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**Improvement of Educational  
Conditions Bavra village school**

**Narrative report**

**Gyumri, 2020**

Project Name	<b>Improvement of Educational Conditions Bavra village school</b>
Project Location	Bavra, Shirak region, Armenia
Project Direct Beneficiaries	91 kids and (29 persons) school staff
Project Duration	3 months
Anticipated Starting date	December 01, 2019
Anticipated Closing Date	March 01, 2020
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<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>EUR 10,905,00</b>

## Summary

Bavra village is located in the north of Shirak region, on the high plateau of Ashotsk, at 2150 m above sea level. The village is located on the border of the Gyumri-Akhalkalaki (Georgia) interstate highway. The climate of Bavra is temperate mountainous, the winters are cold, with constant snow cover. Winters last from 5-6 months with heavy snowfalls. There are strong winds, frequent fogs and snowstorms. Summers are hot, relatively humid. Annual precipitation is 600-700 mm. The droughts are very frequent in this region, which has a negative effect on agriculture and cattle breeding. Some of the ancestors of the village population moved from Ardahan region of Western Armenia in 1860. In 1897 the village had 262 inhabitants. According to the National Statistical Service, as of January 1, 2013, 596 people were living in the community. USex ratio in Bavra is 49% for men and 51% for women. The village has 110 households. It has a school, a library, an aid station, and a communication center. Households are mainly engaged in cattle breeding. The population is also engaged in the cultivation of grains, fodder and vegetables. During the last 3-4 years, the population started the cultivation of potato. Each year about 100-120 people of the male population migrate for seasonal work to Russia.

Bavra village has been included in Ashotsk enlarged community since 2016. The priority problems, expressed by the community in Bavra village include the need for the replacement of old school windows, renovation of school property, repair of drinking water lines, repair of rural roads, marketing of agricultural products, gasification. From 1958-1960 an 8-year primary and middle school have been established in the village. The first school building has been constructed in 1962 and served for the school until 1972.

In 1972 a new two-storied building was constructed in the village for school, thus giving the possibilities of implemented secondary education in the village.

The school-building was affected by the earthquake of 1988. During 1990-2000 the school was functioning in containers and later in the building of the kindergarten. In 2000 a part of the building was renovated by Armenian Caritas, and in 2007 a new sports hall was constructed. From 2012 a pre-school is functioning in the school, where during last year 13 children were attending. The school currently has 91 students.

In 2013 with the support from the German Friendship Project of Armenian Caritas the corridor connecting two parts of the school building has been renovated. The windows of the school are of 20 years' forbearance. The glasses of the windows are fairly fixed and can fall at any moment, causing big damage and danger for children and the school staff. To keep the heat for winter during the last 2 years the windows were covered by polyethene membrane.

<b>Total cost of the project</b>	<b>Euro 16.474</b>
<b>KFG donation</b>	<b>Euro 10.905</b>
<b>Armenian Caritas Contribution</b>	<b>Euro 2.500</b>
<b>Community contribution</b>	<b>Euro 3.068</b>

**Goal:** Improvement of educational conditions of Bavra village schools through changing of the windows.

Objectives:

- Examination of old school windows and window sills, situation assessment, measurement, estimate.
- Organizing demolition and cleaning of old school windows and window sills, installation of new windows and window sills.
- Construction works, control, monitoring.

*Old windows and window sills of school*



## Activities

On December 1, 2019, the implementation of the "Improvement of Educational Conditions Bavra village school" program began. The project manager and The Armenian Caritas engineer conducted a final study and measurement of the old windows and window sills of the school in Bavra village, and planning of the steps for the implementation of the program work. A meeting was organized with the head of the enlarged community of Ashotsk, Karen Manukyan. The "Improvement of Educational Conditions Bavra village school" program was presented. K. Manukyan welcomed the approved program, emphasized the role of the "German Friendship" program in supporting the priority problems of small, remote villages in Shirak region. The mayor also mentioned that they are ready to make the required community contribution to the project. There was also a meeting with the director of Bavra school, Armen Vardanyan. The steps of implementation of the works envisaged by the program were discussed. A. Vardanyan also praised the program's important role in improving school conditions. A. Vardanyan also mentioned that the school staff, the students' parents, the residents of the community were ready to support and participate in the activities required by the program. Taking into account the weather conditions, Armenian Caritas started to carry out the program activities quickly. A bidding process was conducted according to Armenian Caritas regulations, and an organization was selected for the installation of windows and window sills. Afterwards, we have signed a contract with the selected company.







Due to the efforts of the school staff, community members, and qualified specialists of the construction company, the old windows and window sills were demolished, cleaned, and new ones were installed.





The works envisaged by the program were carried out with great mastery and quality. During the project, regular visits and monitoring of the work were conducted by the project manager and project engineer. Each stage of the work was thoroughly inspected.







As a result, due to the hard and compassionate work, it was possible to complete the installation of new windows and window sills in the Bavra village school within the timeframe envisaged by the program. After the installation of the new windows, it was the responsibility of the school to take care of the plastering works with the help of the community residents and the village municipality. However, the cold weather and the sudden death of the school principal changed the schedule for the final implementation of the program. The school has been without a principal for several months. Add to this the state of emergency declared in Armenia in March. All types of work were limited. The election of a new school principal ended in July. Work, which had been delayed for several months, resumed. The school, with the support of the Ashotsk local government, procured the construction materials needed to complete the plastering works of the window sills, and the new principal organized the implementation process.







The parents of the students of the school, who could not go abroad due to the epidemic, took part in the renovation works of the school with great love. With their efforts, the school was able to complete all the work. The project ended with a result of uniting the students, parents, school staff, local authorities, Armenian Caritas and Kardinal Frings Gymnasium around one good program.

