "dream school" was used, similar pictures were drawn in each student's imagination. It was not a palace, but beautiful, spacious, well-equipped classrooms, a gym where physical education classes would be held, a classroom for singing and dance classes, and other dreams. Of course, apart from hard and persistent work, it also required financial support. Traces of our dream once again led us to the Jinishian Memorial Foundation, a charitable organization whose mission is to inspire and support people to use their potential to improve living conditions and achieve community development.

Today, thanks to the foundation, Khachaghbyur secondary school has equipped and furnished classrooms for students. We would like to express our gratitude to all the employees and benefactors of the Foundation, thanks to whom the foundation can implement charitable programs for the welfare of Armenian children.

Aida and Heghine Gapoyans
Khachaghbyur secondary school after K. Gevorgyan



This project contributes to the development of students' physical education and vocational skills by establishing appropriate classrooms and organizing regular classes. Its objective were to:

- Establish a Physical Education class and equip it with available supplies and tools.
- Establish a woodworking classroom and equip it with accessible accessories and tools.
- Develop dynamic and strategic teaching plans in order to purposefully involve students in both academic and extracurricular settings.



CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AROUND THE ASYLUM - METS MASRIK KINDERGARTEN

Time Frame: April - July 2022

Project Budget:

JMF: 1,531 USD
International Committee of the Red Cross: 1,588 USD

Beneficiaries: 150 students

The goal of this project was to fortify the security facilities at Mets Masrik village kindergarten in order to increase the sense of security among the village population. Its objectives were to:

- Increase the level of emergency preparedness of the kindergarten infrastructure by installing a water-repellent belt around the perimeter of the basement.
- Provide the children and staff of the kindergarten and neighboring elementary school with a safer place to stay temporarily during military actions.



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DON'T TOUCH UNKNOWN!

Time Frame: October - December 2022

Project Budget:

JMF: 9,181 USD
UNIMA: 2,482 USD

Beneficiaries: 2,900 individuals

Through staged puppetry and games, the goal of this project was to raise awareness about the danger of landmines among school-age children and teenagers of Chinari, Movses, Aygepar, Nerkin Karmir Aghbyur, Paravakar, Aygedzor and Artsvaberd settlements of Tavush marz, as well as Sotk, Areguni, Avazan, Arpunk, Kakhakn, Geghamasar, Akhpradzor, Makenis, Kutakan, Tretuk settlements of Gegharkunik marz, and teach them about risk reduction and safe lifestyle behavior.

“People living in the bordering communities should be especially informed about landmines in order to know how to be safe and to save others. Villagers go to the forests frequently, and it is not uncommon that people have been hurt. The play helped to remind us what we already know and to be aware of the security measures one must take.”

Anahit Makyan



“The play was very amusing and at the same time full of knowledge and useful ideas. Actors were such good people. I want this kind of performances to take place very often.”

Hrach Abrahamyan

“Landmine safety and security matters are often spoken in a way that is unintelligible to children, who need protection the most. The play taught children, through games and in a very understandable way, how to act accordingly in a situation.”

Rouzanna Gadalyan

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CIVIL SOCIETY AND EDUCATION

CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM

YOUTH ARE EMPOWERING AND PROACTIVELY ENGAGING IN CIVIC INITIATIVES ON A GRASS-ROOT LEVEL, LEADING TO ADEQUATE AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE, CONTRIBUTING TO ARMENIA'S DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT



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YOUTH IN ACTION FOR CHANGE (YAC) - GAVAR

Time Frame: March 2021 - February 2024 (*ONGOING SINCE 2013*)

Project Budget:
JMF: 25,640 USD

Beneficiaries: About 150 students and graduates of Gavar State University and 200 young adults of surrounding communities-direct beneficiaries

With the goal of promoting participatory action amongst youth in the Gavar region, the YAC projects objectives are to:

- Enhance the knowledge and skills of nearly 150 graduates and students of GSU in the areas of Environment, Human Rights Promotion and Protection, and Economic Stability to prioritize problematic issues in their region, monitor and report on the developments on the issue, and initiate activities directed to the solution of those issues.
- Promote communication and collaboration among the youth of the targeted region and other related organizations working in the areas of Environment, Human Rights Promotion and Protection, and Economic Stability to involve all interested parties in thematic discussions and decision making.
- Further develop a network and contacts among the participant youth of the projects.

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"When I first enrolled at YAC, it immediately felt like a gathering place of smart, accomplished young people in different fields. When you are surrounded by different people who are speaking in the languages of their vocational "planets", you start to feel you are from those "planets" too. You can understand when people talk about different issues in different areas, and you can be involved in finding solutions to those issues. You get it right!

Since I first began the YAC program 3 years ago, I have gained the necessary skills to pursue a promising career and be independent. Thanks to the project, I am aware of the issues in my community and begun seeking ways to improve them. The most important thing is that one feels empowered when their efforts turn into positive, lasting solutions. I think the YAC project is the best opportunity to realize your dreams and achieve them."

Lyoudmila Abrahamyan

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CIVIC DIALOGUE AND ACTION FOR CHANGE - GEORGIA

Time Frame: November 2021 - October 2022 (ONGOING SINCE 2018)

Project Budget:
JMF: 7,063 USD

Beneficiaries: About 150 university students/youth in Georgia (mainly of Armenian origin) considering the gender balance - direct beneficiaries.

The goal of this project is to enhance civil participation in Georgia through supporting and encouraging Armenian youth/university students in Georgia to play an increasingly active and informed role in the country's immediate and long term economic, social and political development. Hoping to strengthen economic, social and political ties between the two nations, the project's objectives are to:

- Enhance Armenian student/youth civic activities and involvement in public dialogue in Georgia.
- Develop student knowledge and skills in the CS sector and enhance their civic participation.
- Promote university students/ youth to investigate civic issues in the local communities, to find approaches towards the solutions to the identified problems and take appropriate actions.
- Establish collaboration with the State authorities for the solution of the identified problems.
- Enhance a network of communication and collaboration on social and civil issues between the Armenian and non-Armenian youth in Georgia.



"Although I have worked with several organizations, participated in a range of projects, and have great experience being a trainer, every new project is one more opportunity, one more chance to develop my skills, gain new experience, and through this program, help youngsters who have potential for success."

"Thanks to Civic Dialogue and Action for Change, I realized which topics interested me most and which topics of trainings/meetings I wanted to conduct. I had the chance to get to know talented and unique young people from various regions of Georgia, and now I feel more integrated into the society I live in. During each event held by CDA for Change, I learned a lot, and in some cases, taught a lot of things to others. I am grateful to this project and happy to have been one of its participants."

Gohar Aghjayan

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YOUTH ENGAGED IN SOCIETY (YES)

Time Frame: March 2021 - February 2023 (ONGOING SINCE 2004)

Project Budget:
JMF: 46,480 USD

Beneficiaries: The average number of project target beneficiaries is 480/ per year (960 in total), 14-17-year-old students from 24 schools of Armenia

With the goal of promoting the further development of civil society by organizing structured debate clubs in the schools, the YES project's objectives are to:

- Increase the knowledge and interest of Armenians in key issues related to the development of civil society, democracy, and human rights
- Develop communication and analytical thinking skills of Armenian youth, allowing them to actively participate in the development of Armenian society as they continue to grow into adults.
- Inspire an enthusiasm for learning amongst young Armenians through in-person and on-line participatory methods.

Syuzanna Sahakyan is a participant of YES. She studies at Gandzak No1 school in the Gegharkunik region. The project has given her the opportunity to develop her communication and critical thinking skills. She states, "The YES project has had a powerful influence on me; it helped me be confident in expressing my thoughts and feelings in my speech. It is a great opportunity to gain skills, get involved in various fields of science, and be well-informed on important topics. The project opened a new vision of the world for me. I have decided to become a lawyer and am trying hard to reach my goal. In my opinion, law and debate have a lot in common. One of the similarities is they both require the delivery of persuasive speech while standing one's ground when one believes he/she is right."



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP



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Time Frame: June - August 2022

Project Budget:
JMF: 10,204 USD
Private donors & organizations: 155,548 USD

Beneficiaries: 900 Armenian parentless children and children from vulnerable families.

With the goal of strengthening the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of 900 children from disadvantaged families, our summer camp program promotes a leisurely, nutritious and educational environment in beautiful Tzaghkadzor. Its objectives are to:

- Provide the children with nutritious and healthy food
- Contribute to their spiritual growth through daily catechism classes, morning and evening prayers, graces before meals, daily masses for small groups, christening ceremonies, liturgical singing and small theatrical performances on religious themes
- Offer them dental services and health education
- Enable them to display their talents during classes, evening performances and special camp events
- Grant them educational and cultural experiences through indoor and outdoor activities, trips and excursions, presentations and performances
- Consolidate their national pride through daily raising of the flag, singing and dancing classes and cultural presentations
- Develop their multicultural awareness through foreign language classes and encounters with volunteers from abroad
- Improve their physical health through daily gymnastics, competitions, outdoor games and traditional dances
- Enhance their creativity and aesthetic values through arts and embroidery classes, etc.
- Give them the opportunity to start friendships and build up respect and care for others, reinforce their sense of responsibility while they help out with serving meals, tidying bedrooms, cleaning the cafeteria and camp area, etc.

“MSHAKOUTAMET” YOUTH INITIATIVE

Time Frame: February - July 2022

Project Budget: JMF: 11,225 USD;
Mshakoutamet NGO and the Instigate Training Center Foundation: 1,588 USD

Beneficiaries: Around 200 students in Aygedzor and Chinary, around 130 students in Artsvaberd of Tavoush marz, 70 students in Yeraskh of Ararat marz and 20 students in Martouni of Gegharkounik marz.



The goal of this initiative is to create a space for volunteer professionals to provide cultural education opportunities for around 420 children and adolescents from targeted villages. Education is provided on a number of topics across 30 classes, including musical instruments, vocal and choir lessons, art and IT classes. The following page exhibits the impact of this initiative on the local communities.

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“Hello! I am Susanna, one of the Mshakoutamet learners, from Chinari, Tavoush. I want to tell you about the miracle that happened in our lives two years ago. Everything began one ordinary winter day, which turned out later, not to be ordinary at all. The day was filled with magic. Beautiful people brought the wonderful sounds of musical instruments, which were so shiny and some otherworldly to us. I will always remember how I turned to stone from the cello sound, and I almost entered another sphere. The next day we were supposed to select a minimum of three courses, but we were so excited that we chose three courses and more instruments to learn to play. Mshakoutamet people connected us to a dream; they themselves were not from our ordinary world. We admired our exceptional teachers, who did their best to take us back to our roots. They devoted weekends to us and crossed long roads to bring us closer to art. Mshakoutamet has always been open to its learners. It supports us and is always by our side. During the Mshakoutamet Final Concerts, exhibitions are organised and students’ individual works are also presented. Every kid in every region becomes part of the concerts no matter how far he or she lives, thanks to Mshakoutamet. First and foremost, Mshakoutamet has connected people!”

Susanna Julhakyan, Chinari Village

“Mshakoutamet has made a lot of changes in the lives of children in Yeraskh. When the organizers first appeared in our village and presented the project, everybody was suspicious. They thought they would go away soon and never come back since they lived in cities and the classes were free. But it’s been two years since we started classes and Mshakoutamet is with us every Sunday. We study a lot of new things every week. Children have started communicating more and getting to know each other even better. We are taking part in excursions around Armenia, attending other bordering villages, getting acquainted with other kids, and staying in touch with them.

Mshakoutamet takes us closer to our culture, teaches us to be united and responsible, and makes us knowledgeable. Many talented kids are discovered during the project. Many have found their future profession. If more people were like Mshakoutamet initiators, we would have an even more powerful and united country.

Our teachers are so caring to us, are always helpful, and they are always beside us so that no kid feels alone in the bordering parts of Armenia.

I attend piano, solfeggio, journalism, rug weaving and reading classes. Thanks to Mshakoutamet, I am more sociable now and closer to art. I want to thank Mshakoutamet and the all the “invisible” people who worked hard to help make our dreams come true.”



Khatoun Oghikyan, Yeraskh Village

DIASPORA YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Time Frame: June 2022 - June 2023

Project Budget:

JMF: 5,386 USD

Office of the High Commissioner for
Diaspora Affairs: 24,095 USD

Beneficiaries: 20 young people
from Armenian communities of the
Diaspora, 1,200 Armenian Diaspora
community members.



The goal of this program is to enhance youth empowerment and expand opportunities for civic engagement through the implementation of community-based projects in the various regions of the Armenian Diaspora. Our objectives are to:

- Increase knowledge and awareness about pressing Armenian issues and major political and social challenges in Armenia.
- Promote activism, advocacy and participation within the Armenian communities of the Diaspora

EMPOWERED YOUTH FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC ARMENIA

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.

The goal of this project is to empower young people to get involved in public dialogue, with the aim for youth (13 to 29 years) in targeted communities to become socially active citizens and be actively involved in public affairs through a dialogue with policy makers and advocating for youth related policies. Our objectives are to:

- Improve national level youth policies by the empowerment and engagement of youth in decision-making processes and public dialogue with state authorities
- Empower Youth CSOs to demonstrate active citizenship and participatory action in their communities



"My name is David Vardzelyan and I am 16-years-old. About a year ago I learned about a debate club at my school. I immediately enrolled and soon debate became a pivotal part of my life. I won most of the debates and reached the National Debate phase. The Debate tournament endowed me with some of the most necessary skills one should have in life: skills of debating competently, speaking one's mind while knowing and taking facts into account, and being sensible and level-headed. I want to express my gratitude to the Jinishian Memorial Foundation for giving me and many other teenagers this great opportunity."

David Vardzelyan

EDUCATION PROGRAM



ENHANCING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH VIA NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAININGS LEADING TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

EU4ENVIRONMENT: GREEN COMMUNITY–RESILIENT FUTURE



Time Frame: March 2021 - February 2024

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

Beneficiaries: 7,000 school children will be engaged in the activities of Eco-Clubs (in 15 schools of 3 regions), participate in summer camps and country-wide cleanup campaigns.

The goal of this initiative is to increase the environmental protection and climate change adaptation capacities of Armenia's small regional cities and towns. Its objectives are to:

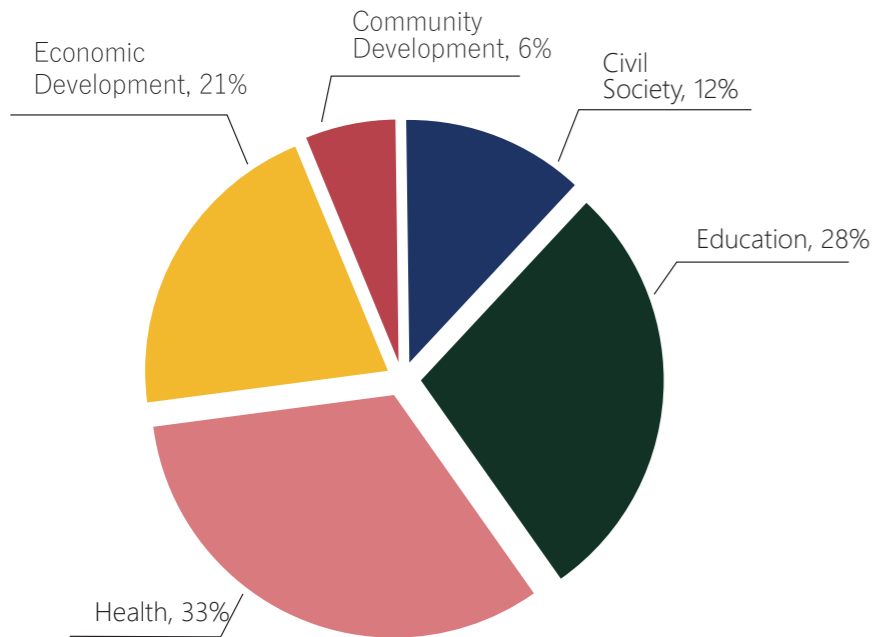
- Advance green urban planning capacities in the beneficiary regions of Armenia
- Improve living conditions of citizens in targeted cities and neighboring communities

This is Emma, a member of Eco-Club in Gyumri, in the scope of the program EU4Environment: Green Community – Resilient Future. She is the youngest member of the Eco-Club, yet the most active one. She is in the 3rd grade, and while her friends are 12th graders, it is not hindering her participation in all the discussions, training, events and tree planting. She talks about her enjoyment of planting trees and recycling paper the most. Her friends testify about Emma, being the champion in recycling paper the most of all. Emma is their inspiration for hard work and diligent studying.

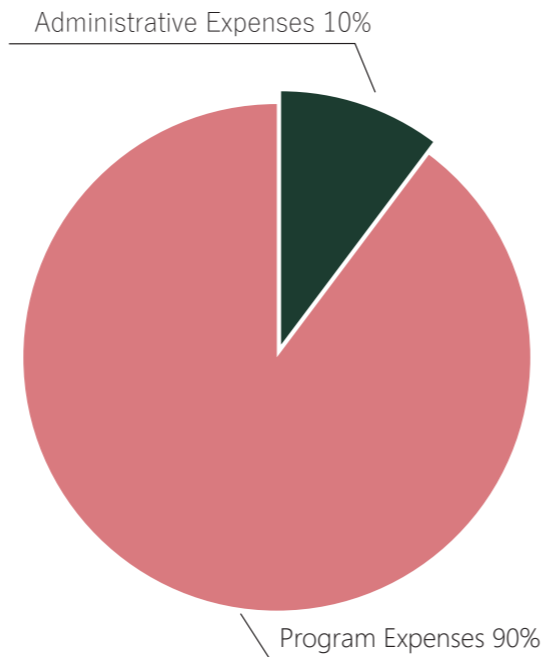


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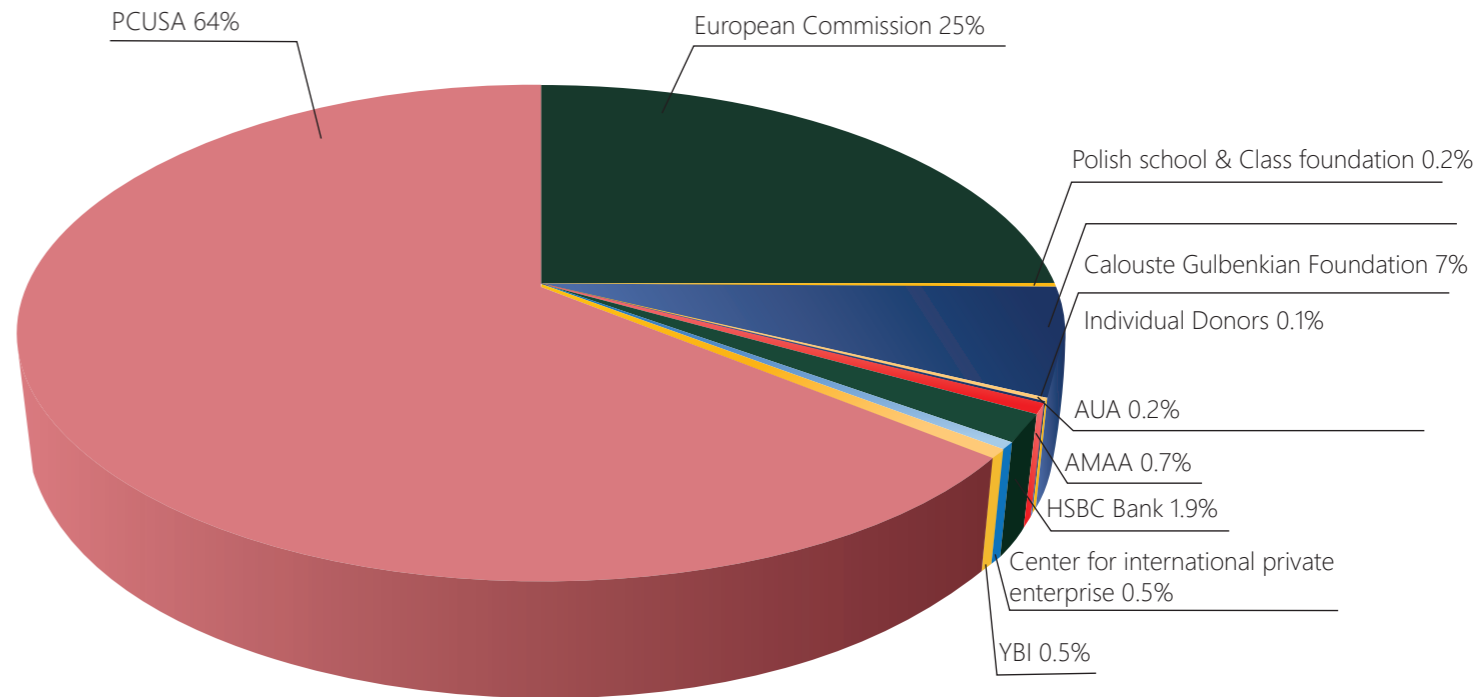


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