

ARMENIAN CARITAS



German Friendship Project 2021 – 2022

Replacement of old windows and window sills for

Artik Kindergarten#4

Improvement of Resource centre Panik village school

Narrative report

Gyumri. 2022

Project Name	German Friendship Project 2021 – 2022
Project Location	Artik, Panik /, Shirak region, Armenia
Project Direct Beneficiaries	Artik 90 children and 20 employees Panik 352 pupils and 56 teaching and administrative staff
Project Duration	4 months
Anticipated Starting date	December 01, 2021
Anticipated Closing Date	March 31, 2022
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Summary

Artik is one of the of the average-size towns of the Republic of Armenia, the second town of Shirak province. It is situated on the north-western slope of Mount Aragats. Artik is connected with the regional centre and the capital, as well as the highways of the republic through automobile roads. The city is connected to Gyumri also by railway. The distance from Yerevan is 120 km, and from Gyumri - 28 km. The administrative territory of the community is 700 square km. The city centre is 1770 meters above sea level. The development of the town began in the Soviet era, largely due to the extraction of pink tuff stone, the exploitation of mines and the construction of a number of other enterprises. Before the 1988 devastating earthquake and blockade of Armenia, in the town there were more than 10 industrial enterprises with over 3,000 employees. However, at present, these numbers have dropped dramatically because of the lack of previous economic relations and the lack of sales markets. At present, the key problems of the town are unemployment, broken and low-quality roads, lack of irrigation system and other infrastructural problems.

Kindergarten No. 4 in Artik was built in 1966 and has never been renovated. The building is two-storied, with an area of 1001 square meters. The roof and the facade are not insulated, and the windows are in a deplorable condition, causing a great loss of heat. The heating system consists of radiators. The kindergarten registered an annual consumption of 2700 m³ of gas at 370 000 AMD per month for more than 7 months, which seems to be quite too much for a building of this size. One of the realistic ways to solve the problem was to replace all the windows.

The building of kindergarten No. 4 in Artik has spacious and bright halls, bedrooms, game rooms, a hall, a kitchen and spare parts. The kindergarten has a small yard for children. During the Soviet years, there were 8 groups in the kindergarten. Now the kindergarten has 3 groups attended by 90 children. Since 2009, the building has been gasified, it has its own local heating system. Nowadays, the kindergarten building has many problems, as it has not been renovated since it was built. The whole building and small yard are to be renovated. During several meetings and discussions held in the kindergarten, the primary problem of the kindergarten's staff, parents and representatives of the Local self-governing council (LSC) was the replacement of old windows and windowsills. Over the years, the kindergarten windows have been eroded, and in the autumn and winter it was impossible to organize comfortable work in playrooms, bedrooms and corridors.

To organize the work of the kindergarten#4 properly, Kardinal-Frings-Gymnasium allocated the necessary amount for the replacement of windows and windowsills. Armenian Caritas and the Artik Municipality made a direct contribution for the implementation of the project.

Total cost of the project Euro 9.551

Installation of new windows and Euro 7300
sills

Armenian Caritas Contribution Euro 1424

Community contribution Euro 827

Implementation

Goal

To create comfortable and decent conditions for the kindergarten#4 in the town of Artik to organise work properly.

Objectives

- *Study the situation of old windows of the kindergarten, assessment of the situation, measurement, estimate.*
- *Demolition of old windows, cleaning and installation of new windows, window sills, plastering of defects.*
- *Construction work, control, monitoring.*

Old windows of the kindergarten#4 in Artik



Implementation

Activities

Since December 1, 2021, Armenian Caritas started the implementation of the project. The project was fully implemented in 4 months. Preliminary measurement and calculation were done by the project engineer and manager. Taking into account the cold weather conditions, the timeline for a fast and efficient execution of work has been worked out in details.

A budget study was conducted and an organization for the installation of windows and window sills was selected. Then, a contract was signed with the selected organization. With the help of kindergarten staff, community members, and construction company specialists, old windows and

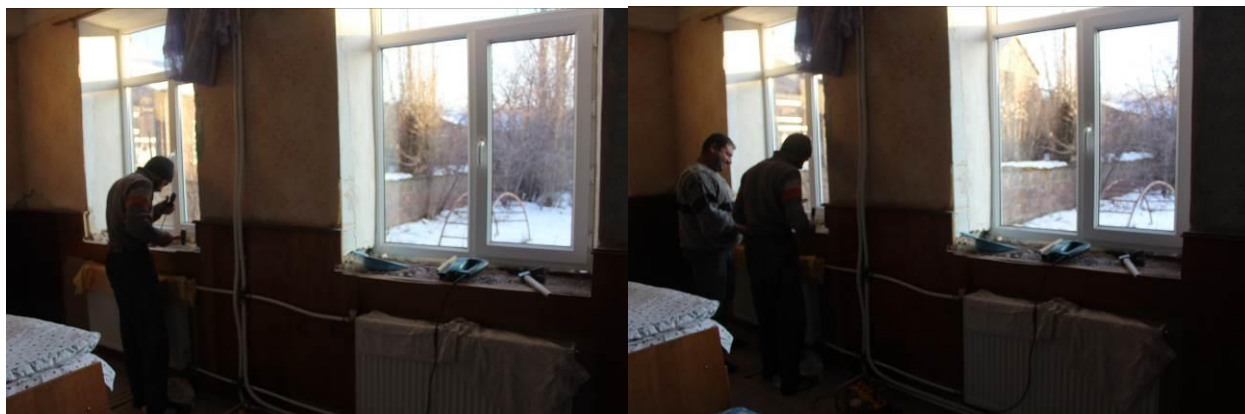
window sills were dismantled, and extensive cleaning work was carried out. Very quickly, they installed new windows and sills. With the involvement of qualified specialists, the installation of doors and plastering was done very quickly.

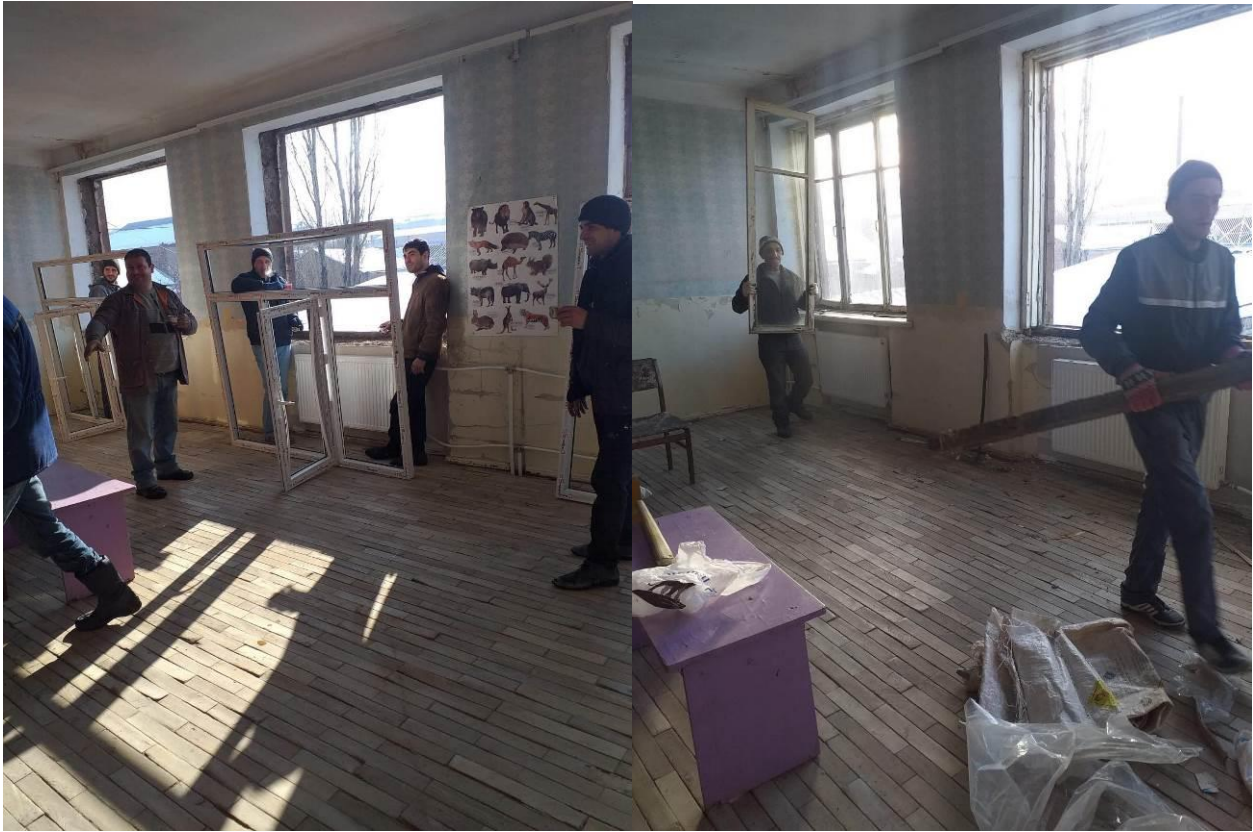
As a result of active work, it became possible to provide the normal operation of the kindergarten in a short time.

Measuring process



Demolition and cleaning of old windows

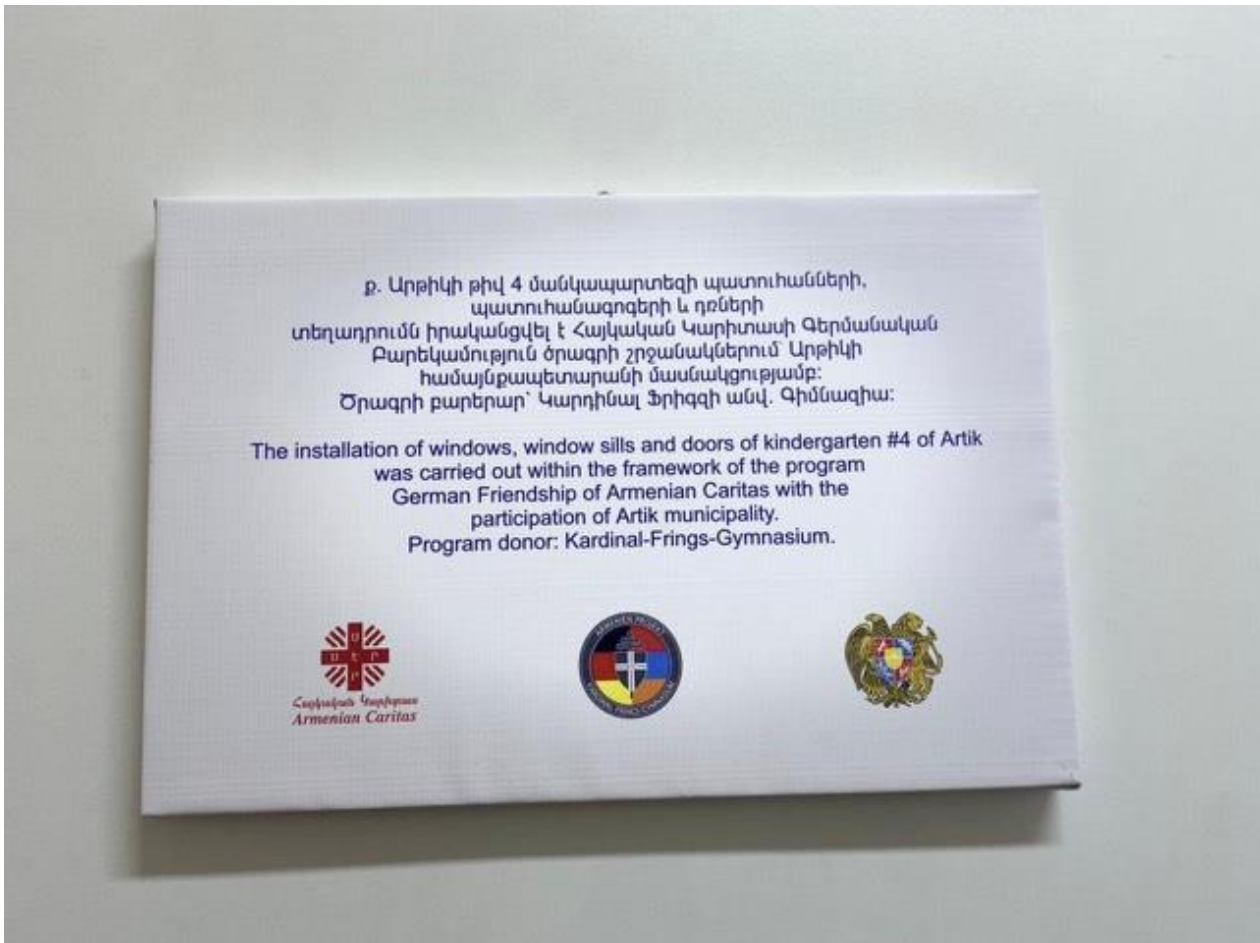




Installation of new windows, doors and window sills







Summary

Panik is one of the 24 villages of the newly enlarged Artik community of the Shirak region, located 16 km south-east of Gyumri, at the junction of the Mantash valley and the Shirak field, on the left bank of Geghadzor River in the fruitful field. Panik is located 1700 m above sea level. The climate is cool, the surroundings are without forests, fruit and decorative trees grow in the village. The village is located on a plane and as a settlement has a convenient position for the development of agriculture and cattle breeding. The village has a Catholic majority. The people live in bad social and economic conditions. There is a very ancient church built in 1864. It serves 2700 Armenian Catholic families. The poverty rate in Panik village is very high; every second person is poverty-stricken here. The unemployment rate is dramatically high, with the migration being incomparably higher compared to other places. There is a school in Panik village. It is a two-storied building with two departments. It has local heating, a sports hall, a library, a canteen and an event hall. 352 pupils study at school. It has 3 children with special educational needs.

One of the challenges that Panik school faces is the absence of a resource room for the work of pedagogical-psychological team with children with special educational needs and children who need extra class work. The school was ready to provide a small room for children with special educational needs.

To provide comfortable educational conditions for children with special needs, Kardinal-Frings-Gymnasium allocated the necessary amount for this project to renovate the inclusive resource room, replace the windows and doors. Armenian Caritas and Panik school's employees, parents and residents had a direct contribution to the implementation of the project.

Total cost of the project	Euro 4.430
Renovation of Panik School	
Inclusive Resource Center,	Euro 2463
provision of property and didactic	
materials	
Armenian Caritas Contribution	Euro 1424
Community contribution	Euro 543

Implementation

Main Goal: Promotion of Inclusive and equitable education in Shirak region of Armenia.

Objective: Creation of accessible environment and conditions for the education of children with disabilities and children with special educational needs in Panik school.

Target Group

352 pupils

56 teaching and administrative staff

Parents and siblings of pupils

Since December 1, 2021, Armenian Caritas started the implementation of the project in parallel with the previous one. The project was fully implemented in 4 months. At the beginning of the project, the condition of the room provided by the Panik school was estimated in detail, preliminary measurements and calculation work were carried out, and a schedule for the effective implementation of the work was developed. The pre-selected organization prepared and quickly replaced the windows, window sills and the exterior door of the inclusive classroom.

Installation of new windows and a door



In December, the purchase of the necessary materials for renovation were bought from the town of Artik. During the winter holidays, with the direct participation of school staff and parents, demolition and cleaning of the large old ceiling, walls and floor were carried out. Because of the weather conditions, the ceiling, walls were gradually leveled, plastered and painted, as well as the floor was laminated. In parallel with the work, we ordered special furniture for inclusive classroom: a cupboard, tables, colored chairs, a sand therapy table, and beanbag chairs. Didactic materials were selected for the inclusive resource center with the help of the specialists. Regular visits were carried out by the project manager and the engineer, the work performed was monitored.

The process of installing laminate flooring



Newly installed windows



Interior finishing works



Newly renovated and furnished resource center.



Opening ceremony of an inclusive resource center







On 11.04.2022, the resource center for children with special needs was opened in the school of Panik. The event was attended by the executive Director of Armenian Caritas G. Tarasyan, PR manager A. Mkhoyan, Project manager M. Babayan, Vicar of the Catholic Church Father Garnik Hovsepyan, village headman P. Makeyan, school director A. Mamikonian and staff, parents and residents of the community. The participants congratulated on the opening of a new comfortably renovated and bright resource center and expressed special gratitude to Armenian Caritas and Kardinal-Frings-Gymnasium for implementing such a valuable project.

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The renovation of the inclusive resource center of Panik school, the
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