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RENOVATION AND FURNISHING OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS HALL IN AGHNJADZOR

Yeghegis consolidated community, Vayots Dzor Marz

The renovation works of the community events hall included the installation of new electricity, water supply, and drainage systems. Internal and external repair works revitalized the building's aesthetic appeal, complemented by the installation of roof gutters. Notably, a separate kitchen was constructed within the hall, featuring a high-quality ventilation system and essential kitchen equipment. An additional bathroom was constructed outside for the convenience of hall users.

The implementation of the project proceeded smoothly without encountering any significant challenges.

The events hall was not only structurally enhanced but also furnished to serve its purpose effectively. It now boasts tables with six seats each, chairs, and dishes to accommodate up to 150 people, ensuring the usability of the space for various community activities.



RENOVATION OF BERDAVAN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Noyemberyan consolidated community, Tavush Marz

The renovation works of the irrigation system included building an internal irrigation network with a total length of 1 km and a diameter of 200 mm. Beneficiaries of the project were about 40 households, who had the opportunity to engage in horticulture and vegetable growing. The project will increase the incomes of the households.

In the frames of the project we repaired a 30 m of damaged irrigation water line of 400mm diameter and constructed water distribution wells. It now makes possible to irrigate another 10 hectares of land, as well as 35 hectares of vineyards.

Three farms of the village have already been established in Berdavan 0.3 ha of pineapple, 0.5 ha of peaches, 0.5 ha of olive and honey gardens.



RENOVATION AND FURNISHING OF THE SCHOOL GYM OF GETK VILLAGE

Akhuryan consolidated community, Shirak Marz

Through the diligent implementation of the project, the school gym of Getk village underwent a remarkable transformation. The renovated space now provides a conducive environment for sports and physical activities, fostering the overall well-being of students and community members.

The upgraded gym stands as a testament to the positive outcomes achievable through collaborative community initiatives and highlights the importance of investing in educational infrastructure for the benefit of current and future generations. The successful completion of this project reflects the commitment to creating conducive learning and recreational environments within the community.



"BACK TO THE NATURE" SUMMER CAMP IN YEGHNAJUR FOR CHILDREN FROM VOLNURABLE FAMILIES

Amasia consolidated community, Shirak Marz

This project is being implemented back from 1996 aiming at to entertain the kids of vulnerable families of Shirak Marz during their summer vacations. Another important objective of the project is environmental education and basics of agriculture (the name of the project is Back to Nature) among the urban youth. The summer camp has had positive impact on the life of Yeghnajur village where the camp is located.



PARTIAL RENOVATION OF AYRUM KINDERGARTEN

Noyemberyan consolidated community, Tavush Marz

The first floor of the main building of the kindergarten had previously been allocated to the music school, which moved to a separate area since 2022. Thus there was already an opportunity to renovate the 1st floor and create 1 more group room and a separate dining area. This allowed also improving the sanitary conditions. The implementation of the project relieved the burden of the existing groups and made possible for all the children of preschool age to attend the kindergarten.



RECONSTRUCTION OF SHAKI VILLAGE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Sisian consolidated community, Syunik Marz

The water supply line servicing 70 households in the village had experienced considerable degradation. Compounded by the poor condition of the catchment area, the water reaching the households during the rainy season was compromised in its purity. There was a need of a comprehensive overhaul to restore the functionality and quality of the water supply.

This important initiative aimed to address the deterioration of the water line serving the village, ensuring that clean water from existing sources could be utilized for both drinking and homestead irrigation purposes of households.



FODDER PRODUCTION DEMO VILLAGE - REACTIVATION OF NON-CULTIVATED ARABLE LANDS IN BALAK

Sisian consolidated community, Syunik Marz

The main aim of the project was to use effective replicable methods for rehabilitating natural fodder areas and decreasing pressure on pastures by cultivating non-used arable lands for fodder production. It also aimed to ensure sustainability by using high-value local varieties of seeds for fodder production and ensuring agrobiodiversity conservation, climate adaptation, and income. The project included complex pilot areas using different methodologies for improvement. Overall, 123 ha of land was rehabilitated and/or improved in the community, from which 20 ha pastures, 20 ha hay meadows, 83 ha arable lands.



PLANTING 5 HA OF FOREST ON COMMUNITY LANDS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Dzoraglukh, Aparan consolidated community, Aragatsotn Marz

Degraded 5 ha of community lands were restored and the forest was planted. The project also made it possible to irrigate the lands of all 80 households in the community.



HOVIT SECONDARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM RENOVATION

Akhuryan consolidated community, Shirak Marz

As a result of the project not only the physical education classes of the school but also the sambo classes will be held in the renovated, bright, and equipped hall.

The success of the project was significantly contributed by the willingness and hospitality of the school administration, staff, and villagers. Of course, the beautiful and bright hall and the new sports equipment will contribute to the growth of success and achievements of the youth of Hovit in the sport of sambo.



IRRIGATION SYSTEM RENOVATION IN BAZUM

Pambak consolidated community, Lori Marz

The repair of reservoirs and the construction of a new pipeline made it possible to effectively manage water resources, increase green zones, arable land, and contribute to the development of animal husbandry by having reservoirs.



SAWING MACHINE, CULTIVATOR AND HAY MILL TO "AGHNJADZOR COMMUNITY PASTURE USERS ASSOCIATION CONSUMER COOPERATIVE"

Yeghegis consolidated community, Vayots Dzor Marz

Since 2023, "Shen" charitable non-governmental organization has been providing support to "Aghndjadzor Community Pasture Users Association Consumer Cooperative" within the framework of "Promotion of high-value agricultural products by farm cooperatives in the Republic of Armenia" project funded by Bread for the World, that aims at supporting producing groups and agricultural cooperatives,



RENOVATION OF IRRIGATION WATER LINE AND FENCE OF "FOREST-PARK" AREA OF CHAMBARAK

Chambarak consolidated community, Gegharkunik Marz

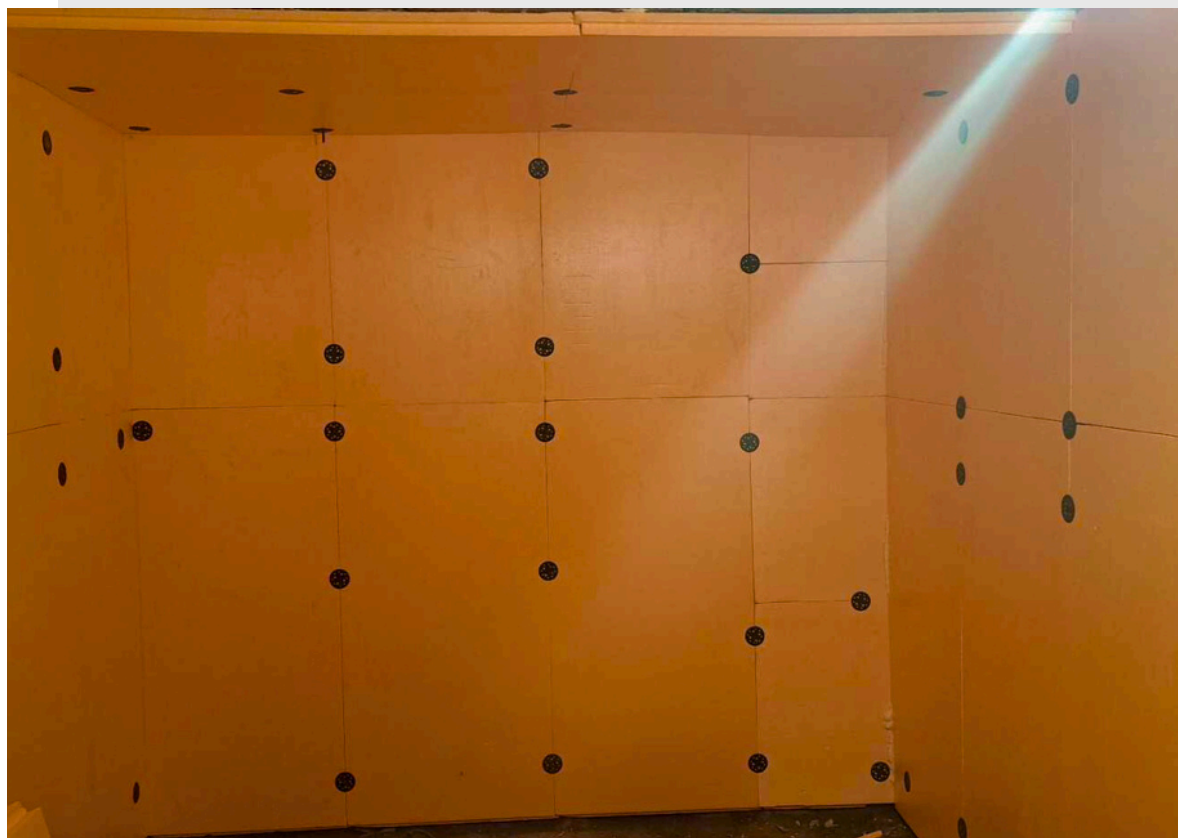
In Chambarak community, in the area of a former landfill, a forest was established on an area of about 11 hectares. The community plans to turn the area into a rest area. Unfortunately, an area of 2.5 hectares caught fire and was destroyed in the beginning of 2023. The same year a new tree planting was organised with the efforts of the community.



COLD STORAGE OF FRUIT FOR “PTGHAVET” AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE IN KRASHEN

Akhuryan consolidated community, Shirak Marz

Within the framework of "Promotion of high-value agricultural products by farm cooperatives in the Republic of Armenia" project funded by Bread for the World, that aims at supporting producing groups and agricultural cooperatives, a cold storage for fruit was built for the “Ptghavet” agricultural cooperative in Krashen.



RESTORATION OF THE MAIN WATER LINE OF ARPUNK VILLAGE

Vardenis consolidated community, Gegharkunik Marz

The restoration of the main water line in Arpунк was planned to be finished in 2022. Unfortunately, the escalations of September 2022, it became possible to continue the construction works only in 2023. Now, as a result of the project the community finally has access to irrigation.



PROVISION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO ARTSAKH REFUGEES

All marzes of Armenia

After the September 19, 2023 attack, Azerbaijan took Artsakh under military control. This caused a mass exodus of ethnic Armenians. Currently, Armenia has accepted more than 100 thousand refugees, who make up the entire population of Artsakh after the 2020 war.

The goal of this program is to meet the urgent needs of 300 of the most vulnerable families of Artsakh refugees by providing socio-economic support and assistance. "Shen" NGO administration has decided to give priority to families that meet certain criteria, aiming to provide them with farm animals (chicken, sheep, cow, beehive), small agricultural tools (seeds, fuel, seedlings) and other necessary items according to each beneficiary family. from unique needs. This support will enable families to secure their daily bread.

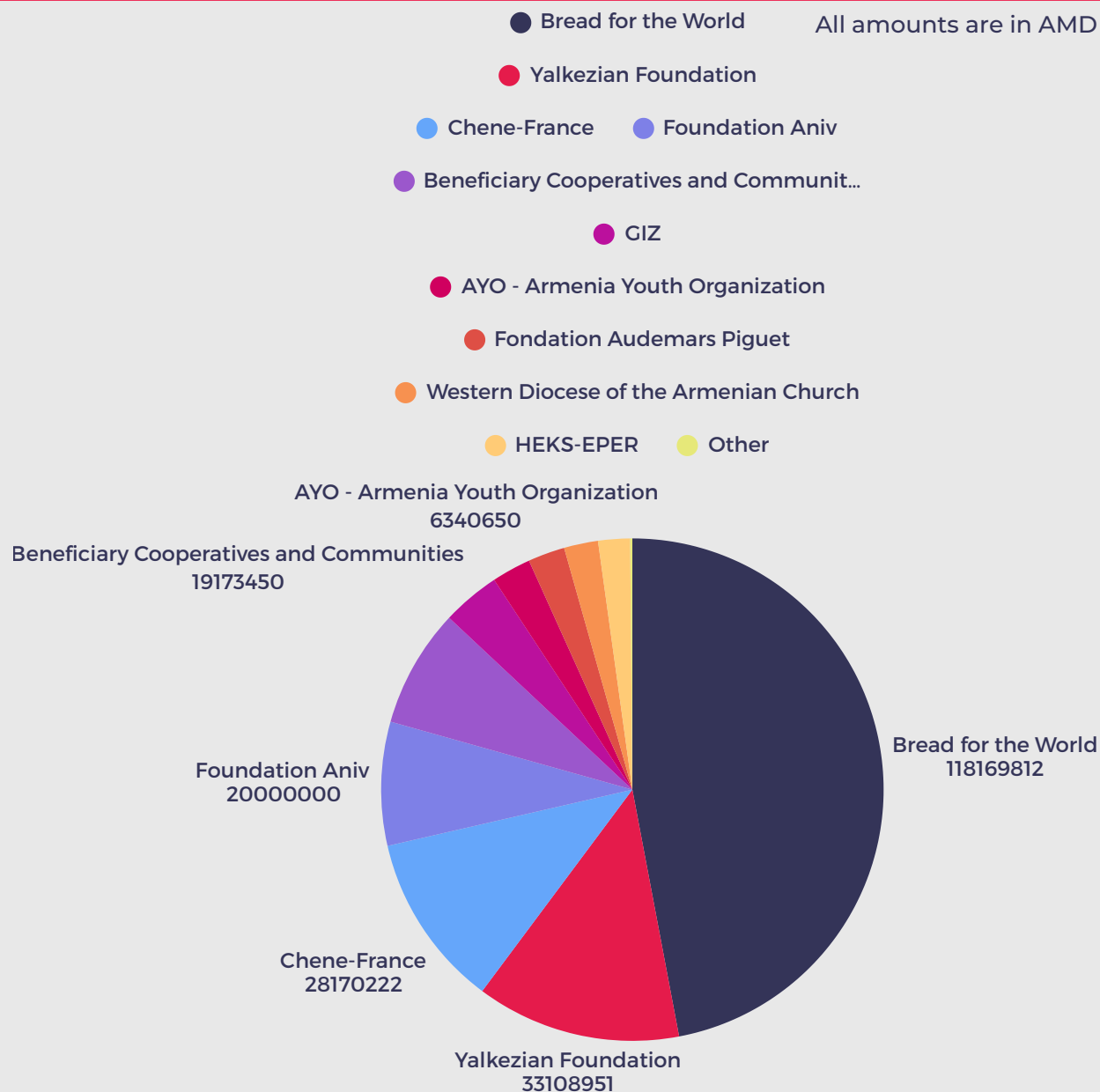
The project plans to create foundations (by providing necessary resources) for the formation of sustainable means of livelihood for 300 refugee families from Artsakh. Focusing on agricultural empowerment, livelihood generation and community-led initiatives will ensure rehabilitation and community engagement of displaced Artsakh families.

In addition to the individual support program mentioned above, it is planned to implement community programs in 40 rural settlements, where there is a relatively large concentration of refugee families from Artsakh. This project will be implemented using a community-led socio-economic recovery approach. These programs may include various initiatives jointly chosen by the community and refugee families, such as economic empowerment programs, infrastructure improvements, capacity building, social programs, etc.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: CONTRIBUTIONS

TOTAL: 251,317,364 AMD



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: EXPENDITURES

TOTAL: 246,698,385 AMD

All amounts are in AMD

