# Achieved Key Results of the Program of Izmirlian Foundation and Izmirlian Family in Armenia

The strategic objective of the Izmirlian Foundation is to enhance sustainable development of Armenia by implementing diverse initiatives in the areas of education, healthcare, economic development, social welfare, humanitarian aid, innovation, preservation of Armenian cultural heritage, to achieve its mission of "helping to preserve a nation".

Numerous short and long-term benefits are extended to beneficiaries through projects implemented by the Izmirlian Foundation and Izmirlian Family. These include improved food security, health, knowledge and skills, access to education, improved school infrastructure and learning environment, improved sanitation, hygiene and wellness, prevention of COVID-19 transmission and cure, economic opportunities, support to vulnerable population and children with special needs, agriculture development and more.

In total, several hundreds of thousands of persons in needs have directly benefited from the projects implemented by the Izmirlian Foundation since launching its operations in Armenia. The key results and achievements of IF financed projects in education, health, social welfare, cultural heritage and other areas include the following:

## Health Sector

- In average, over 220,000 outpatient visits and 7,000 in-patient admissions take place annually since 2014 at Izmirlian Medical Centre that is the largest philanthropic investment project in the field of healthcare system in Armenia. IMC was established through the initiative of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin and the anchor donation support of the Izmirlian Foundation in collaboration with Louis Simone Manoogian. Today, the Izmirlian Medical Center is one of the leading medical institutions in Armenia. Besides providing high quality medical services, the Izmirlian Medical Center also implements different social projects targeting vulnerable populations in Armenia.
- The Izmirlian foundation provided emergency health benefits to around 867 Syrian/Lebanese/Iraqi Armenians who refuged in Armenia as a consequence of crisis in their respective countries.
- 339soldiers and officers wounded during the second Artsakh war received free health care services at the Izmirlian Medical Centre.
- In addition, around 10,000 displaced people from Artsakh received free health care services thanks to co-financing by IF in cooperation with UN International Organization for Migration.
- Over 2,000 front-line medical workers benefited from provision of COVID-19 related PPE ("personal protective equipment") in partnership with the UN World Food Program, AGBU, Gulbenkian Foundation and other partners.
- COVID cure and prevention enabled for 150 children and personnel at Marie Izmirlian Orphanage in partnership with the Arabkir Foundation.

- Annually, over 10,000 immunocompromised patients with hematological and oncological malignancies and patients with MDS benefited from quality diagnostic services through the technically enhanced laboratory at the Hematology Center after Prof. R.H. Yeolyan.
- Up to 3 children with blood cancer receive free treatment at Children's Cancer Department at the hematology Centre in Yerevan thanks to the funding of Izmirlian Foundation in cooperation with City of Smile Foundation

## Education & Innovation

- Around 18,000 students and academic staff annually are enabled with access to the reconstructed Yerevan State University Library with its technical and content enhancement and upgrade funded by IF. The support to YSU library is ongoing including through established revolving endowment fund and continued capital improvement projects such as the new reading halls.
- Thanks to a donation from the Foundation several hundreds of future army officers annually have access to the reconstructed facilities of Vazgen Sarkisyan Military University.
- 523 school children and teachers have enhanced hygiene, sanitation and health environment in rural schools of Armenia through substantive reconstruction of sanitation and sport facilities of schools.1880 people have Improved knowledge of WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, including wellness) among through provision of respective trainings and development and dissemination of relevant knowledge products in partnership with My Step Foundation
- Over 1,900 students and academic staff at Artsakh State University are enabled with access to information, communication, and research infrastructure through the improvement of university library infrastructure.
- In addition, small grants programs annually allow for:
- Improved education among 1,264 schoolers of bordering and remote communities of Armenia and Artsakh through educational projects in partnership with TUMO and Teach for Armenia.
- Improved access to school education and better social life enabled for over 30 children with disabilities at Marie Izmirlian Orphanage by providing special transportation means.
- Access to education (pre-school, school) enabled for around 625 children in Armenia and Artsakh by supporting the construction/rehabilitation of social infrastructure in partnership with the Governments of Artsakh and Armenia.
- 26 start-ups, micro and small service providers including in tourism sector supported through provision of fellowship opportunities at Impact Hub aimed at fostering their knowledge and skills, providing mentoring, networking opportunities as well as resources necessary to push their projects from idea to implementation to impact.

## Social welfare

- Over 115 children with special needs annually benefit at Marie Izmirlian Orphanage from various activities implemented by IF over 18 years including renovations of facilities and aimed at improving living conditions and addressing educational and other needs of the children as well as establishment of rehabilitation centre.
- Around 827 children with special needs and disabilities benefitted from different small-grant initiatives of IF
- Over 10 years, 30,000 family members of deceased soldiers of the 1st Artsakh war in 1990s received monthly allowances donated by IF in cooperation with Hayastan All-Armenian Fund

Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Community and Tourism Development

- The Izmirlian foundation believes the Revival of historic Pokr Tagh (Lesser District) into a cultural heritage and tourist hub will benefit the Meghri Town and around 5,000 people directly and indirectly will benefit from various community development and tourism initiatives. This initiative is being worked on with the World Bank, the Government of Armenia, Meghri Community and other partners.
- Around 1,000 students at Spendiaryan Music School annually benefit from the donated collection of string and wind instruments as well as the grand piano enabling the students to develop their skills and participate in national and international competitions
- In average, 30 participants annually take part in national and international competitions thanks to provision of a performance grade grand piano to the Spendiaryan Music School
- A gift from the Foundation allowed for the modernization of the power supply of Aram Khachaturyan concert hall in Yerevan to enable smooth operation of Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Economic Development

- Over 200 micro, small and medium enterprises benefitted from various subsidized loan and lending initiatives of IF in cooperation with local financing institutions creating over 2,600 jobs.
- Around 330 jobs have been created and/or maintained directly resulting from the IF's investments into Granatus initiative– the 1st and largest venture fund in Armenia that invests in technological companies founded and/or operating in Armenia. Overall, more than 2,100 jobs have been created/maintained with the support of Granatus venture fund in technological sector in Armenia.

## Humanitarian Assistance

- The Foundation improved food security and hygiene environment for around 50,000 vulnerable people affected by COVID and/or 2020 Artsakh war by providing humanitarian/emergency food supply and hygiene items.
- The Izmirlian Foundation donated funds for mine clearance of 42 thousand square meters of land in Artsakh in partnership with the HALO Trust.

– In addition to the above, in 2020 alone, IF has donated USD $500,000 to “Hayastan All-Armenian Fund” (“HAAF”) for provision of emergency humanitarian assistance to Armenia and Artsakh as part of HAAF’s global appeal initiative.

Agriculture

Since 2017 Izmirlian family invest in development of agricultural sector Armenia. Agricultural development is critical to drive economic improvements to rural areas of Armenia.

The project is implemented in Vanand community of Armavir region and entails production of almond in Armenia, through establishment of new orchards with re-cultivation of 837 hectares of disused yet fertile land, installation of modern efficient irrigation infrastructure, and introduction of modern agricultural methods.

The project will have a positive developmental impact on Armenian economy by providing income generation opportunities to the most vulnerable population in the rural area. Currently the project employs 57 people, of which 25 (44%) are female and 32 (88%) living outside of Yerevan, mostly in villages of Armavir region. By the years 2026-2027 the project will create over 250 permanent and seasonal local jobs with a target of having at least 40% female workers.

The project is and will continue to be one of the first large local agricultural employers supporting such labor rights as gender wage equality, minimum wage requirements and high work safety, the minimum age of workers, hours of work, and the timely payment of wages. The project will also support the local communities through charitable donations and technical assistance to those micro-farmers who will start growing almond. The project will help improving food security by increasing local supply of high value agricultural crop (nuts) in Armenia, where the level of self-sufficiency in food products is only at 64%.

In 2022, the Izmirlian Foundation, the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC - the Government of Switzerland), Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ – the Government of Germany) and Austrian Development Agency (ADA - the Government of Austria) launched a new large-scale initiative “Modernizing Vocational Education and Training in Agriculture in Armenia” (MAVETA).

The overall goal of this multi-year program with around USD 9 million total budget is to improve knowledge and skills of thousands of male and female farmers and students of agricultural colleges for contributing to higher productivity in agriculture, increased income and enhanced (self)-employment in agricultural and related fields.

The major expected results in 2021-2024 are:

Outcome 1: Professionals and graduates are enabled by the A-VET system: a) to apply agricultural and related knowledge, skills and attitudes which are in demand by the market, b) to find or create sustainably decent in-come generation opportunities, and c) to contribute to innovative approaches, solutions, products and services in the market.

Outcome 2: The dual VET system is effective (in particular the A-VET system), based on coherent policies, capacitated institutions, and an established cooperation between the public and the private sector.

While the Izmirlian Foundation will provide financial contribution and take part in governance of MAVETA project, the Izmirlian Family's agricultural investment project in Vanand will become the practical training, learning and demonstration field for thousands of farmers and agricultural students.

**The list of some of major projects completed or under implementation by Izmirlian Foundation in Armenia**

| | Completed and Ongoing Major Projects | Sector | Partners | Objectives |
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| 1 | Syrian Armenians Health Care Project | Health | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, Izmirlian Medical Centre (IMC) High Commissioner for Diaspora, AGBU, NGOs | The goal is to provide free medical support to vulnerable groups of Syrian/Lebanese Armenians that resettled in Armenia as a result of the Syrian Civil War. |
| 2 | Health Care Support to Wounded Soldiers | | IMC<br>Homeland Defenders' Centre NGO | Providing medical support to persons discharged from military service due to injury or health problems acquired during the military service and/or defense of the Homeland |
| 3 | Health care support to wounded Military Personnel at 2020 war | | IMC | The goal of the project is to enable the full recovery of wounded military personnel by enhancing timely and free-of charge access to quality medical services |
| 4 | Medical Support to internally displaced Armenians of Artsakh | | IMC<br>UN International Organisation of Migration (IOM) | The goal of the project is to achieve improved health among vulnerable displaced people from Artsakh by enabling their timely access to quality medical services via provision of free-of-charge health care services at the Izmirlian Medical Centre. |
| 5 | "Provision of COVID 19 related medical and prevention services at Marie Izmirlian Orphanage | | Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs Arabkir Medical Center | Supporting full recovery from COVID 19 and further transmission of the virus in MIO. |
| 6 | Enabling equal access to treatment for the children with cancer from vulnerable families | | Pediatric Cancer Centre Hematology Centre City of Smile Foundation | Enhanced access to free of charge curative care for at least three children annually diagnosed with cancer from the vulnerable families. |
| 7 | Strengthening the Laboratory capacities at the Pediatric Cancer Centre | | Pediatric Cancer Centre Hematology Centre City of Smile Foundation | Ensuring timely, accurate and efficient microbiological analysis for immunocompromised patients through the replenishment of microbiology laboratory with necessary equipment. |
| 8 | Establishment of Izmirlian Medical Centre in Yerevan | | Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin,<br>Louis Simone Manoogian | Enabling access to high quality medical services through the establishment of a medical center and its replenishment with contemporary medical equipment and devices. |
| 9 | Enhancement and upgrade of Yerevan State University Sarkis and Marie Izmirlian Library | Education | Yerevan State University of Armenia | Contributing to improved student performance and inspire reading by improving the quality of learning environment in Sarkis and Marie Izmirlian Library of YSU in line with internationally accepted standards, library digitalization and introduction of e-service system. |

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| 10 | Supporting Artsakh University in enhancing learning environment | | Artsakh State University | Improving access to education and improved student performance through higher capacitated library |
| 11 | Reconstruction of Dikran Izmirlian School in Chldran Community of Artsakh | | "Hayastan" All Armenian Fund<br>Government of Artsakh | Improving access to education and enhancing the quality of teaching and learning environment in conflict affected areas through reconstruction and expansion of school facilities and provision of school furniture and equipment. |
| 12 | Rehabilitation of kinder-garten in Ttujur settlement of Chambarak community | | Government of the Republic of Armenia<br>Chambarak municipality | Enhancing access to pre-school education among preschoolers of Ttujur and three neighboring settlements by enabling a safe, healthy and durable pre-school infrastructure. |
| 13 | Provision of school furniture to the reconstructed schools in Ivanyan community of Artsakh, Chldran community of Artsakh and Shirakatsi Liceum in Stepanakert | | Government of Artsakh | Enabling safe and durable school infrastructure benefitting the internally displaced people from the territories occupied by Azerbaijan |
| 14 | WASH and Health in Schools of Tandzut and Aygeshat communities of Armavir province | | My Step Foundation<br>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport | Ensuring substantially improved hygiene, sanitation and health environment in rural schools of Armenia.<br>**Objective 1:** Enhanced access to and sustainable management of sanitation and hygiene in beneficiary schools.<br>**Objective 2:** Fostering access to health-enhancing physical activities. |
| 15 | Improving the quality of education and the learning environment in the secondary school of Choratan community of Tavush region | | Teach For Armenia Educational Foundation<br>'Gradarak' Educational and Cultural NGO | Expanding educational opportunities enabling young people to contribute to the development of their society by creating more pathways to employment within Armenia, a job-ready workforce, and an informed, contributing Armenian citizenship. |
| 16 | Placement and support to Teacher-Leaders in seven schools throughout Armenia and Artsakh | | Teach For Armenia Educational Foundation | Increasing educational opportunities and improving educational outcomes for children in Armenia and Artsakh. |
| 17 | Construction of the main facilities of Vazgen Sargsyan Military University | | Government of Armenia<br>Ministry of Defense of RA | Supporting military education in the country to achieve highly educated Armenian officer corps |
| 18 | Izmirlian Foundation-Impact Hub Fellowship Program | Education Innovation | Impact Hub Yerevan | Empowering development and implementation of innovative projects aimed at supporting socio-economic growth in Armenia by activating start-ups, validating ideas, and nurturing the pipeline of successful business concepts. |
| 19 | Camp Tumo | | Simonian Educational Foundation (TUMO Center for Creative Technologies) | Providing opportunity for teenagers from remote and bordering communities of Armenia to gain knowledge, skills, and hands-on experiences in technology and design, connect with peers from around the world. |
| 20 | Supporting Musical School after A. Spendiaryan | Education Culture | "Hayastan" All Armenian Fund | Enabling access to musical instruments among students at Alexander Spendiaryan Music School. |

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| 21 | Dual vocational education and training in agriculture in Armenia | Education<br>Agriculture | Swiss Government (SDC)<br>Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)<br>Austrian Development Agency<br>Government of Armenia | **Overall Goal:** Improved knowledge and skills of male and female farmers contribute to higher productivity in agriculture, increased income and enhanced (self)-employment in agricultural and related fields.<br>Outcome 1: Male and female farmers and A-VET (Agricultural Vocational Education and Training) graduates learn and apply need-based agricultural knowledge and skills.<br>Outcome 2: Competent public institutions, in partnership with the private sector entrepreneurs, deliver work-based A-VET educational tracks for students and extension for farmers.<br>Outcome 3: A coherent policy coordination at national level in A-VET is established and operated |
| 22 | Supporting Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra | Culture | Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra | Providing Armenian and foreign audiences the opportunity to enjoy high culture by ensuring the smooth operation of the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra through the upgrade of the power supply system of Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall. |
| 23 | Improved quality of life and the environment and equal access to education, healthcare and rehabilitation services for children with special needs at Marie Izmirlian Orphanage (MIO) | Social Welfare | MIO, Ministry of Social Welfare, Source Foundation,<br>ArBeS Medical Centre | **Objective 1:** Ensuring safe and adequate access to transportation capacitated for children with disabilities.<br>**Objective 2:** Enhancing rehabilitation capacities of MIO.<br>**Objective 3:** Creation of an enabling environment for MIO children for social inclusion and integration through establishment of inclusive playground and crafts centre<br>**Objective 4:** Improving basic living environment for kids at MIO |
| 24 | Reconstruction of the Marie Izmirlian Orphanage's buildings, area improvement and enhancement of food safety | | MIO, Ministry of Social Welfare | Enabling the disabled children's easier access to the yard and outside playgrounds while improving their living conditions and ensuring food safety through reconstruction of the orphanage building and installation of wheelchair ramps, as well as establishment of a cold storage facility. |
| 25 | Support to Graduates of Marie Izmirlian Orphanage | | Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs<br>MIO<br>Bari Mama NGO | Reunified families, improved livelihoods, improved life skills and greater economic opportunities among graduates of Marie Izmirlian Orphanage through the provision of transitional housing, capacity development, professional orientation to and enhancing self-reliance of Marie Izmirlian Orphanage graduates who can return to their families upon Project completion. |

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| 26 | Special Parents for Special Kids | | “Source” Foundation for supporting children with disabilities and their families | Improved quality of life among children with disabilities, enhanced economic opportunities for social enterprises and for beneficiary families.<br>**Objective 1:** Enhanced access to assistive and adaptive equipment and furniture for children with disabilities.<br>**Objective 2:** Diversified woodworking production and reduced unit cost for the social enterprise of Source Foundation.<br>**Objective 3:** Enhanced income opportunities for parents having children with disabilities and enhanced participation in social activities among children with special needs. |
| 27 | Hand in Hand | | Step Forward Social NGO | Empowering socially vulnerable groups of society and social enterprises as well as promoting environmentally friendly production.<br>**Objective 1:** Enhanced economic opportunities among youth with autism spectrum disorder and improved access to financial resources for Step Forward Social NGO.<br>**Objective 2:** Enhanced social inclusion and reduction in the use of plastic containers |
| 28 | Supporting families of deceased soldiers | | “Hayastan” All Armenian Fund | Providing regular monthly allowances to the families of deceased soldiers |
| 29 | Supporting Vulnerable Families Affected by the War in Artsakh and COVID-19 | Humanitarian Assistance | Social Services of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin | Improved food security for survival and winterization for vulnerable families hardest hit by COVID-19 and those displaced from Artsakh due to the war residing in project target areas. |
| 30 | Emergency Response for Persons Displaced from Artsakh | | Armenian Red Cross Society | Improved food security for survival and winterization for the vulnerable persons displaced from Artsakh sheltered in transitional houses across Armenia. |
| 31 | Provision of food to vulnerable families in Herher, Dzovategh and Kherkhan villages in Artsakh | | Tufenkian Foundation | Improved food security among vulnerable families of Herher Dzovategh and Kherkhan villages of Martuni region in Artsakh for an additional two-month period |
| 32 | Protecting front-line health care workers fighting the global COVID-19 pandemic | | Ministry of Health<br>World Health Organization<br>United Nations World Food Program in Armenia<br>Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs<br>AGBU<br>Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation<br>My Step Foundation<br>Fruitful Armenia | Ensuring timely response and delivery of the medical and protective equipment for Armenia |
| 33 | Food for Extremely Poor in view of COVID 19 | | Social Services of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin | Supporting the food security for vulnerable people/families throughout Armenia and Artsakh by ensuring the vulnerable population’s access to nutritious food. |

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| 34 | COVID 19: Protecting the Most Vulnerable in Armavir, Lori, Shirak and Gegharkunik Provinces of Armenia | | Armenian Red Cross Society<br>World Vision Armenia | Supporting the country's response to and mitigation of consequences of COVID 19 by ensuring the access to nutritious food and availability of basic hygiene items for vulnerable families in Armavir, Lori, Shirak and Gegharkunik provinces of Armenia. |
| 35 | COVID-19 Response: Food and Sanitisation Supplies Distribution in the Republic of Artsakh | | The HALO Trust<br>International NGO | Supporting the mitigation of consequences of COVID 19 by ensuring the access to nutritious food and availability of basic hygiene items for vulnerable families in Kashatagh (former Lachin) region of Artsakh. |
| 36 | Ensure Safe Access to Agricultural Land in Artsakh through demining | | The HALO Trust<br>International NGO | Contributing to the elimination of casualties as a result of mine explosions, to ensure safe access to agricultural land, grazing, wood collecting, haymaking and foraging for the local population. |
| 37 | Restoration of Meghri Pokr Tagh | Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development | Government of Armenia<br>World Bank<br>Meghri community | Creating cultural and ethnic tourism hub based on restoration of ethno-urban environment of the period between the18th and early 20th century. |
| 38 | Meghri Community Development Project | | UNDP<br>Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development<br>British Department of Foreign and International Development | Supporting Meghri's Poqr Tagh development through the establishment of Bed and Breakfast, traditional crafts center as well as municipal waste management facility. |
| 39 | Izmirlian-Eurasia Foundation Small Business Loan Program | Economic Development | Eurasia Foundation | Supporting SME Development in Armenia by facilitating access to affordable credit for local and medium sized enterprises. |
| 40 | Micro Loan Program | | ECLOF Foundation | Financing rural micro-credit programs in economically vulnerable communities of Armenia |
| 41 | Supporting the Development of the Real Sector of the Economy | | Ararat Bank | Supporting Armenian small and medium sized enterprises with strong potential for export and employment generation. |
| 42 | SME Development in Armenia | | Black Sea Trade and Development Bank | Supporting SME Development in Armenia by providing direct lending to larger scale enterprises through the established Joint Finance Facility |