World Council of Churches Armenia Round Table Foundation (ART)
Annual Report 2023

Empowering Communities and Building Resilience

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Message from ART Executive Director

Dr Karen Nazaryan

CEO, WCC Armenia Round Table Foundation

2023 was a very hard year. We experienced a great tragedy: Artsakh, one of the cradles of the Armenian people, was depopulated, more than one hundred and twenty thousand people were deprived of their native land and became refugees.

No matter how much we work and try to comfort them and ourselves, the loss is still huge, but, let's believe, it is not irreversible.

A significant part of the work carried out in 2023 was aimed at providing social and psychological support to our Artsakh Armenian brothers and sisters, to which we will try to give greater power in the coming year.

I would like to assure that we will invest our strength and energy for the greater work that is expected, with the help of God, to be realized by the Armenia Round Table Foundation for the benefit of every needy person in Armenia and for the glory of the doctrine of our Holy Church.

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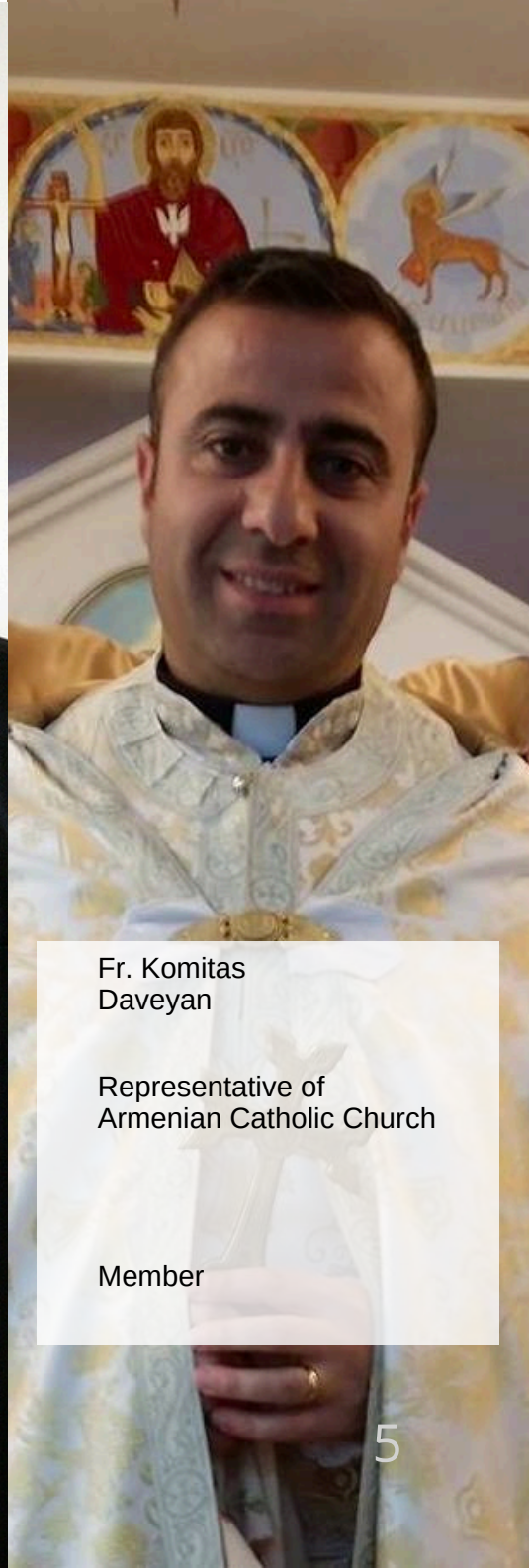

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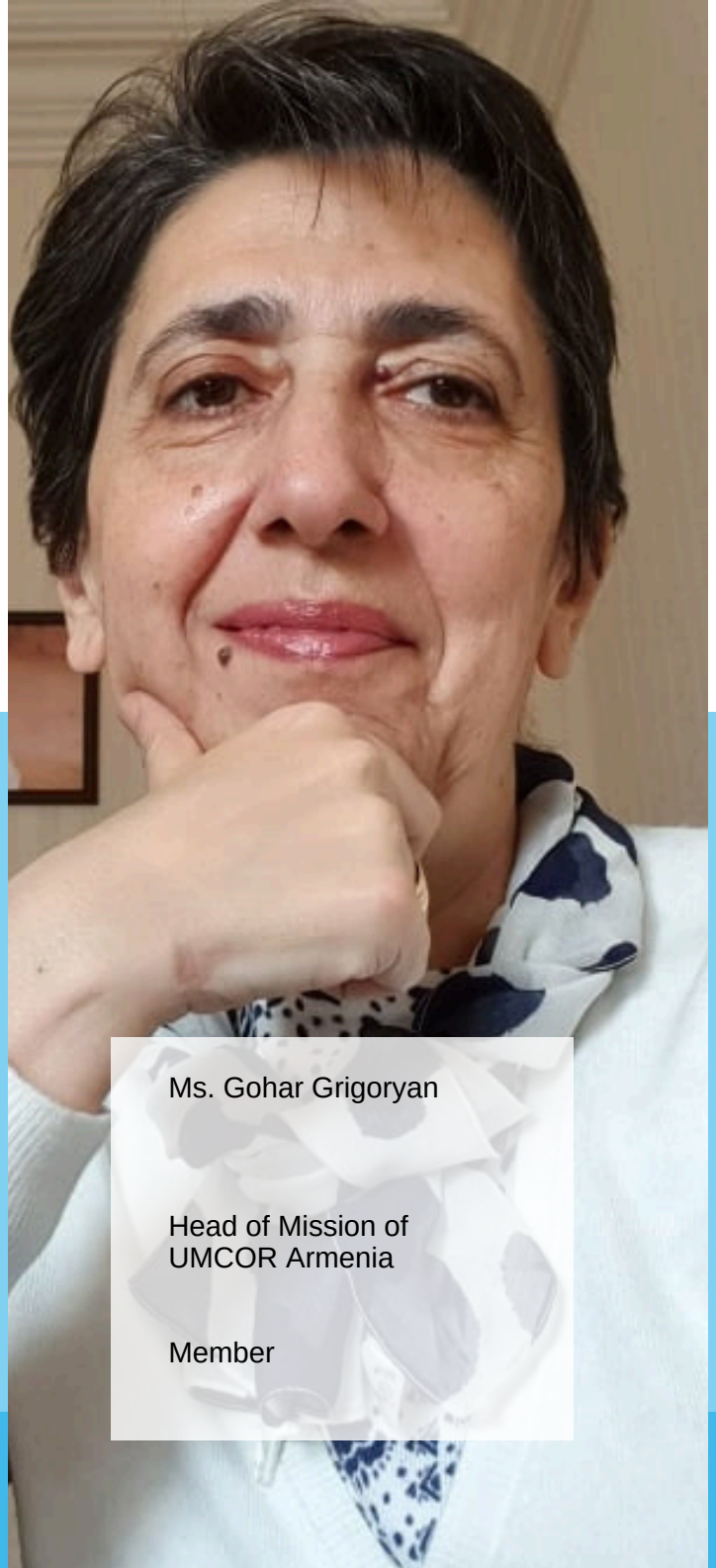

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Member

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Member

Who we are

World Council of Churches Armenia Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation (WCC ART) is an ecumenical organisation founded back in 1997 by the Armenian Apostolic Holy Church and the World Council of Churches with the participation of the Armenian Catholic and Armenian Evangelical Churches.

In close collaboration with church-related and non-governmental organisations, ART works to actively contribute to poverty alleviation, involvement of the Church in social work, and the development of civil society in Armenia.

The activities of the Foundation focus on the following strategic directions of work:

Our mission

Rooted in Christian values and human rights to enhance positive change in the life of people in Armenia through diaconal, development and humanitarian efforts and empowerment of communities, Churches and civil society.

Our vision

Dignified life for vulnerable people and under-served communities in Armenia.

In cooperation with:

WCC, ACT Alliance, BftW, CCME,
Church-based social centers in 6 regions
(Armavir, Aragatsotn, Shirak, Lori,
Tavush, Gegharkunik),
DanChurchAid, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe,
Eurodiaconia, FAP, HEKS/EPER, Interdiac,
IOCC, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs,
Otto Per Mille, UNFPA, UNHCR.

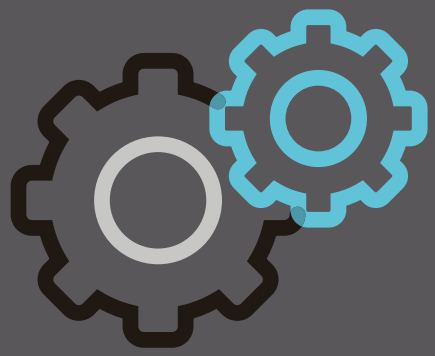
Strategic directions

Integrated

Community

Development

and Diakonia



Capacity

Building of

Civil Society

Emergency

Preparedness and

Response

Our Founders

Armenian Apostolic Holy Church

World Council of Churches

OUR PARTNERS IN ARMENIA

- Armenian Apostolic Holy Church
- Armenian Catholic Church
- Armenian Evangelical Church
- Armenian Missionary Association of America
- Christian Education Centre of AAC
- Inter-church affairs department of Mother See
- Gevorgyan Theological Seminary
- Vazgenyan Theological Seminary
- “Shoghakat” TV company
- RA Government Charity Program Coordination Commission
- Yerevan State University, Department of Theology
- UMCOR Armenia
- Shen NGO
- World Vision Armenia
- “Cross of Armenian Unity” NGO
- “Christian women forum” NGO
- “Women for development” NGO
- “Astghatsolq” NGO
- “Basis” environmental NGO
- “Green Lane” NGO
- “The future is yours” NGO
- "Voluntary service of Armenia republican headquarters of student brigades" NGO.

OUR INNTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- ACT Alliance
- Brot für die Welt (BftW)
- DanChurchAid (DCA)
- Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)
- Eurodiaconia
- Foundation Armenia
- Fondation pour l’aide au protestantisme réformé (F.A.P.)
- HEKS/EPER
- Hungarian International Aid
- Interdiac
- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
- UNFPA
- UNHCR
- Armenian International Women’s Association (AIWA)

2023 in Numbers

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2023 IN NUMBERS

27

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

105,567,370 AMD

INVESTMENTS FROM LOCAL PARTNERS ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

428,000,000 AMD

INVESTMENTS FOR PROJECTS

50

WAR AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS

RECEIVED BUSINESS AND LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT

OVER 20,000 PEOPLE

DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY REACHED ACROSS ARMENIA

2023 IN NUMBERS

17
SUPPORTED BUSINESS INITIATIVES
IN THE FRAMEWORKS OF "SUPPORT TO WAR AFFECTED FAMILIES" PROJECT

2,911
PEOPLE
FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE FROM NAGORNO-KARABAKH RECEIVED 50,000 AMD CASH ASSISTANCE

200
CHILDREN
BENEFITTED FROM MOBILE SOCIAL CENTER'S PROGRAMS

175
PEOPLE
ENGAGED IN CIVIC EDUCATION

86
STUDENTS
RECEIVED PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 IN NUMBERS

78
STUDENTS

FINISHED INTERNSHIPS

194

PEOPLE

TRAINED IN VARIOUS SKILLS

107

INTERNSHIPS IN LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR TRAINEES

46

JOB PLACEMENTS AFTER TRAININGS

78

RECEIVED EQUIPMENT FOR INCOME EARNING

Out-of-school education in Gyumri community center ART23-ICDcc1-1
2023 IN

Out-of-school education in Ijevan community center ART23-ICDcc5-1
PICTURES

Out-of-school education in Gavar community center ART23-ICDcc3-1

Out-of-school education in St. Marianeh social center ART23-ICDcc6-1

Out-of-school education in Gai educational center ART23-ICDcc2-1
2023 IN

Out-of-school education in Vardenis community center ART23-ICDcc4-1
PICTURES

Out-of-school education in Saghmosavan community center ART23-ICDcc7-1

Out-of-school education in Vanadzor social center ART23-ICDcc8-1

Out-of-school education in Qarakert educational center ART23-ICDcc9-1
2023 IN

The world out of my window - Drawing Competition
PICTURES

Mobile social centre in Gegharkunik region ART23-ICDcc10

Supplementary education in Shirak region ART23-ICDcc1-2
CERTIFICATE

2023 IN PICTURES

Out-of-school education in Qarakert educational center ART23-ICDcc9-1

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Mobile social centre in Gegharkunik region ART23-ICDcc10

Supplementary education in Shirak region ART23-ICDcc1-2

Supplementary education in Ijevan
ART23-ICDcc5-2
2023 IN

Supplementary education in Vanadzor
ART23-ICDcc8-2
PICTURES

Civic education
ART23-CE1

Support to war affected families
ART23-BS1

IMPACT STORIES

Displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh, Tatoul Danielyan started a cattle-breeding business in Ararat region with WCC ART's support.

His story symbolizes resilience and hope amidst adversity.

IMPACT STORIES

Suren Martirosyan lost his son in 44-day war. His son was a serviceman and he was the breadwinner. The family had different business plans with their son but they all vanished after his death.

ART supported the family with two heifer calves, a bullock and fodder. They generate income from milk (they make cheese and sell it in their village).

IMPACT STORIES

Vaghinak Movsesyan lost his son in 44-day war.

His two minor sons were left fatherless. Now Vaghinak and his wife take care of Sasoon's wife and sons.

The family was supported with 19 beehives and bees.

IMPACT STORIES

Andranik Nkruryan lost his son during 44-day war.

WCC ART supported Andranik with 25 polyurethane hives, which favor the maintenance of a constant temperature in the hives with up to 10 times more warmth than wood.

They also received "Smart Shepherd" device, which prevents wild animals from approaching the beehives.

IMPACT STORIES

Armen Adilkhanyan lost his son Rafik during 44-day-war and went through inhuman experiences because he had to look for his son's body himself and brought it back with his car.

WCC ART supported the family with four bullocks.

IMPACT STORIES

Artyom Harutyunyan lost his 18-year old son during 44-day-war and now lives with his wife Liana in town Ararat. He has a disability and is not capable to do heavy physical work.

WCC ART supported him with cash register machine was supported with household goods which he takes by his car to remote villages, and sells them there.

IMPACT STORIES

Seiran Sargsayan's son Martik has gone missing during the 44-day-war. He was married and his wife was expecting a baby. Unfortunately, Martik did not see his son (his son Areg was born after the war). The family still hopes to see him one day.

WCC ART supported Sargsyan with building materials for barn roof repair, and with a cow and 2 calves.

IMACT STORIES

Anton Tadevosyan lost his son in 44-day war. The family consisting of 7 members.

WCC ART supported the family with two cows, two calves and fodder. They generate income from milk (they make cheese and sell it in their village).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, national and local governments, Church dioceses and other contributors, for their unwavering support.

LOOKING AHEAD

WCC ART plans to:

- Expand mobile social center services to additional regions.
- Launch new educational, development and humanitarian initiatives.
- Continue supporting livelihood programs to empower vulnerable families and communities.

Audit evaluation

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