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Implementing compliment projects in close co-operation with other US Government funded organizations became one of the priorities for CHAP/Armenia staff.



ACHIEVEMENTS

In January 2004 CHAP/Armenia assisted needy children, orphans, refugees and other vulnerable people of Armenia through 17 partner organizations. The humanitarian assistance valued at over \$65,000 has been distributed under Armenia Assistance Project.

This month CHAP/Armenia has had a chance to assist needy population of the poorest region in Armenia, **Vardenis region, Gegharkunik Marz**. Due to its cut off the main roads location and unfavorable climate, its dwellers have always been in vulnerable position, which turned into disastrous after the war of 90s. Counterpart realized distribution of clothing for men, women and children through 4 village communities and an NGO serving to 3,200 needy families, invalid children.

Needy toddlers in two kindergartens of neighboring **Martuni region** were also included in the distributions along with the kids catered at the special boarding institutions in Yerevan. Apart of addressing different target groups in **Gegharkunik marz**, CHAP/Armenia realized distributions of used clothing to poor invalids suffering of damages of spinal cord in Yerevan. It is worth mentioning that for the first time, a distribution was realized in **Aragatsotn marz**, particularly Aparan region. CHAP/Armenia hopes to be able to gradually support people in different locations in the republic to provide maximum of coverage and create relevant awareness among the people.



In January 2004 *Sergey Khomchenko, CHAP/Caucasus Regional Director* visited Armenia.



The visits have been realized to NGOs funded by US Department of State.

One of the visits was carried out to the **UMCOR/Armenia office**, where ***Sergey Khomchenko, Caucasus Regional Director*** and ***Nelly Sedrakyan, CHAP/Armenia Country Director*** met with ***Gohar Grigoryan, Deputy Chief of Mission*** to make update on current activities and share plans of both organizations.

Another introductory meeting took place at ***ATG (Armenian Technological Group) office***. This organization deals with agricultural projects.

As ***Armen Asatryan, ATG Program Director*** mentioned, this organization will be eager to cooperate in implementing complement projects if Counterpart delivers relevant commodities into the Republic.

IRD (International Relief and Development) office was also visited for the first time. As long as this humanitarian organization is involved in specific medical aid distributions, further plans with regard to the cooperation were discussed with ***Mariam Sianozova, Director of IRD***.

WORD FROM PARTNERS

Ararat Community Union

Please accept blessings and gratitude of the needy population of Ararat region. Hardworking, creative and hospitable villagers found themselves in very bad and disadvantaged conditions due to both nature mal-caprices and economical difficulties. This assistance of yours was a small but effective panacea, a promise of hope and belief. The villagers were receiving these surprise presents with tearful eyes and blessings. Counterpart's warm clothing and other commodities warmed up their hearts and lit small shines in their tired and hopeless eyes. Sick and invalid people and especially children started to believe that miracles happen and once their lives will turn to better and the good will save the world. Cordial attitude of the management and staff of Counterpart International is worth of compliments. Let your human approach be unlimited. Let God bless you.

Ardzagank Charitable Public Organization

Members and 1200 beneficiaries of Ardzagank Charitable Public Organization express their gratitude and appreciation to the staff and all the people involved in the activities of Counterpart International. Clothing and footwear received from you was of great importance and considerable change to the disadvantaged families registered in our organization. Thanks to your aid we got an opportunity to answer the most burning needs of these people in the most constructive and effective way. The aid has partially eased their daily burden and what is more important they can feel that there are people who care about them.

ALL THE BEST, HOPE AND LOVE TO ALL ORGANIZERS OF THIS ACTION!

PLANS

In February 2004 CHAP/Armenia plans:

- to answer appeals from the *medical institutions of Gegharkunik marz* on lack of medical outfitting, supplies as well as furniture.

- Moreover, distributions of valuable *water-pumps* will be continued as soon as recommendations on the particular applicants will be received from the relevant department of the Ministry of Agriculture. Meetings and site-visits will be conducted in this accordance.

- Following the logic of CHAP activities consecutive spot-checks will be realized at the recipients locations and medical institutions in Yerevan and Ashtarak that have received assistance in the form of used clothing and medical supplies.



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