Amalia Evoyan used to work as an accountant and a shift leader of a sewing factory in Vanadzor city in 1980ies. The family lost their home during 1988 devastating earthquake, and since then they moved back to their ancestors’ village – Yeghegnut.

The Evoyan family members are open minded and hard working people. On their small land next to home they use every inch of soil. All the agricultural work is implemented by the family members. Here they have number of plants, trees, beehives. Now they are starting a green house with the help of USAID funded ARDI program. Earlier this year Amalia participated in entrepreneurship training organized by ARDI program. She developed a successful business plan by using her newly received knowledge, agricultural skills and the fact of having no competitors of a green house business in the neighboring six communities. The grant received from ARDI program helped her to establish a green house. This greenhouse will operate almost the entire year and produce seedlings and vegetables (tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers) for sales. Prior to New Year celebrations, they will also produce greens (onions, coriander and parsley).

Amalia said “I am excited not only that this is a new, diversified income for my family but also that it will save time and efforts for the neighboring communities to travel far for such produce and most of all that later, after expansion, it will enable to open new employment opportunities for neighbors”.

Profitability level projection for the first year is estimated 62% and harvest of 5,300 kg of seeds, 777 kg of vegetables, 576 bunch of greens.