



Building homes, communities, and a homeland



Final Report

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Accomplishments

- **10 families in 5 communities of Armenia – Khor Virap, Marmarashen, Shatin, Margahovit, Shahumyan -completed their homes and can raise their children in simple, decent and affordable houses.**
- **50 persons, among them 26 children were given hope and faith to believe that they can build their home with their own hands and with the help of local community and international volunteers.**

Per family Expense Report

Family	Total Expenditure (AMD)
Gevorgyans	2 850 000
Poghosyans	3 000 000
Haroyans	2 909 700
Sargsyans	2 850 000
Badalyans	2 600 000
Gabrielyans	2 600 000
Tigranyans	3 000 000
Antinyans	2 750 000
Postolakyans	2 796 300
Virabyans	2 923 250
Total	28 279 250
Total Received	28 276 800

FAMILY STORY: Haroyans

Father:	Sahak	43 years old
Mother:	Piruza	36 years old
Son:	Andranik	19 years old
Daughter:	Anahit	16 years old
Son:	Khachatur	14 years old

- The family is engaged in farming tomatoes and other vegetables. The eldest son Andranik is currently serving in the Army. The two younger children are at school.
- The family started to build a house 7 years ago, after leaving parental house, but could not afford to finish it and had to live in the dark and humid basement of Sahak's friend. Because of humidity Piruza suffered rheumatism.
- They were very happy to be selected for Habitat housing program. Khachatur, their son volunteered on all the 5 houses that were being built in their village demonstrating a strong sense of community.
- Their new house is very comfortable and beautiful. Soon Andranik will be back from the Army and they will enjoy family happiness together

HAROYAN FAMILY, Khor Virap



FAMILY STORY: Sargsyans

Father:	Vrezh	40 years old
Mother:	Karin	29 years old
Daughter:	Paytsar	9 years old
Son:	Ghukas	7 years old

The family of Sargsyans earns a living by farming and growing mushrooms. They used to live in their paternal home together with parents and Vrezh's other two brothers' families.

It was not possible any more for four families to live all together and Vrezh bought a semi-built house with the hope to finish it and start living a decent life there. They covered the roof but their resources dried up. They had nothing else to do but to continue living in the unfinished house with a hope to build it one day.

With the help of Habitat loan, the family is now living in a simple, decent, affordable house.

SARGSYAN FAMILY, Khor Virap



FAMILY STORY: Poghosyans

Father Koryun 43 years old
Mother Lusine 47 years old
Son Pargev 15 years old
Son Gagik 13 years old
Daughter Mariam 3 years old

As Koryun was the eldest son the family he had to move out of paternal house with his family to live on his own. First they started to live in a domik and simultaneously were building their house. When the situation in the country got tougher and they had to think only about the daily bread, they stopped the construction and moved to the unfinished dwelling which was quite humid and had scanty lighting.

All their three kids were born here. “We are fortunate enough that our kids did not get any diseases from these conditions, said Lusine. Thanks God, the future of their children is now secure, as they have the opportunity raise them in simple, decent, affordable home.

POGHOSYAN FAMILY, Marmarashen



FAMILY STORY: Gevorgyans

Father:	Hamlet	27 years old
Mother:	Amalik	23 years old
Son:	Narek	4 years old
Son:	Nver	2 years old

- Hamlet and his 2 brothers used to live in their grandmother's house since both of their parents died leaving 3 orphans.
- When he married he started to build his house with the help of two younger brothers.
- As construction materials got very expensive, Hamlet could not finish his house on his own and applied for Habitat loan.
- Hamlet is happy not only for himself but also for his brothers. Now that he can move to his new house, his younger brother can marry and form his own family.

GEVORGYAN FAMILY, Marmarashen



FAMILY STORY: Tigranyans

<i>Father:</i>	Mkhitar	42 years old
<i>Mother:</i>	Agnessa	37 years old
<i>Daughter:</i>	Varduhi	19 years old
<i>Daughter:</i>	Susanna	13 years old
<i>Daughter:</i>	Liana	9 years old
<i>Daughter:</i>	Tigranuhi	6 years old

The family of Tigranyans had to live in an unfinished house for 12 years. They left their parents' house, where Mkhitar's two other brothers lived with their families, with a dream to live independently in the house of their own. Mkhitar was earning well at that time and he was sure that soon his family would have a sturdy roof over their heads. But the times changed drastically and he could not make his dream come true.

In 2007 he was selected to become a Habitat homeowner. He and his family worked day and night to finish their house before the rainy season. Now this large family has a safe roof over their head and is blessing the opportunity that was given to them.

TIGRANYAN FAMILY, Shatin



FAMILY STORY: Badalyans

Father:	Nver	48 years old
Mother:	Gayane	43 years old
Daughter:	Susanna	22 years old
Son:	Narek	17 years old
Grandma:	Satenik	78 years old

The old house of Badalyans was in the stone-slide area of Shatin village, Vayots Dzor region, which was a great hazard to the safety of family members.

Their new house is located in a safe area of their native village. Gayane, the mother is so happy that her future grandchildren will be born in this house and she will not have to worry so much when they play in the yard as she did for her own children.

Badalyan family, Shatin



FAMILY STORY: Gabrielyans

- Father:** Khachatur 38 years old
 - Mother:** Karine 30 years old
 - Son:** Alik 12 years old
 - Son:** Gevorg 11 years old
 - Grandma:** Vardanush 67 years old
- The walls of the old house of Gabrielyans, located in the stone-slide area of Shatin were cracked, and absorbed humidity.
 - For several times when the children were in the yard, the big rocks fell from the mountain right to the place where they were playing, and only God's miracle saved the children from serious injuries.
 - Now Alik and Gevorg can play as long as they want, as they were able to complete their half-built house in a safe area of their village, and their new house will serve for many generations.

GABRIELYAN FAMILY, Shatin

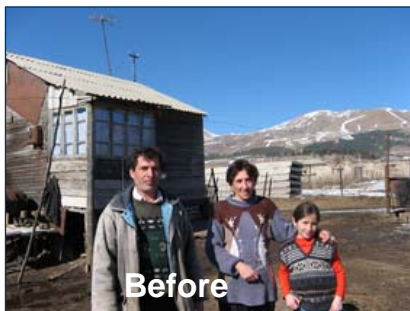


FAMILY STORY: Postolakyans

Father: Pargev 40 years old
Mother: Gayane 36 years old
Son: Sasun 15 years old
Daughter: Hasmik 13 years old
Daughter: Heghine 10 years old

- A large metal container, called “domik”, dark, humid, severely cold in winter and blistering hot in summer, was the only home that the 3 children of Postolakyan family, living in Margahovit village of Lori region had ever known.
- This year they were able to complete their half-built house with the help of Habitat loan and moved in.
- Hasmik and Heghine are so happy to have a room of their own and plenty of space and good lighting to read and prepare lessons.
- Housing conditions have a great impact on the level of education and development of children – hopefully the new house will motivate the children to study better and achieve higher goals in life.

Postolakyan family, Margahovit



FAMILY STORY: Antinyans

Father:	Karen	31 years old
Mother:	Vardush	23 years old
Son:	Aren	2 years old
Daughter:	Arine	8 months old
Grandpa:	Ivan	55 years old
Grandma:	Zoya	50 years old

- The house of Antinyans was half-destroyed during the earthquake of 1988 but they had to stay there as they had no other place to go. The family tried to reconstruct the old house but could not accomplish all the work on their own as their income was too low to buy construction materials.
- With the help of Habitat for Humanity they reconstructed their house, and finally after 19 years they feel safe in their own house. Happily, Aren and Arine will not even remember in what conditions they used to live and will enjoy their childhood in a simple, decent house.

ANTINYAN FAMILY, Margahovit



FAMILY STORY: Virabyans

Father:	David	34 years old
Mother:	Armine	31 years old
Daughter:	Susanna	15 years old
Daughter:	Lena	10 years old
Son:	Levon	4 months old

After getting married David and Armine lived with David's parents for 4 years. In 1998 David started to build a house for his growing family. But unable to finish it, he obtained a domik (metal container) and placed it beside the foundations of his new house. The family had to live there for 8 years.

Armine was expecting their third child when they were selected by Habitat Family Selection Committee.

Luckily, little Levon will grow up in a nice new house and will not have the same childhood memories as Sussanna and Lena.

VIRABYAN FAMILY, Shahumyan





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