



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



Annual Report 2014

Jinshian

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



OUR MESSAGE AND GRATITUDE

Dear Readers,

Let me extend my sincere gratitude to those who express interest in our activities and achievements, or just observe our history and work. These few important highlights and the enclosed report offer an inspiring tour through our world of projects.

In 2014 we successfully accomplished our mission and strategic goals. Almost 38 projects targeting about 100,000 people of different ages, occupations, interests and social conditions throughout Armenia, Karabakh and Georgia form the backbone of our work, in which we take great pride. 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.

This time of hardship for our brothers and sisters in Syria, when each day counts the losses of Armenian communities, we cannot remain indifferent to the challenges of the war and must show compassion to our compatriots. By the joint efforts of our supporters and new donors, severely shocked by the displacement of Armenians from Kessab, we have been able to raise a significant amount of money in support of Syrian Armenians temporarily residing both in Syria and Lebanon.

Much has been done, but more work is still ahead of us. The year has been remarkable in terms of evaluating our resources and classifying the challenges and areas where we believe we can make changes. In November, as a result of teamwork and free expression of thoughts, we developed our Strategic Plan for 2015-2020, providing a roadmap for the upcoming years. We are confident that our ambitions and skills shaped by our experience will bring positive change in the lives of our beneficiaries.

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

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DEVOTED SERVICE IN DESPERATE TIMES



Dear Partners,

Over the last 50 years we have provided uninterrupted faithful service to Armenian communities in Lebanon, Syria, Jerusalem, Turkey and Armenia. The Jinishian Memorial Program has always been uniquely positioned for efficient, appropriate emergency response because its grassroots leadership brings wide-ranging expertise and a holistic perspective. Our leadership in the countries demonstrates incredible courage, compassion, and excellence which really prepare them to adapt to ever-changing needs with the right mix of relief and long-range development work.

The distinctive feature of JMP is that we are open to innovation. We approach areas that have never been addressed before, and we challenge ourselves to continuously adjust our projects to better approach the issues and provide the optimal solution to eliminate dependence on relief and external help. Only after we pilot a new project for a year or two on a smaller scale to assure its success, then we offer it for external donations to grow our network and resources so we can continue to help diverse, vulnerable Armenian communities to achieve a dignified life.

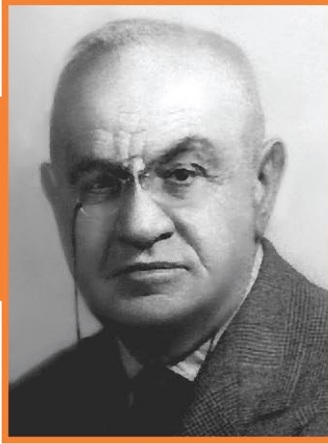
As an ecumenical relief and development agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA), JMP has played an instrumental role in commemorating the 100th anniversary of genocide in 2015. On June 20, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan, the General Assembly of the PC(USA) voted to recognize the Armenian Genocide, urging congregations to commemorate its centennial in 2015, and directing church leadership to call upon the United States President and Congress to condemn the acts as genocide as well. This historic resolution—the first of its kind for a major American church body—was adopted by the 1.8- million-member church in response to overtures from three of its regional presbyteries. This action brings hope to the communities served by the Jinishian program—especially in Syria where the genocide survivors of great faith and courage are helping children, the sick and displaced in a time of great danger—and an assurance that they are not abandoned. In Syria, the Jinishian Program continued providing services in spite of attacks, blocked roads, and communication failures. Our organization brought compassion where there was brutality, dedication where there was neglect, and adaptability even when the obstacles surrounded us on all sides. Hundreds of people took part in the fundraising campaign initiated by the JMF Armenia for Armenians in Kessab in 2014 which was another sign that we are not alone. The JMF branches operating in Syria and Lebanon worked faithfully to deliver assistance to the Armenians from Kessab. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who participated in that fundraising effort.

Along with fine-tuned relief work, we continued our long-term development work in Armenia. This report offers a glimpse of how JMF helps families and communities in Armenia, Artsakh and Georgia to experience lasting change, laying a foundation for a better future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank JMF partners and donors in Armenia and beyond for your dedicated support, and to say once again that this long-term, sustainable work would not be possible without your trust and true collaboration.

Eliza Minasyan,

Chair of the Board of Trustees,
Jinishian Memorial Program

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HISTORY

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, involvement in different networks, etc.

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



The Jinishian Memorial Program
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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

Taking a comprehensive approach, the Jinishian Memorial Foundation aims to:

- 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

The Jinishian Memorial Foundation focuses its activities in:

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

Program Mechanisms

Within the priority areas indicated above, 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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Advisory Board

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

In 2014, the JMF's Civil Society and Education Department prioritized projects that encouraged and facilitated youth participation in the development of a strong and healthy civil society and broadened 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 prioritized the fully utilized role of NGOs and informal groups (youth councils, Civic Action Groups, Youth Clubs, etc.) in the development of civil society, where youth could mobilize and focus their joint efforts on current issues facing the country.

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

1. Increased knowledge of civic issues (i.e. human rights, gender, environment, legal and governance issues, etc.)
2. Developed capacity for applying the knowledge and skills.
3. Increased sense of citizenship and voluntarism among youth.
4. Increased ownership of the projects implemented by the youth.
5. Participation of the youth in all stages of the initiative/project, involving the whole spectrum: from the project initiation to its evaluation.
6. Enhanced cooperation between youth (youth groups) and civil society structures.

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.

The following are the projects approved and initiated in 2014 under the **Civil Society and Education Program**.



CIVIL SOCIETY



YES 2014 - 2015

Time Frame: September 1, 2014–May 30, 2015

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: nearly 2,000 school students from 95 schools of Yerevan and 11 towns: Armavir, Abovyan, Ashtarak, Artashat, Masis, Metsamor, Vagharshapat, Hrazdan, Gyumri, Sevan, and Vanadzor.

Project Cost:
JMF: \$73,390

1. Youth Engaged in Society

Brief Description: The JMF has been implementing the YES project since 2004. 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.

In 2014 JMF continued the implementation of the project which is currently in progress. The number of beneficiary schools involved in the project is 95.

The JMF is the only implementer of the project, and to fulfill project activities, JMF hired appropriate staff of three Program Officers. 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 activities with the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia (NA of the RoA), OSCE Yerevan office, and the UN office in Yerevan. Seminars/meetings for the students from the regional and Yerevan schools were organized at OSCE and UN Yerevan offices in 2014. The students paid several educational visits to the NA of the RoA.

Each year the National Debate Championship (NDC) is organized at the end of the academic year which brings together the representatives of all debate clubs. Twenty-six debate teams participated in the NDC 2014, representing the project participant schools.

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2. Civic Dialogue and Action (CDA) and CDA for Change 2012-2015

Brief Description: The JMF has been implementing the CDA 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 2012-2015 is a three-year project, which is the logical continuation of the CDA 2011-2012 project. 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 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.



Time Frame: October 1, 2012 – September 31, 2015

Donors: Gulbenkian Foundation and Embassy of Norway in Moscow

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: Nearly 4,500 university students of 7 universities and 2,000 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: \$120,000

Embassy of Norway in Moscow: \$50,000

JMF: \$44,000



CIVIL SOCIETY



Time Frame: October 1, 2014- July 30, 2015

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: The total number of direct beneficiaries is nearly 280 (120 students of 3 universities of Gyumri, Gavar and Vanadzor; 60 of the most active graduates who participated in CDA 2005-2014 projects; 100 young adults of surrounding communities of the 3 universities)

Project Cost:

JMF: \$35,976

3. Youth in Action for Change

Brief Description: Since October 2013, Youth in Action for Change (YAC) 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.

YAC 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 co-operation with the local and international NGO representatives. Each YC will focus its operation on the following areas: 1. Environment, 2. Human Rights (Gender/ 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 2014-2015, 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.

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4. School TV Debates 2014/15

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.

In 2014-2015 the JMF will continue shooting and broadcasting TV debates within the Azat Qaghagaci (Free Citizen) program of Yerkir Media studio. It is 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 will be prepared and broadcasted.



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

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5. University Students Third National Debate Championship

Brief Description: University students' National Debate Championship (NDC) took place on November 28 and 29 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: "In trafficking the men are more vulnerable than women." The winners of the first four debates, four teams in all, participated in two debates on the topic: "The children are protected from trafficking in Armenia." The winners of the last two debates participated in the final debate.

The final debate was conducted at Ani Plaza Hotel on 29th of November, 2014. The topic of the final debate was "In trafficking the men are more vulnerable than women." The final debate has been held between the two teams from Vanadzor and Yerevan compiled team of students. Yerevan 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 150 students and representatives of NGOs and international organizations were present in the final debate at Ani Plaza Hotel. All the expenses connected with the NDC organization were directly done by OSCE Yerevan office.

Time Frame: November, 2014

Donor: Organization for Security and Co-operation 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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6. Open Bratislava Schools Debating Competition 2014

During the period of April 3-7, 2014, Bratislava Schools Debating Competition (BSDC) 2014 was held in Bratislava, Slovakia. The competition gathered 36 teams from all over the world. With the kind financial support of OSCE Yerevan office and JMF's co-funding, JMF participated in this competition with a team consisting of 4 school students from Armenia.

The debate competition consisted of six preliminary rounds and semi-final and final debates. World School Debate structure was used in the competition. The Armenian team participated in all preliminary rounds of the competition. The competition was held in English which was a great opportunity to promote English as a debating language among JMF's beneficiaries. It was also a great chance for our beneficiaries to meet high-school students from all over the world and share their knowledge and debating skills with each other, and establish and enhance cross-border communications and connections.



Time Frame: April, 2014

Donor: OSCE Yerevan office

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: The direct beneficiaries of the project were 4 students of Yerevan schools of YES project. Indirect beneficiaries are the debate clubs and the schools' students, administration, parents.

Project Cost:

OSCE: 4,000 EUR (OSCE direct expenses)

JMF: 1,480 USD

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Apostolic Community

Time Frame: July 7–13, 2014

Implementer: Armenian Apostolic Church, Center of Christian Education

Beneficiaries: 85 children aged 8-15, from needy families attending the "Eornekian" public school in Etchmiadzin and 16 mentors from the school and the Center of Christian Education.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Armenian Apostolic Church: \$1,660

Evangelical Community

Time Frame: June 26 - September 1, 2014

Implementer: Armenian Missionary Association

Beneficiaries: About 1,660 children, youth and young adults from vulnerable families and 160 camp counselors

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Armenian Missionary Association: \$63,823

Catholic Community

Time Frame: June 16 and August 20, 2014

Implementer: Our Lady of Armenia Convent

Beneficiaries: About 850 children from needy families and orphanages from different marzes of Armenia.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$10,000

Our Lady of Armenia Convent: \$139,656

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 are located in rich and beautiful nature sites. The camps provided an environment conducive to spiritual and physical growth of children along with developing 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 learn to live in a group environment and develop 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: In the framework of the Summer Camp for Disabled Children project, the JMF supported Full Life NGO to organize summer camps for 156 children from Lori, Gegharkouniq region, Yerevan and Kharabagh having the aim of promoting independence in disabled children and children from socially vulnerable families. The following activities have been included in the project: first aid provision training, Bocce ball trainings, formation of Christian attitude/Christian upbringing, art therapy and cognitive trainings on environment.

The summer camp enabled the kids to learn survival techniques as well as how to provide first aid to others. Children enriched their knowledge on values and traditions of Christianity. They learned to play Bocce ball, which is extremely popular game in the handicapped/disabled community.



Time Frame: August 5, 2014 – August 27, 2014

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: \$7,010

Full Life NGO & other donors: \$8,725



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Time Frame: August 17, 2014–September 17, 2014
Implementer: Eparchial Vicarage of Samtske-Javakhq
Beneficiaries: 200 Armenian school age children living in Akhalkalaq, the Republic of Georgia. Indirect beneficiaries are families of the children.
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$2,000

3. Summer Camp for School Age Armenian Children of Javakhq

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Eparchial Vicarage of Samtske-Javakhq to organize summer camp and to develop skills and stronger spiritual and moral convictions of 200 Armenian children from socially vulnerable families living in Akhalkalaq. The project provided safe learning and spiritual development environment for children and contributed to the spiritual up-bringing and national identity perception of these children.



4. Sunday School for School Age Armenian Children of Javakhq

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Eparchial Vicarage of Samtske-Javakhq to continue the functioning of the Sunday school in Akhalkalaq and to continue supplementing the educational, spiritual and cultural gap of 100 Armenian children living in Akhalkalaq and its surrounding villages. The Sunday school is under the patronage of the Eparchial Vicarage of Samtske-Javakhq and operates according to the Sunday school program of the Mother See Holy Echmiadzin's Sunday schools. The project provided safe learning and spiritual development environment for children and contributed to the spiritual up-bringing and national identity perception of these children.



Time Frame: March 1, 2014–October 31, 2014
Implementer: Eparchial Vicarage of Samtske-Javakhq
Beneficiaries: 100 Armenian children ages 8-16 living in Akhalkalaq and its surrounding villages, the Republic of Georgia. Indirect beneficiaries are families of the children.
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$3,555

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5. *Preschool Educational Center in Aragva Village in Akhalkalaq*

Brief Description: In 2014 the JMF supported Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church to continue the functioning of the preschool education of center in Aragva village in Akhalkalaq, Republic of Georgia. The project contributed to the elementary education, spiritual and cultural up-bringing, healthy development of preschool age children of the Armenian community living in Aragva village. As a result around 30 preschool 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 of the village.



Time Frame: March 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Implementer: Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries are approximately 30 preschool children; indirect beneficiaries are families of the children.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$2,642

Virahayots Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church: \$4,444

6. *Vocational Training for Armenian Youth of Tsalka Region*

Brief Description: In 2014 the JMF supported SHEN NGO in Georgia to continue strengthening the cultural life of the Armenian communities in Tsalka region of Georgia through providing vocational training and professional specialization opportunities to 60 youth aged 12-17 from 13 Armenian villages. The project helped to develop pottery and felt-making skills through organization of classes in the public school of Ghushchi village. To promote the products made by the project participants, SHEN NGO organized sales-exhibition in Tbilisi where the best works of the youth were presented and sold.



Time Frame: June 1, 2014 – November 30, 2014

Implementer: SHEN NGO in Georgia

Beneficiaries: 60 Armenian youth aged 12-17 from the Armenian villages of Tsalka region, Republic of Georgia.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$5,088

SHEN NGO: \$4,769

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Time Frame: August 2, 2014 – August 11, 2014

Implementer: Our Lady of Armenia Convent, Peace Corps Volunteer Mary Ann Harty and Dsegh Youth Community Initiatives Club

Beneficiaries: 24 youth from Dsegh, Vanadzor, Gyumri and Karenis and the accompanying personnel of 2 people.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$500

Implementer: €6,607

Austrian National Agency: €34,665

7. Austria/Armenia Youth Exchange Project

Brief Description: The project provided opportunity to 24 youth from Dsegh, Vanadzor, Gyumri, Karenis to visit Austria, to learn the Austrian culture and to improve their knowledge and skills in the field of theater arts and improvisation which they took home to their communities and youth groups. The Austrian participants got the chance to introduce their culture to the Armenian participants, meanwhile the host families got the opportunity to learn about Armenian culture by interacting with their guests. Project participants of the exchange program are now in touch with one another via Facebook and improved their language skills, both in German and English.

8. IT trainings in Ninotsminda, Georgia

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Instigate Training Center Foundation (ITCF) to provide IT trainings to 18 students of 9-12 grades from Ninotsminda, Georgia to improve IT education and employment opportunities in rural areas of Georgia and to increase the interest in learning and creating among children who are capable and willing to advance in technical sciences. The training course was adapted by the ITC specifically for schoolchildren and the senior level programmers of Instigate CJSC and its affiliate companies conducted the trainings under the project. The classes were held in Ninotsminda Youth Center that was properly equipped for engineering trainings. The trainings included basics of programming in environments such as Aghves and Kria followed by LINUX open source operating system, development tools and scripting languages. The trainees created their own games acquiring an algorithmic and system thinking. At the end of the trainings 2-3 successful graduates were hired by the ITC as their local resource in Ninotsminda.



Time Frame: January 8, 2014 – November 1, 2014

Implementer: Instigate Training Center Foundation

Beneficiaries: 18 schoolchildren grades 9-12 from Ninotsminda, Georgia

Project Cost:

JMF: \$5,369

Implementer: \$18,720

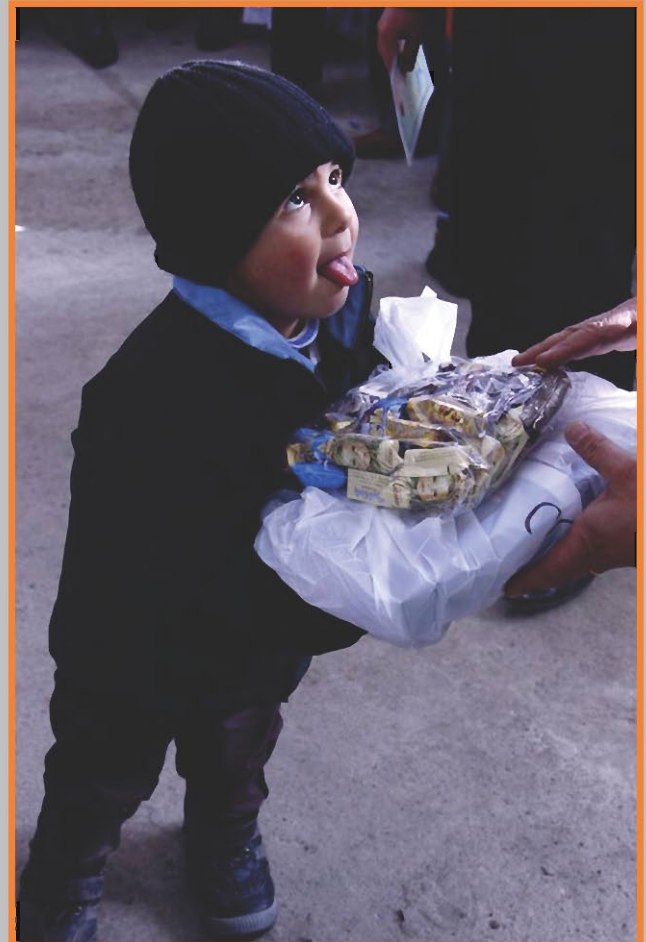
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9. Christmas Packages for Children from Vulnerable Regions of Armenia

Brief Description: In December 2014 the JMF reached children from the marginalized villages of Vardenis region, Gegharqouniq Marz 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. JMF delivered Christmas packages to about 521 children aged 1-11 from socially vulnerable families from 9 marginalized villages of Vardenis regions of Gegharqouniq Marz (Poqr Masrik, Tretuq, Maqenis, Norabak, Kut, Azat, Arpunq, Kutakan, Axpradzor), 40 children from the Our Lady of Armenia Convent Care Centre and 860 children from socially vulnerable families from Yerevan, other Marzes of Armenia and Akhalqalaq, Georgia. Each child was provided with a personal gift package which included a blanket, a package of candies, a toy or a package of stationaries depending on the age of the child. The initiative brought small but significant emotional uplift to the children.



Time Frame: December 24–31, 2014

Implementer: JMF

Beneficiaries: 521 children of Vardenis regions of Gegharqouniq Marz), 40 children form the Our Lady of Armenia Convent Care Centre and 860 children from socially vulnerable families from Yerevan, other Marzes of Armenia and Akhalqalaq.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$8,440



EDUCATION

10. FRESCO Annual Festival of Modern Art and Spiritual and Moral Films in Armenia

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Formica Art Production to organize FRESCO Annual Festival of Modern Art and Spiritual and Moral Films in Armenia which took place in June - July 2014 in Yerevan and in the regions of Armenia. The organizers of the FRESCO festival were able to gather and present films that are aimed at raising the issue of spiritual values. Part of the festival was held beyond Yerevan, in various picturesque corners of Armenia (Odzun, Akhtala, Tatev). Participants got the opportunity to take part in camp film-campaigns unprecedented in Armenia. The camps were unique in Armenia by their type, and a wonderful way not only to involve a wide circle of especially the young generation, but also a new format for recognizing Armenia. Choosing significant historical and cultural centers of Armenia, the organizers “made” the participants of the film-campaigns recognize those memorials, the local way of life, and consort with the nature and local inhabitants. Tents, national entertainment, songs and music, a film corresponding to the area and discussions were organized around the fire.



Time frame: June 1, 2014 – August 20, 2014

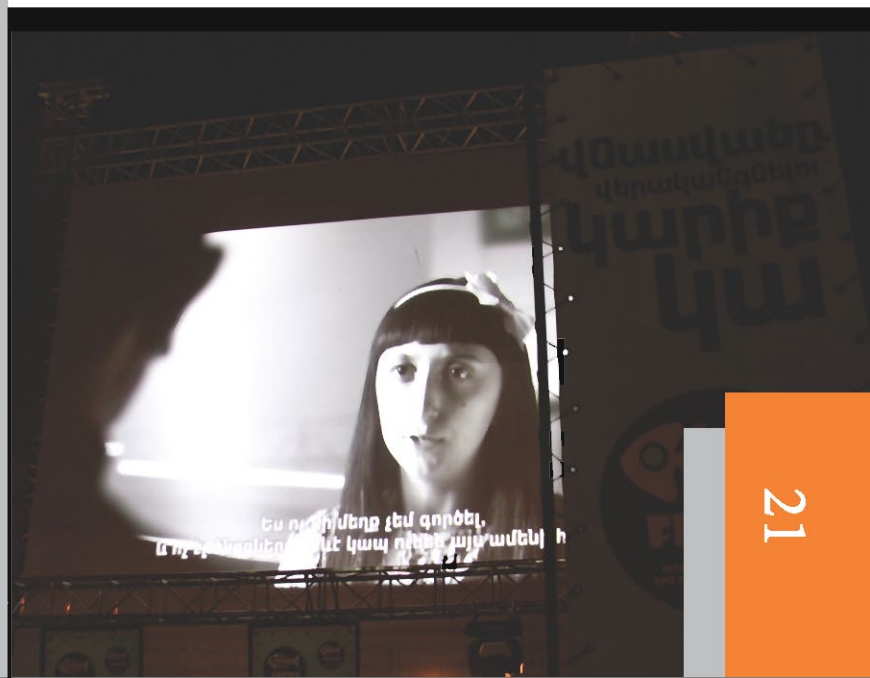
Implementer: “Tsiatsan” NGO, “Formica Art Production”

Beneficiaries: FRESCO was open to anyone in Yerevan and in RA marzes

Project Cost:

JMF: \$5,457

Implementer and other partners: \$22,592



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2014 the JMF's Economic Development Department prioritized projects that support the sustainable development of farmers' cooperatives and farmer households as a vital part of long-term economic improvements in Armenia. In addition JMF designed and developed a new project supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) development in Armenia. JMF continued prioritizing partnerships and intermediary lending mechanisms delivering small and medium credits with minimized interest rates through microcredit organizations.

The following objectives have been set to serve JMF's Economic Development Department prioritized areas:

1. Increased access of beneficiaries (farmers, small and medium businesses, women's groups) to microcredit services.
2. Enhanced institutional lending services.
3. Increased 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.).

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,
- Collaboration and partnership,
- Education/training for MFIs and clientele,



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Time frame: December 1, 2014–November 30, 2015
Implementer: “CARD Agro Credit” Universal Credit Organization CJSC (CARD)
Beneficiaries: 26 farmer cooperatives. In total about 250 farmers from Armavir, Ararat, Vayots Dzor and Aragatsotn marzes.
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$494,827



Time frame: October 1, 2013–September 30, 2015
Implementer: “CARD Agro Credit” Universal Credit Organization CJSC (CARD)
Beneficiaries: 20 potential SMEs and Farmers of Meghri region
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$98,765

1. Micro Lending Support to Farmers 2014

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 inputs. As a result, the members have efficient and high-quality production/yield ensuring further agricultural development and sustainability. The JMF has six years of experience of supporting farmers with low-interest loans.

2. Micro Lending Support to Farmers and SMEs of Meghri region Low Interest Loan Project

Brief Description: To improve the overall economic state of farmers and SMEs of Meghri, the JMF extended its loan capital to Meghri region through CARD MFI, to provide low-interest loans to farmers and SMEs of the region. Under this project borrowers will get 11% interest rate loans on reducing balance bases. Farmers engaged in horticulture, vegetable growing and live-stock breeding activities, as well as small and medium businesses owners of the region, will be able to apply for the loans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3. Micro Lending Support to SMEs

Brief Description: To create a sustainable source of financing for SMEs through affordable access to credit, the JMF will deliver 12% loans to SMEs throughout Armenia through CARD MFI, mostly targeting regions of Armenia. Loans will be delivered mostly in the marzes of Armenia targeting rural towns and villages. The initiative will support development of micro and small business sector in the regions of Armenia resulting in increase of employment and incomes.



Time frame: August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2016

Implementer: “CARD Agro Credit” Universal Credit Organization CJSC (CARD)

Beneficiaries: 20 potential Farmer Cooperatives (FC) and in average 25 farmers per cooperative, in total about 500 farmers from Armavir, Ararat, Vayots Dzor and Aragatsotn marzes

Project Cost:

JMF: \$ 246,914

4. Festivals as tools for Community Based Tourism Development

Brief Description: The JMF supported the Homeland Handicrafts Initiative Foundation (HDIF) to invest in developing the community based tourism in three communities in Armenia (Arpeni, Shamshadin and Vardenis) through discovery and presentation of local values during the organized thematic festivals; Taraz Festival of Old Arpeni Village, Shamshadin Honey and Berry Festival, and Vardenis Golden Wheat Festival. The festivals were largely designed, coordinated, and implemented by the HDIF with a goal to explore the cultural values of small communities to wider public, attracting new visitors which will invest in the development of ethnic tourism in Armenia. This was done using the participatory methodology in order to enhance the capacity of three local communities to organize community-based large events and accept wide range of tourists in their settlements. The festivals contributed to building local experience in arranging those large events, and created the basis for other events and initiatives from the people of the selected for the project regions themselves during the year.



Time frame: June 28, 2014 – September 20, 2014

Implementer: Homeland Handicrafts Initiative Foundation (HDIF)

Beneficiaries: The target group of the festivals were all the people of Arpeni, Shamshadin, Vardenis regions.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$18,000

HDIF and other partners: \$16,073

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Time frame: September 25, 2014 – October 31, 2014

Implementer: “Green Lane” Agricultural Assistance NGO

Beneficiaries: 80 farmer cooperatives and its members from all around Armenia. Indirect beneficiaries were around 5 000 guests of festival.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$1,481

Green Lane NGO and other partners: \$64, 073



Time frame: September 15, 2014 – October 31, 2014

Implementer: “Green Lane” Agricultural Assistance NGO

Beneficiaries: 24 members of “Aregnadem” Agricultural Consumer Cooperative. Indirect beneficiaries are 488 inhabitants of Aregnadem village.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$4,938

Green Lane and other partners: \$23,746

5. Rural Life and Traditions Festival

Brief Description: The JMF supported “Green Lane” NGO during the organization of the Rural Life and Traditions Festival with the support of the RA Ministry of Agriculture and Yerevan Municipality. The festival was aimed at getting the people acquainted with the rich culture and traditions of the Armenian village and contributing to the sustainable development of Armenian agriculture. The festival hosted about 5000 visitors from all regions of Armenia and from abroad. A wide variety of agricultural products were presented at the festival: traditional and non-traditional vegetables, fresh and dried greens, delicious fruits and berries, processed food. The festival included an interesting entertainment program – games, music and dance performed by famous groups and singers.

6. Dairy in Aregnadem

Brief Description: To reduce poverty in Shirak marz of Armenia, the JMF supported the “Green Lane” Agricultural Assistance NGO to create the infrastructural conditions for new and sustainable employment and additional income sources for the rural population of the village of Aregnadem with a special focus on women in the field of collecting and selling milk, dairy and agricultural products at fair prices to intermediaries and/or directly in local markets under observance of necessary production standards. Refurbishment of the cooperative production building and set-up of production site including milk collection equipment was done within the scope of the project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2014 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, prioritizing youth roles in the communities. 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.

The following objectives have been set to serve the JMF's Community Development Department prioritized areas:

1. Communities are mobilized and empowered to find solutions to local community based problems, using internal and external resources.
2. Community youth are active and understand their role in the society.
3. Community youth cooperate with university students of the region, identify and solve problems jointly.
4. Community youth engaged in community development activities.
5. A network of collaboration and synergy between youth groups (including university students groups), communities (CAGs) and government bodies is facilitated and strengthened in all levels.
6. Providing non-formal education opportunities to CAGs and youth groups,
7. Support to CAGs and youth groups on external resources acquisition,
8. Providing CAGs, youth groups and consequently communities with grant opportunities



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Social Responsibility Grant Projects

Within the scope of its economic development project, JMF, in partnership with the “CARD Agro-Credit” Universal Credit Organization and the Open Society Institute Foundation, 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. The 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 applied. Aratashen and Lukashin cooperatives won the grant competition. As a result of this initiative

- In Aratashen village the **Social Club** was established. The Local Self Government of Aratashen village provided a space in its cultural house, which was then fully renovated, furnished and equipped with necessary office equipment and furniture to carry out community meetings and community development activities/events.
- The **Health Post** building in the village of Lukashin was renovated. The entrance gate and roof were renovated, the interior design was changed, and new plastic windows were installed. New furniture was purchased and some medical equipment was fixed.

In total about 5,300 people benefitted from these 2 initiatives.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. Project name: Social club in the village Aratashen, Armavir marz

Brief Description: Aratashen municipality and Local Self Governing body provided a special room to the community action youth (the core members supporting community development activities) to establish the Social Club. The room is located in the cultural house of the village. It was fully renovated, furnished and equipped with computer, video projector, camera, etc. The Social Club aims to support community initiatives. Besides serving as a place for daily meetings, information sharing, chess and nardi playing spot, the Social Club servers as community development training center, as well as agricultural seminars and agricultural experience sharing center. At the end of the project the community youth organized five days of community development trainings with support from the invited experts. By the end of the trainings, participants raised community needs and developed a community action plan for the year 2015. The project was carried out with the joint efforts and active participation of the village municipality, agricultural cooperative and other community members.



Time frame: April 15, 2014–December 10, 2014
Implementer: Aratashen Agricultural Cooperative
Beneficiaries: About 2500 community members
Project cost:
 JMF: \$ 3,580
 Community of Aratashen - \$2,962

II. Project name: Improving the Quality of Health Care Services in Community of Lukashin / v. Lukashin, Armavir marz

Brief Description: The health post of the village Lukashin provides medical services to its inhabitants and to the neighboring community of Khanjyan vilage as well. With renovated and refurbished health post, renewed equipment and redesigned interior, it became more effective to provide medical services such as cardiovascular tests, diabetes, liver, obesity, lipidemia diagnosis and treatments services.

Within the scope of the project the health post's interior and exterior design was changed, some medical equipment for cardiovascular tests was renewed including a computer with multipurpose printing device, sugar and blood pressure measuring devices, new tables, chairs and shelves for all cabinets were purchased. The community members and the "Urartu kat" agricultural cooperative members were actively involved in project implementation activities and successfully accomplished the project.



Time frame: April 25, 2014–December 03, 2014
Implementer: "Urartu kat" agricultural cooperative
Beneficiaries: About 2800 community members
Project cost:
 JMF: \$ 3,580
 Community of Lukashin: \$1,419

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Time frame: August 1, 2014 – November 25, 2014

Implementer: UNIMA-Armenia

Beneficiaries: 6,000 children and teenagers

Project cost:

JMF: \$8,770

UNIMA-Armenia and other donors: \$3,963



Time Frame: December 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015

Implementer: UNIMA Armenia

Beneficiaries: 140 disadvantaged children and teenagers

Project cost:

JMF: \$2,022

UNIMA Armenia: \$1,235

2. Happiness to Children Project

Brief Description: The project was initiated and implemented by UNIMA-Armenia and Karapet Puppet Theater with a goal to vivify the spiritual-cultural life in remote and cross-border areas and to strengthen the importance of preservation of remote and cross-border areas in the consciousness of children and young people.

“Toumanyán Fairy Tale Day-2014” International Festival of Puppet Theaters was organized and managed by the UNIMA-Armenia NGO and hosted several puppet theaters from Armenia and abroad. The opening ceremony of the festival took place in Dsegh, the native village of the greatest Armenian writer, Hovhannes Toumanyán. The main ceremony and puppet performances took place in Vanadzor city. In line with main activities carried out by UNIMA-Armenia jointly with the invited theaters, the UNIMA-Armenia expanded geographically the festival and performed the puppet performances in Aqori, Aghnidzor, Lorut, Odzun, Gyulaqarak, Kurtan, Sarahart/Shenavan. More than 6000 children and adults benefited from the festival and shared joy and happiness with project initiators.

3. 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 140 disadvantaged children from three institutions in Yerevan; Missionaries of Charity Yerevan Branch in Nork Marash center, Center for Poor Children in Charbakh, and the Special Boarding school #2 of Yerevan. UNIMA-Armenia organized the performances and games with the participation of tale heroes and clowns. Snow Maiden and Santa Claus joined the feast bringing the magic of New Year and distributing presents to the children.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. Vardenis Development Initiative Project

Brief Description: In 2014 the JMF continued the project named Vardenis Development Initiative (VDI) which was launched in 2013 in Vardenis region of the Gegharqounik 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 15 villages (out of 35) from 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.

In September 2014 VDI 2014- 2016 project was approved which will be the logical continuation of the VDI project. Within the scope of the VDI 2014-16 project approximately 7000 residents of 15 rural communities of Vardenis region will benefit from the anticipated project activities. Fifteen (15) community improvement projects will be implemented by CAGs in their communities.



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

Within the scope of VDI 2013-2014 project, the JMF jointly with World Vision Armenia Vardenis Area Development Office announced the New Opportunity Grant projects competition and received seven project proposals from the targeted communities. Three (3) projects from the seven have been approved and launched in late spring 2014.

Below are the grant projects implemented within the scope of the VDI 2013-2014 project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Beneficiaries: Community of Torfavan (520 residents)
Time Frame: May 17, 2013– September 15, 2014
Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia
Implementer: Community of Torfavan
Contractor: Community of Torfavan
Project cost:
JMF: \$4,938
World Vision: \$1,728
Torfavan community: \$2,000

I. Project name: Promoting Sports Activities and Healthy Lifestyle in Community of Torfavan

Brief Description: Within the scope of the project Torfavan community local self-government, community youth, and Community Action Group created football and basketball courts in the village. Courts support a physical and healthy lifestyle for 120 youth from Torfavan village and the neighboring Vanevan village.

The summer camp was carried out at the end of June and early July 2014 for about 60 community kids and other guests and the campers actively used newly built community sport facilities and had a lot of fun playing healthy and joyful games.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

II. Project name: *Water Supply Network Renovation in Maqenis*

Brief Description: The project improved sanitation and hygiene conditions of the households in the village of Maqenis. Almost 1200 meters of damaged pipes were replaced with modern plastic pipes. The community faced some difficulties while digging the trenches under the pipeline as the ground was very rocky and it was impossible to dig 80 cm deep trenches by hand. The community had to invite a specialist with a tractor to dig the trenches. Along the central streets of the community 13 water taps were installed which supply water to the villagers. Despite the strong improvement of water supply and sanitation conditions in the community, the quantity of supplied water is not sufficient yet. The village is currently looking for additional resources to build a new external pipeline, to bring water from remote mountains and connect it to the renovated internal network in Maqenis.



Beneficiaries: Community of Maqenis (465 residents)

Time Frame: June 12, 2013- December 25, 2014

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Maqenis

Contractor: Community of Maqenis

Project cost:

JMF: \$4,938

World Vision: \$1,728

Maqenis community: \$2,962

III. Project name: *Cultural House Furnishing / Community of Arpunq*

Brief Description: The entrance of the cultural house building was renovated, the stone fence was built along the street and the gates were installed. The project aimed to have a properly functioning ceremony hall with all necessary facilities. New benches, tables, cabinets and other kitchen equipment and accessories were purchased that will be enough for community gatherings with about 250 participants.



Beneficiaries: Community of Arpunq (523 residents)

Time Frame: June 12, 2014 - September 15, 2014

Partner Organization: World Vision Armenia

Implementer: Community of Arpunq

Contractor: Community of Arpunq

Project cost:

JMF: \$ 4,938

World Vision: \$1,728

Arpunq community: \$2,000

HEALTH

In 2014, JMF's Health Program prioritized projects that focus on Women, Children and Adolescent Health, Disabled Children's Health, and Community Health Development. These areas/beneficiary groups have been selected based on the ongoing needs in Armenia identified through available research and JMF's experience in recent years.

To serve JMF's Health Department prioritized areas, the following objectives have been prioritized:

1. 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.
2. 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 developed 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

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1. Disability Prevention among Children and Outreach Clinics in Armenia – Phase V

Brief Description: To reduce developmental displacement of the hip (DDH) disability among children and improve the quality of life of disabled children in Metsamor city of Armavir region, Sisyan city of Siunik region, Masis city of Ararat region, Abovyan city of Kotayk region, Dilijan, Noyemberian cities of Tavush region, Talin and Tsaghkahovit cities of Aragatsotn region and Yerevan city of Armenia, 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 were trained in prevention and management of DDH according to the abovementioned modules. At the end of the project, ultrasound doctors learned 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. Now targeted regions have at least one ultrasound specialist trained in imaging of the hip joint in newborns and an ultrasound device upgraded with the appropriate nozzles/tubes for scanning of hip joints.



Time Frame: May 19, 2014–December 30, 2014

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: \$ 13,800 USD

HEALTH



2. Early Detection of Preterm Births, Congenital Malformations and Disability in Armenia

Brief Description: To reduce newborn and infant mortality rate and to improve the quality of life of children with congenital malformations in Armenia, JMF supports Early Detection of Preterm Births, Congenital Malformations and Disability in Armenia pilot project focusing on gaps in knowledge and skills of ultrasound doctors in Armenia. The project will target all marzes of Armenia and will be implemented in partnership with World Vision (WV) during 2014-2015.



There are 32 separate women's units in polyclinics and 64 maternity hospitals/homes throughout Armenia with over 100 ultrasound specialists. The specialized trainings for ultrasound specialists of maternity hospitals and women's units/consultations will be organized to identify congenital malformations and to have 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, Ministry of Health (MoH) will have 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 newborns with birth defects.

Time Frame: May 1 – November 30, 2014

Implementers: JMF and WV

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project are 48 ultrasound specialists from 37 towns of Armenia, and 15,000-20,000 pregnant women and newborns of these towns.

Project Cost:

JMF: \$19,520

HEALTH

HEALTH

3. Armenia Nutrition Symposium

Brief Description: The JMF has provided financial assistance for the translations provided during the Armenia Nutrition Symposium held in May 26-27, 2014. In collaboration with Columbia University, American University of Armenia, World Vision, FAR, JMF has increased capacity of 170 local health specialists and medical doctors on nutrition and stunting problem-solving in Armenia.



Time Frame: May 2014

Implementers: JMF, AUA, FAR, WV, Columbia University.

Beneficiaries: 170 local health specialists and medical doctors-pediatricians.

Project Cost:
JMF: \$ 2,309

4. Creation of Rehabilitation Care in the Hospitals of Karabagh

Brief Description: Rehabilitation services can decrease the risks of complications (like pressure sores, thrombophlebitis, deformations of the joints, etc), and thus decrease the duration of hospitalization, extend life, and improve its quality. With this in mind, the JMF supports the project which will improve the rehabilitation services in the hospitals of Stepanakert, Hadrut, Martakert, Martuni and Rehab Center in Stepanakert in Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. The rehabilitation care will improve the quality of life of patients in acute phase of the diseases as well as in remission phase. Ambulatory patients can also get rehabilitation cares if necessary at these hospitals. At the end of the project, each targeted region of Nagorno Karabakh Republic will have at least one rehab nurse who will provide professional rehab care to the disabled patients.



Time Frame: September 8, 2014 –July 31, 2015

Implementer: The Lady Cox Rehabilitation Centre, Stepanakert, NKR

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries of the project 10 rehab nurses of Stepanakert, Hadrut, Martakert and Martuni hospitals. Indirect beneficiaries are the disabled people of targeted regions.

Project Cost:
JMF: \$ 14,500

5. Conference on Creation of Social Doctrines for Armenian Apostolic Church in Health area

Brief Description: The Social Doctrines Department of the Apostolic Church is a new department that was created to respond to the current problems in the areas of health, civil society, education, etc. The JMF has provided financial assistance for the publication of 500-700 booklets on



HEALTH

Time Frame: September 2014
Implementers: JMF, WV, UNFPA, Armenian Apostolic Church
Beneficiaries: 70 health specialists and members of Apostolic Church.
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$ 1,975

current health issues in Armenia. The conference was held in September 29-30, 2014 in collaboration with World Vision, UNFPA and JMF and has increased capacity of 70 members of Armenian Apostolic Church and health specialists.



Time Frame: November 2013 – May 2014
Implementer: JMF
Beneficiaries: 10,000 pregnant women and their babies
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$23,572

6. Healthy Pregnancy Health Education Project

Brief Description: Taking into consideration the huge demand of the “Healthy Pregnancy” book from the population and different local and international organizations, the JMF will update, edit, republish and distribute the book among the targeted population. In close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the JMF developed and implemented a health education project called “Healthy Pregnancy,” which was focused on enhancing child development knowledge and skills among the parents and family members of newborns throughout Armenia. Ten thousand copies of the updated and edited version of the JMF developed “Healthy Pregnancy” book was published and distributed in 2014.

Time Frame: January 15, 2015 – August 31, 2015
Implementer: JMF
Beneficiaries: 120 gynecologists from 5 marzes (Lory, Shirak, Vayots Dzor, Siunik and Yerevan) of Armenia.
Project Cost:
 JMF: \$17,163

7. Improvement of Pregnant Women Prenatal and Antenatal Care in Armenia

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 will help to create unified guidelines for case management of higher risk pregnancies and will develop protocols for case management of pregnancies with birth defects. The project will help to improve the knowledge and skills of 120 Obstetrics /Gynecologists in five targeted marzes.

OUR STUDY TOURS

DISCOVER AN OLD COUNTRY WITH US TRAVEL TO ARMENIA AND NAGORNO-KARABAKH



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 site see 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 experience sharing and learning about JMF distinguished projects while exploring and enjoying Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, 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.

Cultural Activities

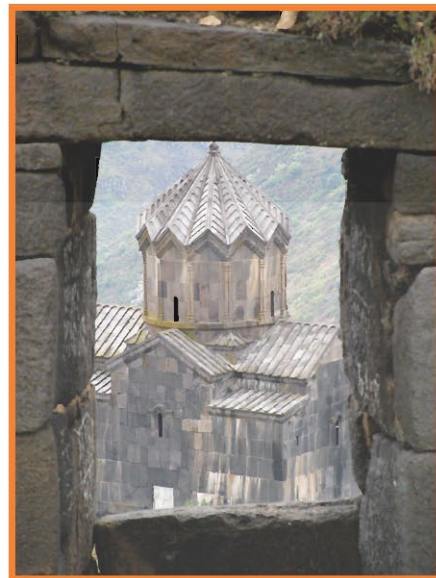
Participate in excursions to historical sites and cultural attractions, visit Echmiadzin – the spiritual center of Armenia, spend three days in Nagorno-Karabakh admiring its breathtaking landscapes, visit historical sites and ancient churches, shop in Armenia's largest open air marketplace, the Vernissage, 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 and Nagorno-Karabakh.

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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 and Karabakh.
- 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). 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 \$2500 per person (double occupancy). 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.

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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

For air travel and visa guidance, please go to the following web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia / www.mfa.am/. Visas for Karabakh will be acquired in Yerevan during one business day. Please take with you two passport size photos.



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:

Eliza Minasyan, JMP Coordinator/Executive Director
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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 2014

ASSETS

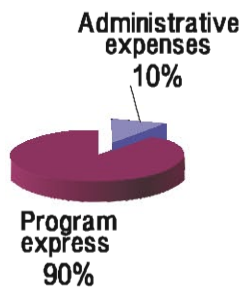
Non-current assets	110,569
Property, plant and equipment	109,514
Intangible assets	1,055
Current assets	1,449,068
Cash and cash equivalents	689,077
Repayable grants and loans	746,480
Inventory and other assets	26
Account receivable	13,485
TOTAL ASSETS	1,559,637

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

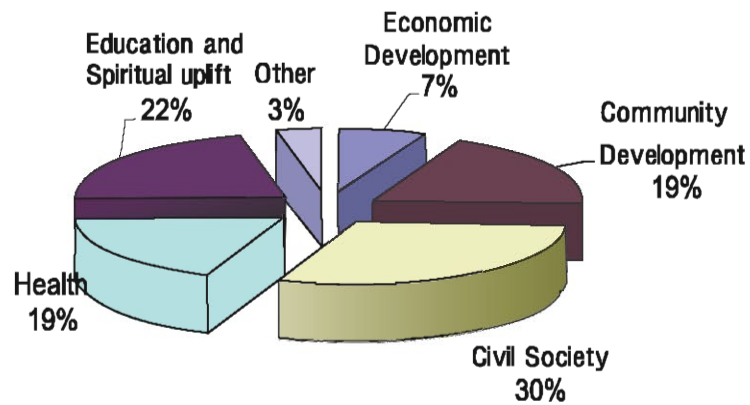
Equity	1,291,666
Revolving Fund	1,151,951
Deferred Revenue	139,715
Liabilities/Accounts	267,971
Project commitments	267,971
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,559,637

2014 BUDGET SPLIT

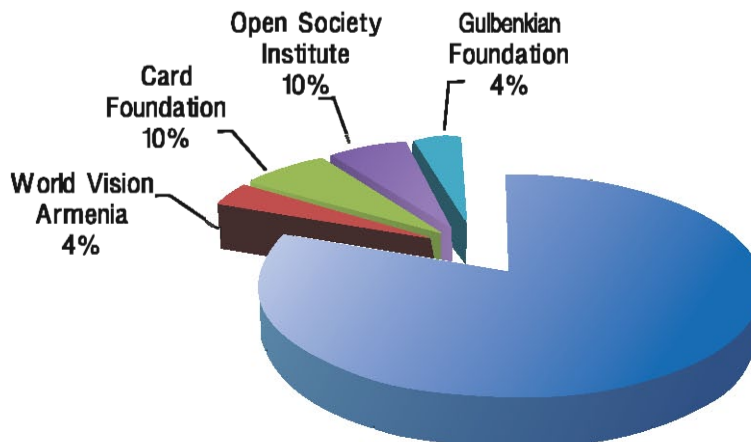
Program vs. Administrative



Program Expenses



Funding Sources



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