



ARMENIAN FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Founded in 2004 the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development focuses its activities on promotion and the protection of rights and interests of migrants, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. The foundation is also actively involved in the field of environmental protection and the Francophonie.

The main objectives of the foundation are.

- ◆ To contribute to the realization of social, cultural, educational and scientific initiatives
- ◆ To elaborate, support and implement projects aimed at contributing Sustainable development in Armenia
- ◆ To provide and foster the cooperation in various fields with relevant stakeholders

Since its creation the AF4SD has implemented more than 300 development projects with international, European and local partners. All these projects correspond to the priorities of European and international organizations, developmental agencies and Armenian authorities.

DOMAINES D'INTERVENTION

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Migration

Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development has been actively involved in managing the return and reintegration issues of migrants.

Our in-depth knowledge of migration is not just a question of theory, but an expertise based on our knowledge of the field.

We offer our expertise in carrying out field assessments, developing policy documents, roadmaps, manuals and toolkits in the field of migration.

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Education

Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development ensures the equal access to education for all the segments of the society, targeting especially the vulnerable groups, by focusing its activities on replenishment of schools and libraries with the necessary literature and equipment, providing university scholarships and implementing innovative projects in the field of education.

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Environment

Besides providing huge support to public and private partners, the foundation conducts awareness-raising and informative activities aimed at improving the attitude towards the environment.

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Vulnerable people

By focusing our activities on the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable people, we strive to guarantee them equal access to all fundamental rights for better social and economic inclusion in a society.

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Francophonie

By organizing large-scale Francophonie events for more than a decade, the foundation aims to strengthen the capacity of Francophone schools, to promote French language teaching in remote regions of Armenia and implementing experience exchange programs for young people as well as for professionals.



Return to Sources

MIGRATION



Since 2005, in order to assist those who are in an irregular situation and wish to return voluntarily to Armenia, the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with OFII (French Office for Immigration and Integration) and AAAS has been implementing "Return to sources" project co-financed by the EU.

Within the framework of this project a Reception and Orientation Centre opened in Paris with the mission to provide detailed information to all those who are interested on the economic and socio-political situation of Armenia and organize their return.

The AF4SD ensures social assistance, works out the feasibility study of the project and finally supports the business implementation.

Currently the beneficiaries of the voluntary return project have the opportunity to benefit from reintegration assistance through vocational trainings and an enterprise creation.

As of 31.12.2020, more than 2078 people have returned to Armenia with the assistance of voluntary return program and 357 enterprises were created.



**2078
retours**

**357
entreprises
créées**



CAROB

MIGRATION



Since, September 2019 the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development in partnership with OFII (French National Agency for Immigration and Integration) is implementing the CAROB project. CAROB (Cooperation for Assistance in Reintegration OFII-BAMF) is a Franco-German reintegration project supporting Armenian nationals voluntarily returning from Germany for the reintegration in Armenia.

The AF4SD organizes vocational trainings, prepares the feasibility study, assists in the actual launch of the micro-business and ensures the follow-up.

Currently the beneficiaries of the voluntary return project have the opportunity to benefit from the possibility of the reintegration through an enterprise creation.

Since September 2019, more than 57 people have been returned to Armenia through voluntary assistance project and 20 enterprises have been established.

20
entreprises
créées



57
returned



Single Window

MIGRATION



Since February 2018 as part of cooperation with the Migration Service of the Republic of Armenia, the AF4SD is ensuring the “Single Window” service, since August 1, 2020 has been integrated into the structure of the state agency.

The purpose of this service was to welcome Armenian nationals returning to Armenia and to provide them with the information on existing reintegration aids.

The AF4SD adviser accepted the migrants and then directed them to the relevant structures.

The adviser was also responsible for the organization of quarterly forums that gathered together migration stakeholders to discuss existing issues in the field, and provide solutions based on their respective experiences.





**The Socio-economic reintegration
assessment of migrants
returning to Armenia**

MIGRATION



By the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development, a research study was carried out within the framework of the "Return to Sources" program on the socio-economic reintegration of migrants returning to Armenia within the period of 2012-2016.

The objective of this study was to assess the effectiveness of the reintegration assistance provided to migrants, within the framework of the "Retour aux sources" project, financed by the OFII and implemented by the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development, in order to find out, during the last five years (2012-2016) the scope of contribution to the establishment of small enterprises and their current situation in 9 regions of Republic of Armenia (Aragatsotn, Ararat, Armavir, Gegharkunik, Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Syunik, Tavush) and in Yerevan.

As project beneficiaries mainly prefer to establish a business, among the proposed reintegration tools, this study was mainly focused on the economic reintegration of migrants.

The data presented in this study refers to 197 companies whose monitoring period expired at the end of 2019.

It should be noted that since 2012, 108 enterprises have been created, by generating the continuous income for our beneficiaries, with 55% success rate.



55%

197
entreprises
évaluées



French classrooms

EDUCATION



In 2020, with the joint efforts of the Af4SD and the "Stepan Gishyan" Charitable Foundation, a new French classroom was opened at the N° 10 school in Gyumri.

This joint project started in 2018 with the creation of the first classroom at School No. 11 in the city of Hrazdan.

In 2019, three other classrooms had been established in schools No.8 in Hrazdan, No.2 in Spitak and No.1 in Ijévan.

These classrooms are equipped with new informative technologies, a rich French-speaking library and comfortable furniture.

More than 2,000 students now have the opportunity to deepen and improve their knowledge of French.

Owe to this partnership, five French classrooms have been renovated and equipped all over Armenia.





French in school

EDUCATION



During the 2019-2020 school year, the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development launched the French Club in Hrazdan School N 11 in Kotayk region.

This is an extracurricular project that values the French language as well as the informal approaches to make it applicable (games, kitchen works, staging, debates, role plays, etc.).

The project also provides an excellent opportunity for French professionals as well as all Francophones to unite under one roof, make screenings, discuss various topics, exchange opinions and ideas, develop projects, collaborate with libraries and NGOs.

This is a logical continuation of the "French Classrooms" project, which was implemented in 2018 at the same school in partnership with the "Stepan Gishyan" Charitable Foundation.

The French specialist, who was invited by the AF4SD, held animated extracurricular activities with the participation of more than 300 students of the school.





Sport Generation

EDUCATION



“Sport Generation” is a nationwide project funded by the UEFA Foundation for Children and carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Armenia.

In 2020, within the project 16 schools from all regions of Armenia received sport equipment for each school 1.000 000 (one million) AMD is earmarked.

The mentioned 16 schools were chosen by the competition. Participating schools were invited to produce a short amateur video about school, school life, student engagement in the community activities and environmental protection. They need to demonstrate their motivation, for example by showing their achievements in the field of sport.

The regular practice of sport makes it possible to integrate values through play, such as respect, team spirit, diligence, politeness and personal investment, all essential for the social and professional integration of young people.





Social grants for UFAR students

EDUCATION



On December 11, 2020, Mr. Alain TOUHADIAN, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development and Mr. Bertrand VENARD, the Rector of the French University in Armenia signed a partnership agreement.

Within the framework of this agreement, 17 students, now AF4SD scholarship holders, received their scholarship certificates.





The transformation of the Special educational complex into Resource Center

VULNERABLE PEOPLE



This project was implemented by co-funding of the “Saint Sarkis Charitable Foundation” and AAAS with the objective to promote the Rights of children with behavioral and social problems by reducing the number of children attending the Special educational complex.

The Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development has started an in-depth study of the students' personal files in order to find out the flaws in the admission procedure, the reasons for extending their stay in the educational complex as well as the possibilities of returning to their families.

The social workers and psychologists of the center received vocational trainings.





Humanitarian aid to displaced families from Artsakh

VULNERABLE PEOPLE



Taking into account the difficult social situation of the Artsakh families who were displaced by the resumption of large-scale hostilities in September 2020 in the Republic of Artsakh the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development, together with the Armenian Relief Fund and AYO Fundraising Platform have been providing humanitarian assistance since December 2020.

More than 100 people benefit from the humanitarian packages in December 2020.





**Support to Armenia Insurance
Foundation for Servicemen**

VULNERABLE PEOPLE



In order to ensure the long-term financial stability of servicemen who have become disabled and the families of those who have died or disappeared while defending the borders, the Armenian Fund for Sustainable Development supports the Armenian Insurance Foundation for Servicemen by regularly making donations.



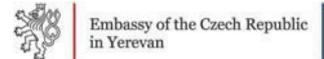
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