

REBUILDING A HOMELAND



Final report 2008

FAMILY LIST (Including Expenses)

Family	Community	Region	Members	Expenses (AMD)
Sargsyan	Khachik	Vayots Dzor	4	3 000 000
Asatryan	Khachik	Vayots Dzor	5	3 000 000
Hayrapetyan	Khachik	Vayots Dzor	5	3 000 000
Poghosyan	Khachik	Vayots Dzor	7	3 000 000
Grigoryan	Vardashat	Vayots Dzor	7	3 000 000
Aslanyan	Arinj	Kotayk	5	2 700 300
Zalinyan	Gargar	Lori	6	3 350 000
Khachatryan	Margahovit	Lori	5	3 000 000
Margaryan/Chobanyan	Margahovit	Lori	4	2 891 200
Hovsepyan	Lermontovo	Lori	5	3 150 000
Parsadanyan	Lermontovo	Lori	5	3 000 000
Abrahamyan/Ayvazyan	Tashir	Lori	5	3 400 000
Mardoyan	Tashir	Lori	4	2 559 100
Saratikyan	Shahumyan	Lori	4	2 963 730
Yeghshatyan	Vanadzor	Lori	5	3 000 000
Total 15 families	9 communities	3 regions	86 persons	45 014 330

SARGSYAN FAMILY KHACHIK



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Suren	38
Mother	Gohar	28
Son	Gegham	3
Son	Gevorg	2



SARGSYAN FAMILY

The family is engaged in gardening – grapes, apricot and apples.

After getting married, Gohar and Suren lived with Suren's parents for 2 years. But it was too hard to live in a clay house with 10 people. After that they lived in a rented house 2 years. They bought a half-built house but are not able to finish it by themselves, without external assistance.

"My little Gegham plays with earth all the time and builds houses", said Gohar. "He is so excited that we will finally be able to finish our house and speaks of it all the time".

Their house was blessed on December 4th. Now the family can raise their sons in a safe and healthy house that will serve more generations to come.

KHACHIK



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Simon	48
Mother	Azniv	47
Daughter	Tatevik	24
Daughter	Lilit	22
Daughter	Arpine	17



ASATRYAN FAMILY

Simon is an accountant. He works in the local municipality. Azniv is a teacher of physical education in the village school.

They have 3 daughters. Both Lilit and Tatev have received higher education. Arpine has just finished high school.

One room in the building of the old school has served as their home for 10 years. They started to build a house, and moved in hoping to finish it soon but could not because of the economic situation. So for 10 more years they lived in an unfinished house with bare walls and concrete floor.

With the help of VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center Armenia, they now have a decent home to live in.

HAYRAPETYAN FAMILY KHACHIK



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Samvel	49
Mother	Susanna	48
Son	Torgom	25
Son	Artush	24
Son	Marut	18



HAYRAPETYAN FAMILY

Since their marriage the Hayrapetyans lived in Samvel's parental house. It was a mud and clay house in emergency condition.

In 1990 they started to build the house. When the war began, Samvel participated in the village defense, and the construction process stopped.

Afterwards, the construction materials got more and more expensive, and they could not finish the house. However they decided to move to the unfinished house and live there believing that one day they would be able to finish it.

Their eldest sons, Artush and Torgom work as construction laborers in Yerevan. They are so happy that at last they had a chance to work on their own house. Marut, the youngest son, is in the army. By the time he comes back, the new house will be waiting for him.

Samvel and Susanna thank VivaCell and are happy that their sons can now marry and fill the house with the joyous laughter of grandchildren.



POGHOSYAN FAMILY KHACHIK



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Perch	49
Mother	Vardush	50
Daughter	Susanna	23
Daughter	Mari	22
Daughter	Flora	20
Daughter	Alisa	16
Grandma	Flora	76



POGHOSYAN FAMILY

Perch and his wife Vardush are engaged in animal husbandry. Perch is also a construction laborer. They have four children.

In 1993 they left the paternal house which was earth-walled with no sanitation system, no kitchen and water lines. They had lived there for 9 years. They had to carry water from the other part of the village every day.

They had started a house in 1990, and as soon as the walls were up they moved in, hoping to finish the house little by little. However their income was too small to complete the construction and all the family has to live in one bedroom. Their youngest daughter was born in the unfinished house.

They are now filled with hope again, and are blessing Fuller Center Armenia for this wonderful opportunity.



GRIGORYAN FAMILY VARDASHAT



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Armen	44
Mother	Armenuhi	35
Son	Hrant	15
Daughter	Tamara	13
Daughter	Gayane	11
Son	Alexander	8
Grandmother	Punjik	73



GRIGORYAN FAMILY

The large family of Grigoryans lives in Vardashat village. Their house is very old, the walls are cracked. The rooms are dark and damp. A small room serves as a kitchen. They have no bathroom or a toilet inside the house.

Armen and Armenuhi are engaged in gardening, farming and animal husbandry. All the 4 children go to school. The grandmother is retired. They also receive welfare assistance from the government.

In 1992 Armen was able to privatize the half-built house that was started by the village authorities (SOVKHOZ) during the soviet time. But they were unable to finish the house as their income was hardly enough to sustain 4 children and grandma.

Fuller Center Armenia has provided the family with all the necessary construction materials to finish their house. Armenuhi has health problems which has currently suspended the construction, but hopefully, with the help of God, they will be able to continue in the nearest future. The new house will have four bedrooms, a nice toilet and bathroom. It will serve the family for long decades, and will house the families of their children as well.



ASLANYAN FAMILY ARINJ



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Melikset	54
Mother	Elena	45
Daughter	Narine	24
Daughter	Aida	23
Son	Suren	19



ASLANYAN FAMILY

The Aslanyans are one of the families who have chosen the hard way of coming back to homeland. In 2000 leaving their birthplace Javakhk, Melikset and Yelena came to Armenia with their 3 children to build their new home in their historical homeland. In 2002 they bought land in the village of Arinj and started constructing their own house. But because of construction material prices getting higher and having to pay for their children's education, for more than 5 years they couldn't finish the construction of their house and had to rent a flat.

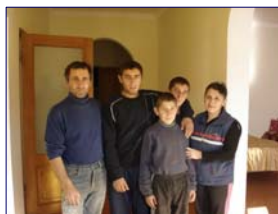
Thanks to VivaCell-MTS the family at last had the opportunity to finish their home and have own corner in their homeland.



ZALINYAN FAMILY GARGAR



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Aghabek	41
Mother	Armenuhi	34
Son	Robert	16
Son	Ararat	14
Son	Artur	11
Son	Armen	7



ZALINYAN FAMILY

The large family of Zalinyans – Aghabek, Armenuhi and their 4 sons, live in Gargar, Lori region. Before the marriage of Aghabek's younger brother the family lived with Aghabek's parents. In 1994 they moved to domik, a metal shipping container.

It was extremely difficult to raise four children in such deprecate conditions. There was no sanitation system, kitchen and water-lines. The lighting was poor. Rainwater often leaked in. The ceiling got covered by mold spoiling the air in the room. They suffered from heat in summer and unbearable cold in winter. The children often got cold and had to be absent from school.

The family is engaged in farming – they grow potatoes, grain and fodder. They also have a cow. Aghabek also works as a manual laborer. He goes to Russia during the construction season to support his family. However, before the assistance of Fuller Center and VivaCell-MTS, their income was not enough to finish the half built house that they started in 1989, 19 years ago.

Their new house has 3 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a bathroom. They feel blessed that they can now raise their 4 sons finally have a decent house that will serve as a good shelter to their future families as well.



KHACHATRYAN FAMILY MARGAHOVIT



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Sayad	47
Mother	Sofya	47
Daughter	Irina	23
Son	Tigran	22
Daughter	Arusyak	19



KHACHATRYAN FAMILY

It has been more than a decade and a half since the family of Khachatryans, father mother and 3 children, moved to their temporary shelter, a tiny metal construction reminding a train car and lacking any appropriate conveniences. Before 1992 the Khachatryans used to live with Sayad's parents and siblings, a frequent occurrence in many Armenian families. Nevertheless, when Sayad's brother got married, their parents' house became overcrowded and Sayad had to find a new shelter to temporarily reside there with his family before he could finish the construction of his own house. This was a plan that was never fulfilled. Although the basement of the new house was built back in 1991-1992, further construction efforts were hampered by the absence of necessary financial means.

With the assistance of VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing, and a group of international volunteers, they finished the house that they started 17 years ago, and moved in. The new house has 3 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom.

Tigran, their son, aged 22, is especially excited as he will not have to worry any more how he can marry and start a new family in the small domik that was too small even for its current residents.



MARGARYAN FAMILY MARGAHOVIT



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Vardan	49
Mother	Gohar	43
Son	Vahe	25
Daughter	Tereza	22



MARGARYAN FAMILY

The Margaryan family has been living in a wooden domik for the past 19 years. They moved into their current shelter following the strong earthquake of 1988. Vardan and Gohar have never had a house of their own since the time of their marriage. Vardan's parental house was too small to accommodate both Vardan's and his brother's families. So, Vardan decided to build a house of his own, but was never able to finish the construction work. His family's income comes from farming and planting activities and averages 350 USD a month, clearly insufficient to complete the house.

They finished the house with the assistance of VivaCell-MTS through Fuller Center for Housing. Their house of 78 sq. m has 3 bedrooms, a sitting room, a kitchen and a bathroom with toilet.

Gohar and Vardan are looking forward to have a wedding party of their son in the new house.



HOVSEPYAN FAMILY LERMONTOVO



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Vahan	49
Mother	Liana	41
Son	Hayk	15
Daughter	Anna	13
Grandfather	Misha	80



HOVSEPYAN FAMILY

Vahan Hovsepyan is the director of the secondary school in Lermontovo. He is one of the highly revered residents of the village. He has earned the deep respect of fellow villagers because he has courageously saved the lives of his school students. He once saw one of the schoolchildren playing obliviously with a hand grenade in the schoolyard. He sensed the looming tragedy and immediately rushed to the child, snatched the grenade out of his hands and tried to toss it away. But the grenade exploded at that very moment, burning Vahan's hand. Thankfully, the wounds were not too deep and were cured after several surgeries.

The village hero and his four family members lived in a tiny Old Russian (molokan)-style house with only two rooms. Since there was not enough space in the house, the family had to attach a small metal container (domik), which was used as a bedroom. The total monthly income of the family was far less than needed.

Currently the family has received all the necessary building materials from Fuller Center Armenia and is working on the construction. Their house will be completed by the end of January 2009.



PARSADANYAN FAMILY LERMONTOVO



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Artak	39
Mother	Armine	29
Daughter	Inesa	7
Son	Arman	5
Son	Gor	1



PARSADANYAN FAMILY

The family of Parsadanyans is from the village of Lermontovo situated in one of the northern regions of Armenia, Lori. It consists of five people, including 3 small children who lived in an old deprecate house with only 2 small rooms. Their shabby house was in dire need of reconstruction and renovation. Artak, the homeowner, had already started to enlarge the house. Yet, the lack of financial means had forced him to suspend the construction work indefinitely. Farming and retail trading are the main sources of their tiny income. The corridor of their house had been turned into a small retail shop.

Artak and Armine think their third child, Gor, brought good luck to their home. They applied to the organization the very day he was born and were selected to become Fuller Center homeowners.

The new house of 85 sq. m has 3 bedrooms, a sitting room, a kitchen and a bathroom with toilet. They are looking forward for the first New Year Eve to be celebrated in their nice house.



ABRAHAMYAN/AYVAZYAN TASHIR



Relationship	Name	Age
Mother	Julieta	44
Daughter	Hayarpi	23
Son	Sevak	22
Grandma	Hayastan	78
Grandpa	Vardan	81



ABRAHAMYAN/AYVAZYAN FAMILY

Julieta is a bereaved widow who blames the untimely death of her husband on the dreadful living conditions their family had to suffer at the time when they resided in a domik. She claims that her husband failed to overcome the health problems caused by the dampness and stale air of the domik. "The pain in his bones was terrible. It killed him. We lived in the domik for 15 years. I would never risk letting my kids live in the domik again," she vowed. Following her husband's death in 2002, Julieta rented a house and moved there with her children and her husband's elderly parents. Both Julieta and her daughter Hayarpi work as shopkeepers. Sevak, is a laborer while the grandparents are pensioners. Without the assistance of VivaCell and Fuller Center for Housing they would not have finished their own house.

As their unfinished house was too big, Fuller Center for Housing helped them complete 2 bedrooms, a sitting room, the kitchen, a corridor and a bathroom with toilet. The new kitchen will enable Julieta to promote a small business – baking and decorating cakes that will further enhance the quality of life of this family headed by a single mother.

The Global Builders team from the US participated in the construction of this house.



MARDOYAN FAMILY TASHIR



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Mnatsakan	45
Mother	Ella	39
Daughter	Christine	21
Son	Gevorg	20



MARDOYAN FAMILY

Mnatsakan and Ella have been married for 23 years already, but their family has never had the opportunity to live in their own house. At first the Mardoyans were renting their living space. It was in distant 1996 that they launched the construction of their own house, but shortly afterwards tough socio-economic conditions compelled them to stop the work and settle in the unfinished house. The family of four (the children are already college students) has been living there since then. Needless to say, that the living conditions in the house leave much to be desired. In the absence of appropriate financial resources the family cannot fix the situation on its own.

The house that they completed with the assistance of VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing has an area of 73 sq. meters. It has 3 bedrooms, a sitting room, a corridor, a kitchen and a bathroom with the toilet. Mardoyans are looking forward to celebrating many joyful events in this house, especially the weddings of their children.



SARATIKYAN FAMILY SHAHUMYAN



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Artavazd	57
Mother	Liza	57
Son	Hayk	30
Daughter	Lusine	27



SARATIKYAN FAMILY

Hayk is 30 years-old, but he did not dare to start his own family because of the bad housing conditions. For 6 years the family lived in one room of their unfinished house with leaking roof, damp kitchen and no inside sanitation facilities.

With the help of VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, they were finally able to finish the house. The house has 80 sq. m. living area with 2 bedrooms, a sitting room, a kitchen, a corridor, a bathroom and a toilet.

Now Hayk can get married and enlarge their family. With their income from animal farming they will make monthly repayments to help another homeless family to have a decent house.



YEGHSHATYAN FAMILY VANADZOR



Relationship	Name	Age
Father	Arayik	41
Mother	Aregnaz	37
Daughter	Marianna	11
Son	Roman	10
Grandfather	Romik	69



YEGHSHATYAN FAMILY

After the earthquake, Arayik and Aregnaz, had to move out of Arayik's parental house, as the house was too small for the families of two brothers. They installed a metal container (domik) in their yard and moved to it together with Arayik's father, at the same time starting a new house for themselves.

More than 15 years have passed, but they had not been able to complete it since. Their children were born in the domik. Arayik is the only breadwinner of the family, selling meat at the local shop, and his income was enough only to sustain the family's daily living.

Now that they have been assisted by VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center Armenia, their hope is restored. Their new house has 3 bedrooms, a sitting room with a kitchen, a bathroom with a toilet. It is filled with light and happiness.





In partnership with Heifer Project International 5 families - Sargsyans, Poghosyans, Khachatryans, Parsadyans and Yeghshatyans have been provided with a pregnant cow to give them an income generation activities. The families will raise the cow and the calf, and after 3 years, pass the calf to another family.

More families will get assistance from Heifer next year.

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The children of Armenia
deserve to live in decent,
safe houses.



Together we can rebuild our
Homeland, stone by stone, house
by house, with our hands and
hearts.

Together, we can rebuild the
Armenian Dream, child by child,
with our minds and souls.

