

ADVANCING ARMENIA'S YOUTH VILLAGE BY VILLAGE

ANNUAL REPORT
2018

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NOTE FROM GARO ARMEN



DR. GARO H. ARMEN
Founder & Chairman

We often hesitate as an organization to accurately depict the tremendous scope and impact of our work, usually stumbling over where to begin. We use the same words with a modicum of regularity: innovate, empower, diligence, advancement. This is no coincidence, as these are the words we have dedicated our mission to realizing every day. But how to best describe our efforts as an organization without relying on the language that is repetitive, albeit most fitting? Perhaps, what is required is the invocation of your imagination, to read the enormity of facts and figures contained within this report and allow them to transcend the printed page.

Envision participating in a debate in an afterschool club or performing a piece of theater for your whole village. Picture the staff working to ensure access from even the most rural of places to the COAF SMART Center, and then the dynamic learning that takes place once there. Greet challenges and celebrate achievements with the same amount of enthusiasm as your first day in a comprehensive first aid course or teacher training. COAF's work moves beyond a collection of words and ideas, it is building networks, partnerships and concrete opportunities for those who seek it.

Each page in this summary represents countless hours and resources that brings the progress we seek to create into fruition. What we do every day is connected to our community of beneficiaries. That is the only way we have earned our place as a pillar in Armenia. The way we describe what we do in a year might never measure up to the visceral feeling of hope and progress felt throughout the five regions we work within, and throughout the offices in Yerevan and New York. With your imagination and our comprehensive Annual Report, I hope COAF can instill you with that very spirit so you might fully know what we mean when we say we seek to innovate rural advancement and diligently empower communities in Armenia and beyond.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

MISSION

Provide resources to children and adults with COAF SMART initiatives to advance rural communities through innovation.

VISION

That all children of Armenia achieve their full potential and contribute to the advancement of the world around them.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

100%
of your donation
goes directly to
our work in rural
Armenia



**Education component
in every program**



**Capacity building of
local specialists**



COAF Alumni



**Long term, sustainable
interventions**

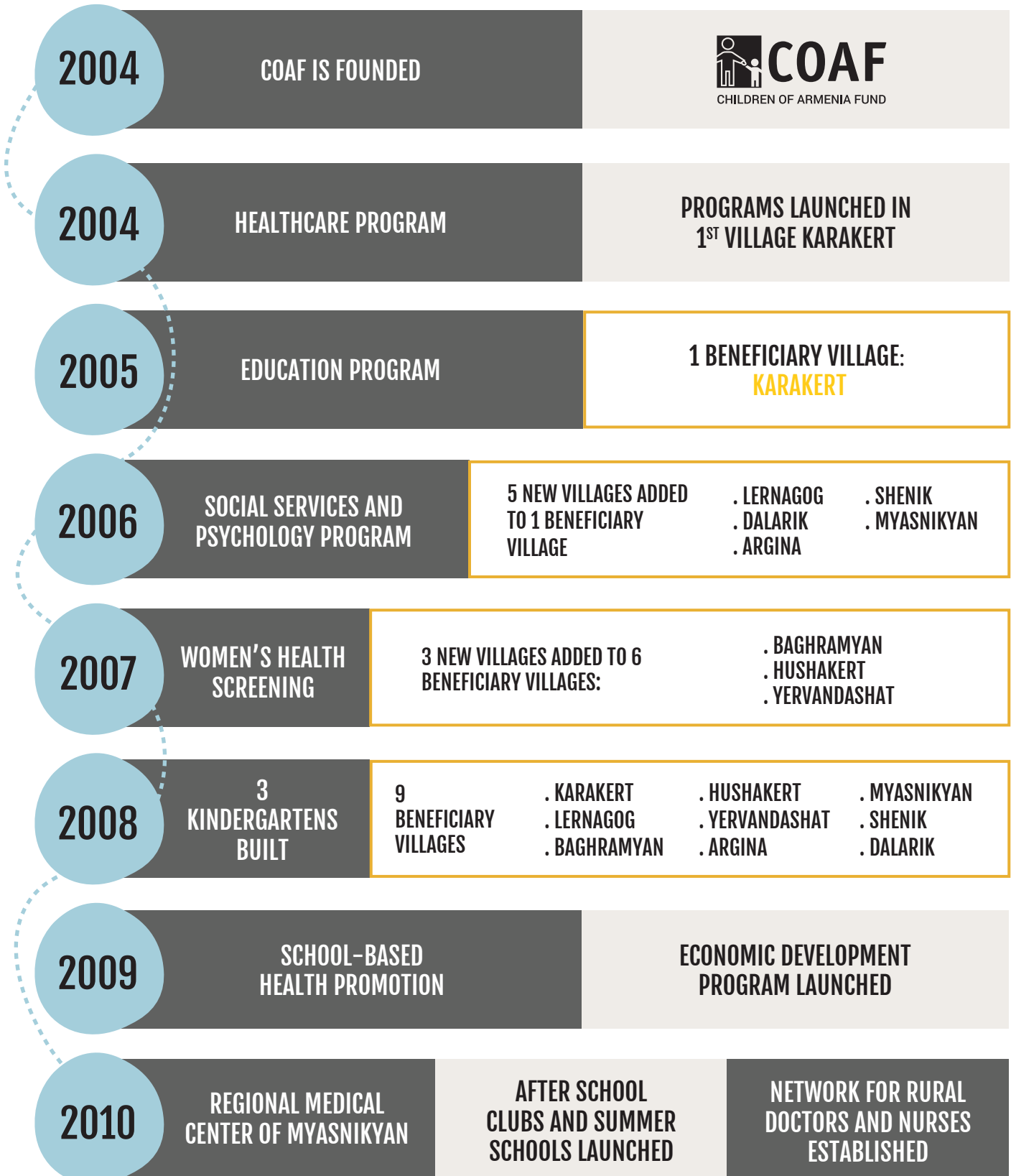


**Individual, on-spot interaction
with the beneficiaries**



**Trust and strong
connection with the
beneficiaries**

COAF'S TIMELINE



COAF'S TIMELINE

2011

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PROGRAMS

2 NEW VILLAGES ADDED TO
9 BENEFICIARY VILLAGES:

. ARTENI
. ARAGATSAVAN

2012

DRAMA
THERAPY

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
TRAINING FOR YOUTH

4 NEW VILLAGES ADDED
TO 11 BENEFICIARY
VILLAGES

. KOGHBAVAN
. AREVADASHT
. ARTAMET
. TALVORIK

2013

PROFESSIONAL
ORIENTATION
PROGRAM

WATER FOR
5 VILLAGES

1 NEW VILLAGE ADDED TO
15 BENEFICIARY VILLAGES

. BAGARAN

2014

EXPANSION TO
NEW REGIONS -
"NEXT 10 IS 100"

SCHOOL-BASED
GREENHOUSE

6 NEW VILLAGES
ADDED TO 16
BENEFICIARY
VILLAGES

. VANAND
. HATSIK
. GETASHEN
. SARDARAPAT
. DSEGH
. TUMANYAN

2015

12 SCHOOLS RENOVATED,
AND 13 PLAYGROUNDS

INCEPTION
OF COAF
SMART

9 NEW VILLAGES
ADDED TO 22
BENEFICIARY
VILLAGES

. AREVATSAG
. DZORAGYUGH
. VAHAGNI
. MARTUNI
. METS AYRUM
. KARINJ
. MARTZ
. DEBET . AKORI

2016

SMART ROOMS &
SMART SAFE ROOMS
IN 7 VILLAGES

13 NEW VILLAGES
ADDED TO 31
BENEFICIARY
VILLAGES

. AYGEHOVIT
. ZORAKAN
. HOROM
. BERDAVAN
. MEGHRASHEN
. LANJIK
. BENIAMIN
. PTGHAVAN
. SARNAGHBYUR
. GUSANAGYUGH
. VARDAKAR
. KOTI . ARCHIS

2017

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CORNERS

10 TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED CREATIVITY
LABS ESTABLISHED IN 10 VILLAGES

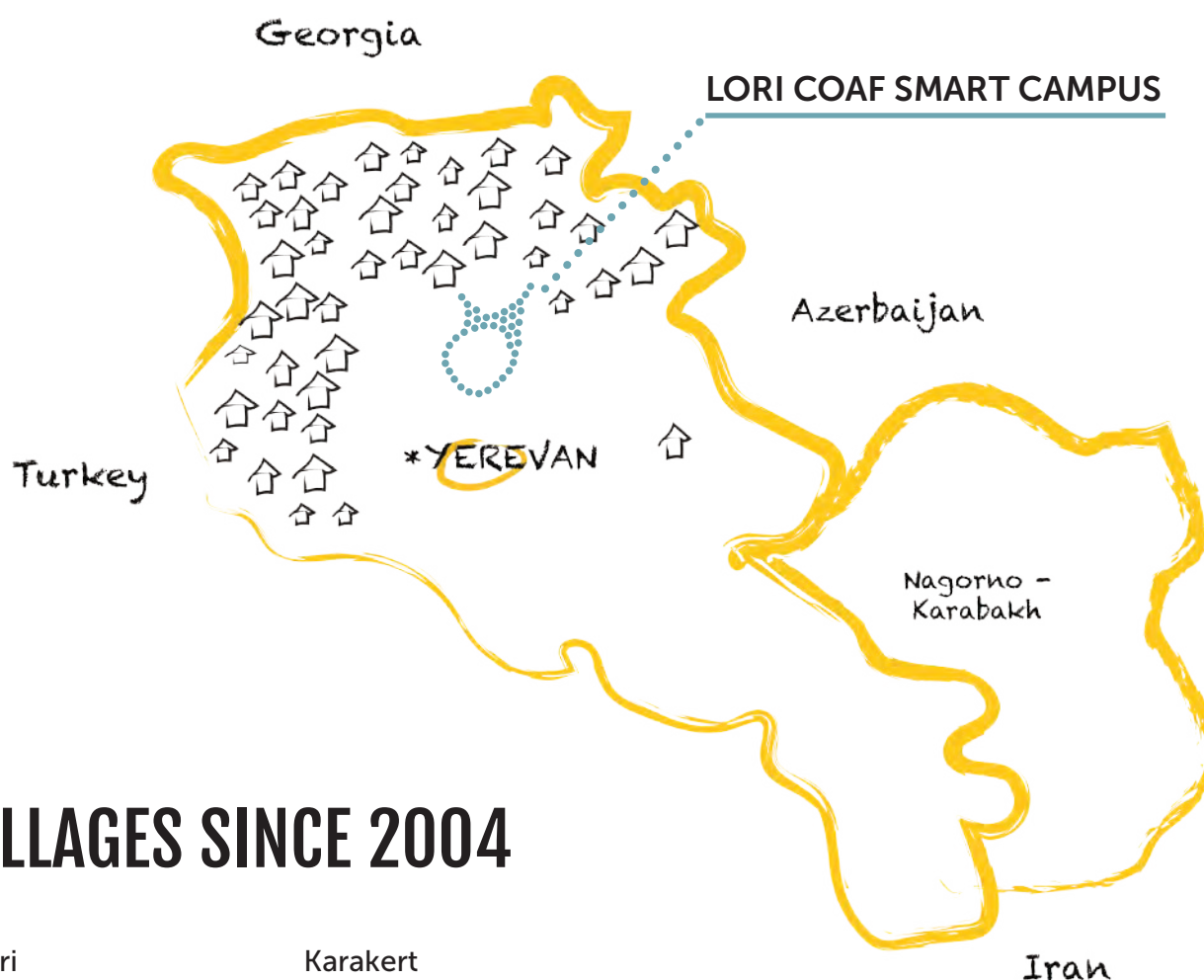
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COAF SMART
CENTER

17 MEDICAL FACILITIES
RENOVATED

30 CAFETERIAS AND 31
BRUSHODROMES RENOVATED

COAF'S REGIONS



VILLAGES SINCE 2004

Akori
Aragatsavan
Archis
Arevadasht
Arevatsag
Argina
Artamet
Arteni
Aygehovit
Bagaran
Baghramyan
Beniamin
Berdavan
Dalarik
Debet
Dsegh
Dzoragyugh
Getashen
Gusanagyugh
Hatsik
Horom
Hushakert

Karakert
Karinj
Koghbavan
Koti
Lanjik
Lernagog
Marts
Meghrashen
Mets Ayrum
Myasnikyan
Ptghavan
Sardarapat
Sarnaghbyur
Shenik
Talvorik
Tumanyan
Vahagni
Vanand
Vardakar
Yervandashat
Yeghegnut
Zorakan

MARTUNI IN GEGHARKUNIK REGION WAS PART OF "ONE VILLAGE" PROJECT IN CONSORTIUM WITH 7 ORGANIZATIONS

75,000

PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COAF PROGRAMS

44

VILLAGES SERVED

5

REGIONS SERVED

Armavir, Aragtsotn,
Shirak, Tavush, Lori

COAF'S PROGRAMS

54

PROGRAMS

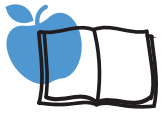
3,272

**NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
PER PROGRAM**

20,877

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES

COAF'S PROGRAMS



EDUCATION

21

ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

English Access Microscholarship
Local Teachers' Capacity Building
English Clubs
"Bloom" Creative Writing

25

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Media Literacy
Languages
Athletics

38

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Painting-Art
Theater
Dance
Media Literacy
Soccer
Basketball

59

CIVIC EDUCATION

Student Councils
Debate Clubs
Career Orientation
"Aflatoun" Social-Financial Education



HEALTH

39

DENTAL CARE

Brushodromes
Dental Treatment
Preventive Education

50

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Education and Support for
Medical Specialists
Family Medicine Fellows
Improving physical conditions

56

SCHOOL HEALTH PROMOTION

Healthy Lifestyle Clubs and Seminars
School Health Promoting Grants
School Healthy Nutrition

76

SCREENINGS AND EDUCATION

Early Detection of Cancer
Education on Specific Topics

COAF'S PROGRAMS



CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

79

- Social Work
- Speech Therapy
- Education Therapy
- Drama Therapy
- Psychology Services
- Support to School Psychologists
- Child Development
- Emotional IQ Clubs

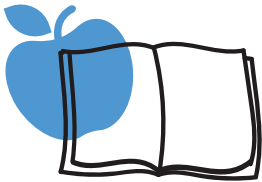


COAF SMART INITIATIVE

60

- Robotics
- IT Literacy (for Adults)
- Horticulture
- Media Literacy
- Public Speaking
- Music
- Design Basics
- Theater
- Modern Dance
- Rosetta Stone Language
- Child Development
- Parental Skills
- English (for Adults)
- Cinema Club
- Programming
- Drawing
- Digital drawing
- Civics/Volunteering

COAF'S EDUCATION



COAF improves the quality of education in rural communities by creating progressive learning environments. Improving the overall quality of education in rural communities is crucial to COAF's mission. Non-formal education, expanded extracurricular program offerings, and capacity-building of local educators are the pillars of our educational work. COAF's programs seek to empower students to shape their own futures and take their communities to new heights.

ACHIEVEMENTS



9 arts students received university scholarships established in memory of Claire Gregorian



40 COAF Alumni students received HSBC-COAF Scholarships



New Mentorship and Internship Programs sponsored by HSBC



Foreign Leaders English Exchange (FLEX)



Taekwondo club won 1st prize in the European Championship



Painting club participants won 1st and 2nd prizes at the Silva Kaputikyan Museum's painting competition



Student-led initiatives developed and implemented by Student Councils (SCs), English Access students in response to community needs

COAF'S EDUCATION

34

VILLAGES

5

REGIONS

3403

BENEFICIARIES

36

STUDENT-LED
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

135

LOCAL SPECIALISTS
HIRED AND TRAINED



COAF'S HEALTH



COAF improves the quality of primary health services in villages with programs that promote the wellbeing of the entire community. By educating local health providers, COAF Health programs focus on disease prevention and promotion of healthy behavior starting from primary school age. COAF Health programs conduct hands-on training for local health providers, improve physical conditions of rural health facilities, and implement dental interventions in schools and in the communities at large.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Health education seminars provided to school students' parents



Armenian American Health Professionals Organization (AAPHO) health professionals and a medical mission from Fresno, California, visited COAF beneficiary villages and worked with local health providers



UK-based professor Gevorg Hopayan and Lorky Libaridian from Royal College General Practitioners delivered courses on Family Medicine for medical students and interns



Dsegh, Debet, Beniamin, Mets Ayrum and Yeghegnut health facilities renovated



School nutrition program started in Shirak region. Beniamin, Sarnaghbyur, Horom and Meghrashen school cafeterias renovated and Brushodromes established



Lori region's Mets Ayrum and Yeghegnut school cafeterias renovated and Brushodromes established



COAF Supportive Supervision Program ensured the majority of local health providers to comply with standard protocols for 0-5 year old childcare guidelines



Dental Unit established at Dsegh's health center. American-Armenian dentist Avo Samuelian and his team provided services and donated medical supplies to the Dental Unit



12 health educators from Tavush and Shirak participated in training of educators on sexual education and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases

COAF'S HEALTH

43

VILLAGES

5

REGIONS

13,184

BENEFICIARIES

5

HEALTH
POSTS

6

SCHOOL
CAFETERIAS

69

LOCAL SPECIALISTS
HIRED AND TRAINED



COAF'S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES



COAF Child and Family Services programs follow a holistic approach to child and family issues through multi-disciplinary service provision by social workers, psychologists, speech therapists and educators providing individualized and group services to children and their families. The program uses interrelated work and cooperation within the multi-disciplinary teams in the communities, with a focus on ensuring quality professional capacity building of local specialists.

SUCCESS & ACHIEVEMENTS



The CFS team presented the works done and planned for the year during the community hall meetings



291 parents and teachers participated in workshops to establish child home interaction activities through games and creation of toys



Based on the impact from the previous years, a new approach of collective learning methodology was designed to pilot support to children with learning difficulties during the school day instead of after school learning clubs. For this purpose, teachers of two schools in Aragatsotn were trained on the methodology to use in the classroom and promote within the school at large



"Emotional Intelligence" Clubs were expanded to 7 communities facilitated by community and school psychologists with activities centered on self-awareness, effective communication, control of emotions, and in interpretive theater



"Sunny" Child Development Corner, a room in the local kindergarten with development toys, games and bright learning environment, established in Sarnaghbyur, Shirak.

COAF'S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

20

VILLAGES

5

REGIONS

3052

BENEFICIARIES

30

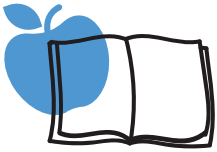
LOCAL SPECIALISTS
HIRED AND TRAINED

100%

of children
overcame their
speech and learning
difficulties



COAF SPACES



EDUCATION

ARAGATSAVAN - Creativity Lab, Auditorium
ARTENI - School & Gym Renovation, Creativity Lab
BENIAMIN - English Language Classroom
DALARIK - School Renovation
DSEGH - Creativity Lab, Art Studio
GETASHEN - School Renovation, Creativity Lab
HATSIK - School Renovation, Creativity Lab, Library, Playground
KARAKERT - 2 Kindergarten Renovations, 2 School & Gym Renovations, Creativity Lab, Art Studio
LERNAGOG - Kindergarten Renovation, School & Gym Renovation, Creativity Lab
MYASNIKYAN - School & Gym Renovation
SARDARAPAT - Creativity Lab
SHENIK - School & Gym Renovation, Playground, Martial Arts Room
TUMANYAN - Creativity Lab
VANAND - Creativity Lab, Gym Renovation
ZORAKAN - Creativity Lab

DSEGH - Dental Unit
DZORAGYUGH - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
GETASHEN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
HATSIK - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
GUSANAGYUGH - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
HOROM - Sportsground
HOROM - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
KARAKERT - Ambulatory, Cafeteria & Brushodrome
KARINJ - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
KOTI - Ambulatory
LANJIK - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
LERNAGOG - Ambulatory, Cafeteria & Brushodrome
MARTUNI - Health Post
MARTUNI - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
METS AYRUM - Health Post
METS AYRUM - Cafeteria and Brushodrome
MYASNIKYAN - Regional Health Center
MEGHRASHEN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
TUMANYAN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
SARNAGHBYUR - Sportsground
SARNAGHBYUR - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
SHENIK - Health Post
PTGHAVAN - Brushodrome
VANAND - Health Post, Cafeteria & Brushodrome
VARDAKAR - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
YEGHEGNUT - Health Post
YEGHEGNUT - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
ZORAKAN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome



HEALTH

ARAGATSAVAN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
AREVATSAG - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
ARTENI - Ambulatory, Brushodrome
ARCHIS - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
BAGARAN - Health Post
BERDAVAN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
BENIAMIN - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
BENIAMIN - Health Post
DALARIK - Ambulatory, Cafeteria & Brushodrome
DEBET - Cafeteria & Brushodrome
DEBET - Health Post
DSEGH - Health Post, Cafeteria & Brushodrome



SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

ARAGATSAVAN - Playground
ARTENI - Playground
ARGINA - Playground, Community Hall
AKORI - "Sunny" Child Development Corner
BENIAMIN - Playground
BERDAVAN - "Sunny" Child development corner

COAF SPACES

DALARIK - Playground
DEBET - Playground
DZORAGYUGH - Playground
LANJIK - Playground
KARAKERT - Playground, Public Park, Community Center, Child Development Center
MYASNIKYAN - Child Development Center
SARNAGHBYUR - Child Development Corner
SHENIK - Playground
VANAND - Playground
YERVANDASHAT - Playground



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ARAGATSAVAN - Road, Irrigation Water Network
ARTENI - Machinery Park
DALARIK - Irrigation Water Network
MYASNIKYAN - Irrigation Water Network
KARAKERT - Technical Water Network, Water Pump
YERVANDASHAT - New Water Reservoir



COAF SMART INITIATIVE

AKORI - SMART Room
AREVATSAG - SMART Room
AYGEHOVIT - SMART Safe Room
DSEGH - SMART Room
KARINJ - SMART Room
KOTI - SMART Safe Room
METS AYRUM - SMART Room
LORI - SMART Center
TUMANYAN - SMART Room





DEBET, LORI
OPENING
MAY 27, 2018

COAF SMART

25K

SQUARE FOOT
BUILDING

\$5M

SPENT

50

ACRE
CAMPUS

70+

VOLUNTEERS

1000+

GUESTS

COAF SMART PROGRAMS



COAF SMART's holistic approach to rural revitalization focuses on providing modern technological resources through programs that encourage idea collaboration through education. COAF SMART Center curriculum emphasizes novel teaching techniques, leveraging both project-based and action-based learning. COAF SMART offerings target all ages, with a concentration on the 3-35 age group. The COAF SMART model is designed to be replicated throughout Armenia.

COAF SMART Campus includes a Concept Hotel, with 12 rooms en suite, nestled into a green meadow just east of the Center. This serves as lodging for visiting professionals and lecturers, COAF team members conducting work in the field, as well as tourists and other guests. The Guest House also contributes to local economic development, creating jobs for local residents by training them in hospitality and tourism services.

In addition to the SMART Center, COAF SMART (Safe) Rooms in the communities of Lori and Tavush regions are satellite locations that offer programs and serve as locations for community and other projects.

IMPACT

COAF SMART Center is COAF's largest investment since inception. It was made possible through contributions of COAF's donors who supported in this novel concept of rural development.

The COAF Smart programs launched on July 2, 2018, and two programmatic circuits were finished by December 2018 with a presentation of the completed projects.

"SMART connects" learning format was launched at COAF SMART Center as a platform for exceptional speakers to bring their stories to COAF SMART.

Both COAF Classic and COAF SMART programs, including Robotics club, Legos, and English language learning with Rosetta Stone, were implemented at COAF SMART (Safe) Rooms. Overall, more than **2000** activities were held with around **3000** participating children.

Koti's Lego robotics club participated in the World Robot Olympiad's national level. In addition, they learned to work in LabView environment organized by Armenian National Engineering Laboratories.

"To recognize wisdom and guidance" intellectual game was held in COAF SMART Spaces.

COAF SMART PROGRAMS

17

VILLAGES

20

PROGRAMS

35

LOCAL SPECIALISTS
HIRED AND TRAINED

1468

BENEFICIARIES IN
79 GROUPS

2995

PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO
COAF SMART (SAFE) ROOMS



CELEBRITY SUPPORTERS



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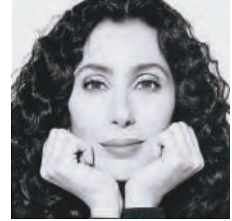
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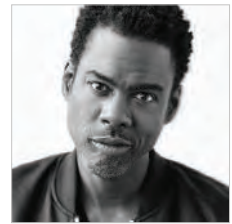
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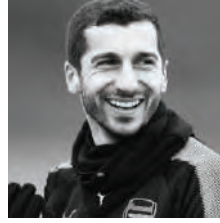
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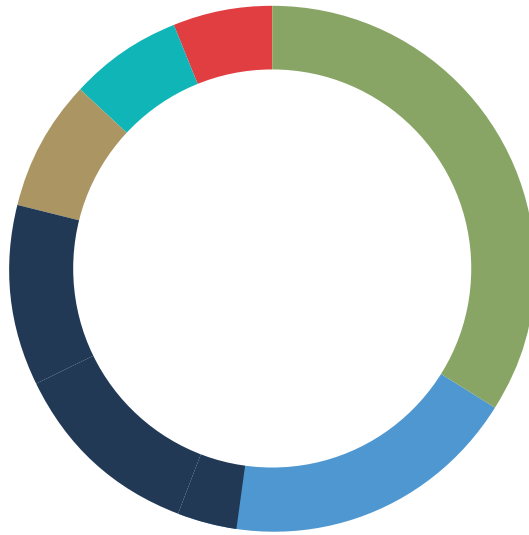
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FINANCIALS



34% SMART Center Spaces
\$ 1,383,652

22% SMART Initiatives
\$ 904,658

12% Education Programs
\$ 510,873

7% Health Programs
\$ 270,515

6% Child and Family Support Programs
\$ 268,670

8% Management and General
\$ 322,719

\$ 3,661,087

\$ 3,537,110

INCOME IN 2018

15TH ANNUAL GALA

1226 students have received English lessons since 2011
14 countries English students have visited since 2017

COAF

\$4,325,623

TOTAL RAISED

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE CHILDREN OF ARMENIA FUND

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