

## Highlights from our recent activities

### Children: The pillars of our future



EU Armenia highlights the role of child-friendly spaces (CFSs) and underlines how they help children to cope with life's difficulties and helps them resume a normal pace of life.

CFSs run by People in Need Armenia enable displaced children to play, learn, and spend time with their peers. [VIDEO](#)

The emotional scars of conflict are being healed through art, games, and sessions with psychologists at 7 CFSs in Armenia.

Through consistent work, PIN psychologists help displaced children from Nagorno Karabakh speak about their experiences, which helps them become calm and more resistant to environmental changes. [READ MORE](#)



### EU4Shirak: Wool for Jobs

The "EU4Shirak: Wool for Jobs" project opened new business opportunities for Mary Melikyan (Koshtoyan) and Hasmik Khachatryan from Gyumri, Armenia.



Mary, a painter by profession, uses locally made wool to produce felt clothing, accessories, slippers, and more. Thanks to the EU4Shirak project, she received professional training and financial support to ensure that her [Art Studio](#) runs smoothly. [READ MORE](#)

Hasmik is a tailor, and because she fills both individual and wholesale orders, her products are in high demand. Thanks to funding from the EU, she expanded her sewing services and hired more employees. [READ MORE](#)



# REACTing to the Needs of Armenia's Conflict-affected Population

People in Need Armenia launched "REACT: Relief and Early Recovery for People Affected by Conflict in Armenia", an EU-funded project.

It aims to meet the needs of more than 17,000 displaced people in Armenia.



*"More than one year after the conflict, many affected people still find themselves in an extremely vulnerable position and struggle to find the resources to keep their families warm and healthy. Their dire situation is exacerbated by the harsh winter and the coronavirus pandemic. The EU is providing support for the conflict-affected population to help those most in need get through the winter," says Ambassador **Andrea Wiktorin**, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia. [READ MORE](#)*

## People in Need continues to help displaced people

Warmth and comfort are what people need most in winter. For those who have been displaced, these basic comforts are even more important—they are lifesaving.

People in Need, with funding from the European Union, is helping displaced people in Armenia handle the colder months by providing eco-friendly heating briquettes and winterisation kits—designed to keep homes warm—to those who need them most.



The family of four fled the city of Martakert, Nagorno Karabakh because of the fighting and are now based in the Ararat region. Despite the poor living conditions, little Artyom and Christine were happy to meet PIN employees.



EU Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid highlights the importance of the support provided to people who fled the fighting in Nagorno Karabakh.

To overcome the challenges of a cold winter and keep warm, people like Arpine, Laura, and Albert were provided with EU-funded eco-friendly heating briquettes by People in Need.



## The "Transition from Education to Employment" project has reached its milestone

### Encouraging Vocational Education in The Shirak Region of Armenia

On December 10, the final conference for the EU-funded project, "Transition from Education to Employment," took place. The event showcased the results of the two-year project, highlighting both public and private sectors. Overall, 134 participants are involved in the short-term academic programmes; 10 of them have already received jobs while either have been taking EU-funded paid internships in such organisations as the Amasia Head Cheese factory, Bandivan milk, the Amasia Wool Factory, and the Gloves Factory in Artik and Czech-Arm-Invest Factory.



Thanks to the People in Need implemented project "Transition from Education to Employment," several complex works have been carried out between 2019 and 2021, promoting a smooth transition from education to employment. Key goals of this project included economic and community development and the preparation of competitive employees. [READ MORE](#)



## CSOs as Drivers of Change in Local Communities

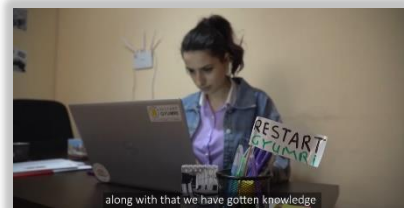
The development of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) is one of the critical components of community building in Armenia.



MITK NGO, an Armavir based CSO, is one of the beneficiaries of the "Civil society actors as drivers of change in South Caucasus and Moldova" project. As part of the EU-funded project, MITK is implementing a "Young Ambassadors of Armavir" campaign to promote civic participation among young people in cooperation with People in Need Armenia. [VIDEO](#); [READ MORE](#)

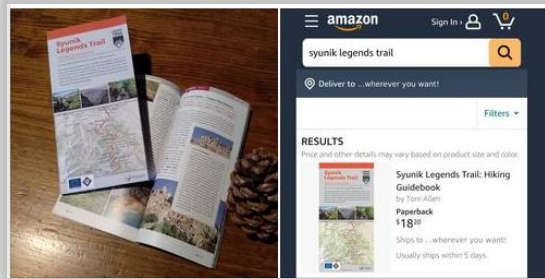
To help grassroots organisations, civic initiatives, new and emerging civil society organisations (CSOs), and social and cultural movements in Armenia reach their full potential, People in Need is implementing the "Civil society actors as drivers of change in South Caucasus and Moldova" project funded by the European Union.

As part of this project, Restart Gyumri is implementing a campaign to strengthen the capacities of high school and college students and enable them to experience exchange in the Shirak region of Armenia. The project aims to make education better and more interactive and develop an active youth in Shirak. [VIDEO](#); [READ MORE](#)



# The Legends Trail Continues to Attract Visitors

## The Legends Trail guidebook on Amazon



Great news for hiking enthusiasts. A new guidebook, Syunik Legends Trail, detailing the highlights of the Legends Trail is now available on Amazon or at Hike Armenia's office. This guidebook will make your journey easy, safe, and above all, fun.

## Czech Tourists share their experience on the Legends Trail

Upon returning from visiting Armenia, Czech tourists, in partnership with People in Need, organised an event in Prague, Czech Republic.

They shared stories about their hiking experience during the meeting and expressed their admiration of Armenian hospitality. [READ MORE](#)



## The Pilgrimage Trail

Hike Armenia features the Pilgrimage Trail as a new destination on the Legends Trail. On the Pilgrimage Trail, you can journey through gorges, past rivers, and into valleys as you make your way to the Great Hermitage of Tatev, a once-renowned religious centre now semi-abandoned. [READ MORE](#)





## PIN's work in the media

### EU-funded REACT project featured on Armenpress News Agency



"REACT: Relief and Early Recovery for People Affected by Conflict in Armenia", an EU-funded project implemented by People in Need, was featured by ArmenPress News Agency. This article highlighted the importance of the project in assisting those who are most in need. [READ MORE](#)

### Shant TV covered the "Shirak region: Competitive employees as a means of economic development" workshop



A workshop entitled "Shirak region: Competitive employees as a means of economic development" was held in Gyumri within the TVET project. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the problems of the labour market, find solutions and promote a smooth transition from education to employment. [VIDEO](#)

### 34travel's coverage of the Legends Trail



To help better explore the Legends Trail in the Syunik region of Armenia, [34travel](#), an online travel platform, recently featured a unique article detailing the places of interest on the Legends Trail. This article is designed for Russian speaking tourists. [READ MORE](#)



## Videos featuring PIN projects

### Green-house farming is an essential profession



Have you ever wondered how to make a profit while rejoicing in your profession at the same time? Green-house farming is one of the best professions in which to do both. You can learn about this exciting and rewarding career path at Artik State College.

Thanks to PIN you could also practice your skills at Green Food. [VIDEO](#)

### Learn how to become a farmer, a much-demanded specialty nowadays



Norayr Davtyan discusses the opportunities offered to students through participation in the short-term work-based training in farming within the "From Education to Employment" project.

Watch our video to explore how you can become involved in farming. [VIDEO](#)



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