

Shelter Initiative in Yerevan Artsakh Occupation Response

Background: On September 12, Artsakh was occupied by Azerbaijan after 9 months of brutal blockade. This humanitarian crisis forced 120,000 Indigenous Armenians to flee their native land and leave behind everything to survive. Our team set up a shelter in Yerevan, Armenia to better support the needs of displaced people as they settled into their new lives in Armenia.

Process: The Armenian Ministry of Social Affairs sent beneficiaries to our shelter following their formal registration as refugees at the Goris-Artsakh border. Our team fitted the shelter to meet the standards of the Armenian government in accommodating beneficiaries.

Initiative Launched: September 26, 2023

Completed: November 16, 2023

Change of Plans: Our original plan was to launch 3 shelters, but ultimately only had the capability and bandwidth for one main shelter and a second space for single-family accommodation. The first shelter is where we hosted a majority of beneficiaries.

Expenses: We purchased kitchen and laundry appliances, beds and bedding, and home goods necessary to daily life. In addition, we provided beneficiaries meals, groceries, shoes and clothing, toys and entertainment for children, and long-term housing coordination services.

Beneficiary Demographics:

- 60 people, 20 of which were children
- 20 men, 30 women
- 3 beneficiaries with special needs/disabilities

Purchases

Approximate Amount (AMD)

Beds : 1,080,000
 56 Beddings: 600,000
 Blankets : 200,000
 Shoes: 194,500
 Pillows : 75,000
 Utensils: 61,560
 Hygienic Goods: 58,800
 Misc. Goods: 12,200
 Medication: 12,500
Sum: 2,313,307 AMD

Transportation

Approximate Amount (AMD)

Truck - Transport: 5,000
 Car - Transport: 13,600
Sum: 18,600 AMD

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2,331,907 AMD is approximately \$5,830 USD

Partners

Sambo Federation of Armenia

Provided free shelter space

KARAS National Food Chain

Provided free hot meals for residents

UNO Shoes

Provided a 30% discount for new shoes

Team Members

Sose Simavorian
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Volunteers:

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***The initial goal and amount raised for the Shelter Response Project was \$20,000. Thanks to our partners, we were able to avoid major costs of space rental and meals. The remaining \$14,170 was allocated to immediate aid for families. The report for these funds will be uploaded separately under "Immediate Aid - Artsakh Occupation Response 2023"**

Bedding/Home Goods

Receipt form for Bedding/Home Goods with fields for recipient name, address, phone, and a detailed table of items including bed sheets, pillows, and blankets.

UNO Shoes

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Table of receipts for UNO Shoes with columns for item number, quantity, price, and VAT. Includes a summary row at the bottom showing a total of 16218.34 AMD.

MG Supermarket

Table of receipts for MG Supermarket with columns for item number, quantity, price, and VAT. Lists various grocery items like flour, oil, and sugar.

Transportation

Receipt form for AMERIABANK with fields for recipient name, address, and a table of items including bank services and fees.

VEGA - Appliances

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Table of receipts for VEGA Appliances with columns for item number, quantity, price, and VAT. Lists kitchen appliances like blenders, toasters, and coffee makers.

Receipts from Vaga Pharm

Table of receipts from VAGA PHARM with columns for item number, quantity, price, and VAT. Lists pharmaceutical products and medical supplies.



***Please note that did not share many photos of the shelter publicly because a majority of beneficiaries did not consent to photos and video. We respect their privacy and appreciate your understanding!**