



Humanitarian

Healthcare Centre and Social Housing in Supportive Environment



Background

Despite impressive economic growth that Armenia had during last couple of years Armenia still ranks low in terms of human and social development and shares problems of many other countries in transition. Transition from public to private ownership in the field of socio-healthcare services had a very negative impact on the population, particularly on the most unprotected groups, such as elderly, children, people with disabilities, refugees. Although the Government is making some efforts, the social policy in Armenia, however, leaves the vulnerable groups to adapt to the changing environment by themselves. Kanaker-Zeytun district of Yerevan is one of the places with high density of poor population. According to the official statistics, the total population of the district is about 102,500 people, out of which 15,000 households or 63,000 persons are recognised as socially insecure.

General Information

Project region:
Armenia

Project duration:
2005-2007

Total budget:
SDC: CHF 530 000
Liechtenstein: CHF 300 000
Pro Victimis: CHF 100 000

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Objectives

The objective of the proposed project is to (i) set up and operate a Healthcare Centre and Social House in Supportive Environment in Kanaker-Zeytun District in order to contribute to:

- Improvement of living conditions of socially insecure population
- Raising the community capability of service provision
- Improvement of appearance of Kanaker-Zeytun district by replacing a ruined building by a new complex construction meeting modern requirements
- Creation of new working places

(ii) substantially support the Government of Armenia in the reform process of decentralisation, social protection and social housing, which satisfies the needs of vulnerable people in an optimal way by provision of a durable housing solution with introduction of Foster Family concept.

Mission Armenia NGO is suggested as a main partner in the project. Thousands of vulnerable persons of different social groups in Armenia benefit from Mission Armenia's various community-based social and health services. implementation and in ensuring self-sustainability of the Center in the future by offering commercial services as well, to cover charity oriented expenses.

Expected results and activities

After the realisation of the project with the aim of improving the social-healthcare condition of beneficiaries the facility will provide (i) the following services:

- Meal (free of charge and commercial service)
- Bath (free of charge and commercial service)
- Laundry (free of charge and commercial service)
- Barber shop (free of charge and commercial service)
- Café (commercial service)
- Gym (commercial service)

The target beneficiaries for free of charge services will be about 2,000 socially insecure persons that are on Mission Armenia's database, as well as 1,600 elderly people registered in the list of the social services of Kanaker-Zeytoun district of Yerevan; (ii) a sustainable durable housing solution to the vulnerable residents of CCs and vulnerable strata of local population by construction of a complex with 17 one-room flats for beneficiaries and 2 flats for Foster Family and support the efforts of the Armenian Government in the CCs closure process as well as to the social welfare system of the country by introducing the concept of a Foster family.