

# ARMENIAN CARITAS



## German Friendship Project 2022 – 2023

Improvement of Care Conditions of Artik Kindergarten #2

Improvement of Educational Conditions Mets Sepasar

Village School

Construction of the playground of Vardenis N4 school

Narrative report

## Gyumri. 2023

Project Name	German Friendship Project 2022 – 2023
Project Location	Artik, Mets Sepasar /Shirak region/, Vardenis /Gegharkunik region/ Armenia
Project Direct Beneficiaries	Artik 120 children and 25 employees Mets Sepasar 183 pupils and 32 employees Vardenis 30 children and 8 employees
Project Duration	4 months
Anticipated Starting date	January 01, 2022
Anticipated Closing Date	May 01, 2023
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## RENOVATION OF THE TOILET AT ARTIK KINDERGARTNE #2

### 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 to automobile roads with the regional centre and the capital, as well as the highways of the republic. 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 city 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, damaged and low-quality roads, lack of irrigation system and other infrastructural problems.

"Artik Kindergarten No.2" SNCO

"Artik kindergarten No.2" SNCO operates in a luminous type building. The building of the kindergarten is being operated since the construction (1982). The building is a two-storey building, with spacious and bright loungers, bedrooms, a music hall, suitable storage facilities, a kitchen, and a laundry. The building has a spacious yard with gardens and pavilions for children. There is a large flower garden, fruit and decorative trees. During the Soviet era, there were 10 groups in the kindergarten. Now the kindergarten has 4 groups with 120 children. Since 2009 the building has been gasified and has a local heating system.

Over the years four toilets in the kindergarten have been destroyed and in disrepair. There was no hot water in the sinks and the sewer was out of order. Within the framework of German Friendship previous program, the 3 toilets of the 3 groups of the kindergarten were completely renovated. However, the toilet of one group remained in the old bad condition.

Total cost of the project	Euro 7.857
Renovation of the toilet and small kitchen	Euro 5878
Armenian Caritas Contribution	Euro 768
Community contribution	Euro 1211

## Implementation

### *Goal*

*To create comfortable and decent conditions for operation of kindergarten No. 2 in Artik city.*

### *Objectives*

- *assessment of the situation, measurements and preliminary calculation of the old toilet of the kindergarten*
- *Demolition and cleaning of the old toilet.*
- *Renovation of the old toilet. Preparation and installation of new windows doors, repair of floor, walls and ceiling, floor and wall tiling, electrical installation.*
- *Renovation of the small kitchen.*
- *Monitoring and managing construction work*



Work on measuring the old toilet of kindergarten



*Demolition of the old toilet*





*Renovation works*





### *Implementation*

### *Activities*

Since June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Armenian Caritas started the implementation of the program. The project was fully implemented within 4 months. Armenian Caritas and Artik Municipality have made their



direct contribution to the implementation of the program The engineer and the program manager carried out work on preliminary measurement and calculation. Taking into account the cold weather conditions, a schedule for fast and efficient execution of work has been developed in detail. A budget study was conducted and an organization for the installation of doors, windows and window sills was selected. With the efforts of the staff of the children's and youth club, community members, a construction specialist, old windows and window sills were dismantled, cleaning work was carried out. Very quickly, the installation of new windows and window sills work was organized. With the involvement of qualified specialists, work was carried out on the installation of doors and plastering pipes, installation of new sewerage, floor and wall tiling, installation of new sinks ,toilets and electrical equipment. The entire process of work implementation was periodically monitored by the project manager and engineer. During the implementation of the construction work of the program, thanks to certain savings it was also possible to renovate a small kitchen, which was also in poor condition.

As a result, it was possible to ensure the normal operation of No. 2 kindergarten in a short time due to coordinated work.







### **REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AT METS SEPASAR VILLAGE SCHOOL**

#### **Summary**

**Mets Sepasar** village is located 40 km north from provincial center Gyumri, next to the inter-state road from Armenia to Georgia. The village is 1990 metres above sea level. The climate is cold mountainous, winter is long and cold with constant snow cover. There are strong winds, snowstorms and frosts are frequent. Summer is cool, relatively humid. 933 people live in the village. The population is mainly engaged in cattle and poultry breeding, beekeeping. The village has a school, library, cultural house, first-aid post and communication hub.

During the earthquake in 1988, the two-storey building of the school was completely damaged. After it, the school operated in makeshift shelters. Since 1990 the school operates in the current building which was built and furnished by Caritas Italy. Now, 183 schoolchildren study at school, from which 35 children attend from the neighbouring Pokr Sepasar village. The school has 32 employees.

Having the best pedagogical staff, the school has successfully fulfilled its task, has had many outstanding graduates in science and production sector in and outside of the Republic. The school applied to Armenian Caritas for the primary problem, i.e. to replace the damaged windows. A meeting-discussion was organized in the school with the participation of representatives of Local government, school staff, parents and community residents. Among the presented problems of the community, primary ones were the need for new windows for the school, renovation of drinking water lines, repair of inter-village roads, sale of agricultural food. The director of the school mentioned that during 30 years the windows of the school were broken and it's impossible to use them any more. Especially the windows of the northern side cannot be closed normally and cause a great loss of heat in the classrooms. As the cold weather is long in the village, almost 8 months is winter, the problem of replacing the windows is a priority for the school. For solving this problem, the school has applied to the Ministry of Education and provincial authorities many times. The latter promised to solve the problem but for years, they didn't. The head of the village also

mentioned that this problem is a priority for the village and they're ready to have a contribution to the implementation of this project. The parents and residents mentioned that they're also ready to participate in the project implementation work.

Total cost of the project                      Euro 11.410

Installation of new windows and doors                      Euro 9189

Armenian Caritas Contribution                      Euro 768

Community contribution                      Euro 1453

**Main Goal: Improvement of learning conditions in the school of Mets Sepasar**

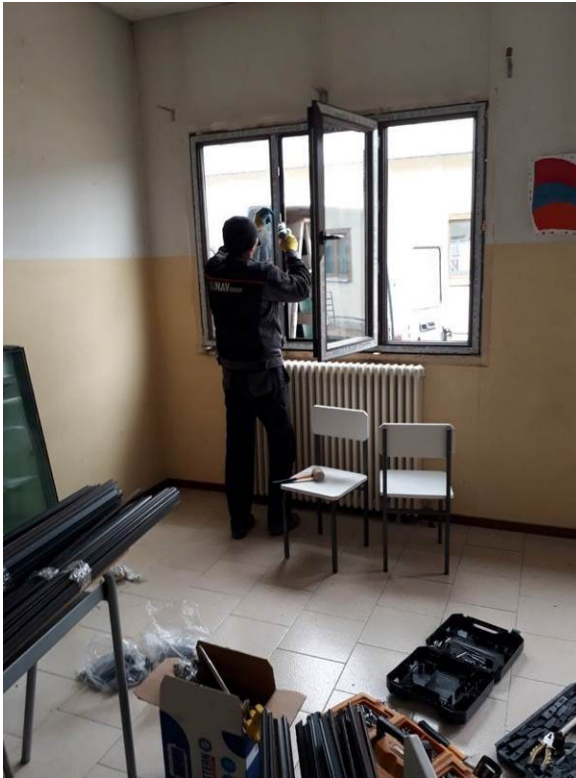
**Expected Results**

- New windows and necessary conditions are guarantee for the good learning process
- The schoolchildren will have the opportunity to study in new comfortable and warm conditions
- The new conditions will help to make the whole educational process of the school more effective and high-quality.
- The school, community residents and local government representatives will have direct participation in solving the primary problem of the school.
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**Implementation**

On January 1, 2023, Armenian Caritas began work on the preparation and implementation of the program. At the beginning of the program, the steps and deadlines for the implementation of the work were established in detail. The program was fully implemented in 4 months. At the beginning of the program, an agreement was signed between Ashotsk municipality and Armenian Caritas, as a result of which the community approved its financial contribution. The work were carried out in such a way as not to disturb the school processes. The dismantling of old windows was carried out by school employees and community active residents. The selected organization carried out the preparation and installation of new windows and doors in a short time. 31 large windows and 4 doors were installed in 12 classrooms of the school. The program manager and the engineer visited the school regularly, monitored the work done.

Installation of new windows





As a result, Mets Sepasar school had new windows and doors to organize the learning process in comfortable and warm conditions. The long-standing problem was finally solved through the cooperation of the German Friendship Program, Armenian Caritas and the Ashotsk Municipality.

## CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND FOR VARDENIS PRIMARY SCHOOL #4

### Summary

The city of Vardenis is located in the Gegharkunik region of Armenia, about 7 km southeast of Lake Sevan, 170 km from the capital Yerevan and 75 km from Gavar, the regional center. Vardenis is located in the valley of the Masrik River at an elevation of 2006 meters above sea level. It has a moderately cold, mountainous climate. Winter is severe: the average temperature in January is from -6 ° C to -14 ° C, in July -8-16 ° C. The main branches of the economy are agriculture, mining, light and food industries, construction of equipment. Grain, tobacco, vegetables, potatoes and fodder crops are cultivated. They are also engaged in fruit growing.

In primary school No. 4 of town Vardenis there is a preschool, attended by 30 children of 5 different age groups. The preschool has been operating for 12 months, it is renovated and has a heating system. The preschool institution is attended by both preschool-age children of town Vardenis and the neighboring villages of Akunk, Vanevan and Torfavan. Preschool provides pupils with preschool education, but the organization of children's play is passive, since there is no playground in the kindergarten yard. The school applied to Armenian Caritas to help with the purchase of playground equipment. Within the framework of the German Friendship program, there was an opportunity to support the school and to buy the necessary thingsequipment for the playground.

The construction of a playground will not only contribute to the organization of leisure activities for children attending preschool, but also children will attend preschool with more lovemore willingly, and the number of children will also increase, thanks to more comfortable conditions.

Total cost of the project	Euro 1.090
Installation of new windows and sills	Euro 969
Community contribution	Euro 121







