



EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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Economic empowerment –
20% permanent employments, 70 self-employed, 10% left the country and use their professions to establish own businesses, etc.

Vocational trainings on IT programming and applied arts – some 160 people

Provision of tools – 55 people

Marketing of products and other hand-made items by refugees – rural life festival, Christmas markets, etc

Cooperated with the Armenian Apostolic Church, “Aleppo” and “Coordination Center for Syrian-Armenians issues” NGOs, Art House Training Center, Armenian Caritas.



Emergency Situations

The emergency programme aims at contributing to increasing resilience of the society and to strengthen the disaster response preparedness at local and national levels in emergency situations in Armenia.

Also the programme works to improve capacities of ACT Armenia Forum and ART partners to respond to emergencies in a coordinated, efficient and effective way applying Community Based Psychosocial Approach.

ART emergency programme supports the partners and communities to:

- ◆ Reduce the risk of future disasters;
- ◆ Cope with and be better prepared for emergencies;
- ◆ Recover from major setbacks due to disasters and conflicts.

Emergency Programme Work through 2010-2019

“Capacity Development” projects have been implemented since 2010 aiming at building the capacities of ART and its partners and later ACT Armenia Forum members to mitigate the effects of and respond to natural and man-made disasters and humanitarian emergencies. The last training for partners was implemented in October 2018, in cooperation with Crisis Management Academy.

2010 - Established a network of clergy from all regions of Armenia after the completion of the trainings, including Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) acting in emergency situations.

2010 - ART joined the newly established Psychosocial Working Group. Currently Armenian Forum is represented in ACT Global PS CoP and MENA Regional Forum in leadership by Church of Sweden.



2011 - Established the ACT Armenia Forum (AAF). Since then it has implemented humanitarian, development and Rapid Response Fund (RRF) projects in Armenia, Artsakh and Syria.

2012 - Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning Training. ACT Armenia Forum members elaborated the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan which is being updated annually.

2012 - Community Based Psychosocial Training implemented by two programme officers from ART.

CB trainings are aimed at improving partners' capacities through active exercises and tools mainstreaming Psychosocial component both Disaster Preparedness and Response activities in emergency situations. Trainings and workshops are being implemented for the AAF members, network of clergy and ART partners on a regular basis.



Humanitarian support – over 4000 refugees

- ◆ Innovative method – provision of food through plastic shopping cards.
- ◆ Also, non food items provided by UMCOR, Armenia and IOCC
- ◆ Cooperation with private sector – co-financing
- ◆ Dignity, health and comfort for refugees
- ◆ Institutional capacity
- ◆ Strengthened capacity of some 20 clergy and 30 secular leaders on emergency response



Syrian Crisis 2012 – 2019

The projects were funded by ACT Alliance,
Aid to Church in Need, F.A.P. , BftW

Social inclusion

- ◆ Psychosocial sessions by priest and psychologist, home visits – some 2000 refugees
- ◆ Formation of women's clubs both in Aleppo NGO and in Church
- ◆ Events, pilgrimages
- ◆ Documental theatrical performance – Manana - 6 performances in Yerevan and 3 regions reaching to over 500 people.



Rapid Response Fund (RRF) Projects funded by ACT Alliance

2011 - Rapid Response to the Landfall in Tavoush Region:

The RRF was directed to the betterment of the working and living conditions of the rescuers and the volunteers. The Ministry of Emergency Situations acknowledged the receipt of 126 sleeping bags and 4 bio-toilets to assist the rescuers in their work.



2012 - Humanitarian Support to Syrian refugees in Armenia:

In response to refugee needs in Armenia, AAF in close collaboration with Araratyan Patriarchal Diocese of Armenian Apostolic Church, implemented humanitarian aid assistance to 200 refugee families at the request of the Ministry of Diaspora of Armenia.



2014 - Support to Conflict Affected Syrian Families in Kessab, Syria

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400 families (about 2000 people) were provided vegetable oil and per one gas cylinder. Some families with small children were provided milk powder and medicals for the elderly people.

2016 - Emergency Response to Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) Conflict Affected Families

ACT Armenia Forum members and the Social Department of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin distributed 650 packages of food security (about 50 kg each) and hygiene kits to 3272 displaced people (650 families) both in Artsakh and regions in Armenia. 1620 were children.



2018-2019 - Assistance to Hailstorm Affected Communities

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ACT Armenia Forum members and the Social Department of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin distributed flour and vegetable oil to 4620 affected population (1222 families) in four communities at the request of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development of Armenia.

The project aims at contributing to the improvement of the living conditions of the disaster affected population in Arapi, Harij and Voskehask communities in Shirak region and Dsegh in Lori region. The humanitarian aid covered the needs of the most affected and vulnerable families for up to four months.

