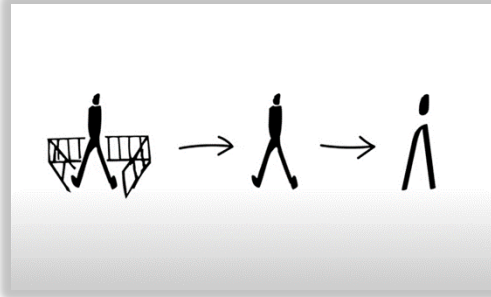


PIN 30 years – 18 years in Armenia

Making 30 years with a new logo

This year we celebrated our 30th anniversary with a new logo. Over the past 30 years, our work has changed; thus, the message conveyed with our logo had to change too. Our new logo works with the simplest possible imagery of the human figure. It has been designed to be comprehensible in all possible languages and cultural contexts and more positive in visual communication. We hope this change conveys more positivity and is more universally understandable.



"Almost 30 years ago, we chose the logo of People in Need, we knew the name, and we knew that the logo should express the situation in which we were working at that time, which was mainly war and conflicts. Franz Kafka's drawing and the black and white colouring of the logo fit perfectly, but since then, we have gone through a certain maturation," says Šimon Pánek, PIN's director and co-founder.

[Read more](#)

PIN Armenia Staff Retreat

A healthy organisational culture is vital for developing a healthy work atmosphere. We know the importance of team-building, which enables us to take a step back from the day-to-day activities and develop vital and close bonds with our colleagues.



Staying true to our values, PIN Armenia celebrated 18 years this year and had a two-day staff retreat in Aghveran. We have developed several brand new ideas for the years to come.



Supporting the social reintegration of voluntarily returned migrants in Armenia

Repatriation of migrants always results in the need for repatriates to reintegrate into society and adapt to changed living conditions. With this in mind, since 2016, we have, in partnership with the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII), supported Armenians who have chosen to return home voluntarily from France and Germany. [Read more](#)

Madame Anne Louyot, Ambassador of France to Armenia, together with Consul Thibault Nonier and Hugues Gebhardt, director of OFII Arménie, visited the Yeranas screen printing & digital embroidery workshop.

Khachatur and Astghik established this workshop, who returned voluntarily to Armenia thanks to the efforts of People in Need and OFII Arménie.



Norayr was repatriated from Germany. He is an archaeologist by profession and the author of numerous scientific articles. By the time he arrived in Germany, he had already conducted several solo exhibitions of stone-crafts and even participated in an international exhibition.

None of this dampened his desire to return to his homeland, Armenia, as he hoped that his only son would remain Armenian and speak his mother tongue.

Norayr founded his own interior decorations business, where he makes decorations in wood, epoxy, and obsidian. [Watch more](#)





In leaving Armenia, Tatevik and her husband sought to pursue a better quality of life. However, after a year, they changed their minds and decided to return and build their future in their homeland.

With OFII Arménie funding, we helped them to establish a greengrocer's shop to provide them with a livelihood and a small level of comfort. [Watch more](#)

Armine was also repatriated from Germany. Sadly, this was after losing her husband, Davit, after nine months of medical treatment. However, she was strong enough to start a new life by herself and to turn her and Davit's dreams into reality.

With OFII Arménie support, we helped Armine establish her "LuseTev" handmade accessories shop and "DavtiTun" guesthouse in Sisian. Now, she is working hard to reintegrate into her homeland and succeed in her efforts. [Watch more](#)



Siranush returned to Armenia as she felt homesick.

Upon returning to Armenia, Siranush found work in a beauty salon; here, she has gained a loyal following from her customers due to her devotion to her craft. [Watch more](#)

Long-term solutions empowered by the COVID-19 Solidarity Programme

Armenia: Hooked on success



Handicraft skills ensure business opportunities for Anahit living in Gyumri, Armenia, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wanting to make a hook-woven bag for her youngest daughter, she took up the craft and became successful in the craft business.

This story is a testament to the importance and success of the COVID-19 Solidarity Programme supported by People in Need, Women's Rights House, and EU funds.

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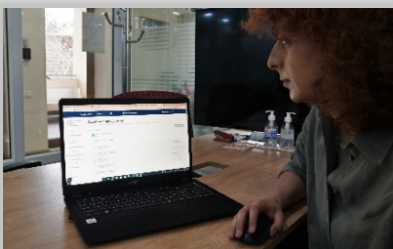
Psychosocial support for people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh



To mitigate the pandemic's adverse consequences and the conflict, the Pahapan Foundation, the Tegh Foundation, Bridge of Hope, and the Apaga Centre for Psychology have given psychosocial support to around 2300 people. This support was offered to people affected in Tavush, Armenia. We provided socio-psychological support and supervision to adults affected by the war, psychological support to teenagers and children with disabilities, on-the-job training and mentorship to psychologists, and on-the-job training for teachers.

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Free high-quality education for 1500 students and 150 teachers

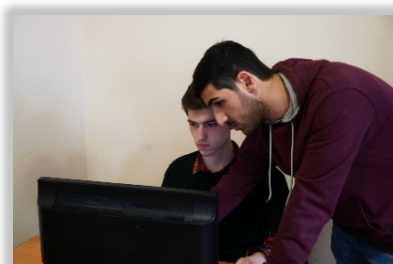


Despite the pandemic-induced restrictions and their related difficulties, Khan Academy Armenia has developed credible solutions to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through free workshops, Khan Academy aimed to expand the applicability of its free online educational resources in the Armenian language.

As a part of the EU-funded COVID-19 Solidarity Programme, 1500 students and 150 teachers received free, high-quality education thanks to the efforts of People in Need and Khan Academy Armenia. [Watch more](#) [Read more](#)

IT training for 90 beneficiaries was conducted at the Educational Complex for Children with Hearing Disorders



Highlighting the importance of socio-economic stability of displaced youth with disabilities under COVID-19, the "With You" charitable organisation conducted 3D modelling, computer literacy, and HTML programming courses for 90 beneficiaries. Three of the beneficiaries have already found work in IT, and 45 are continuing their education in the field. The top nine students from the project were awarded laptops.

Tigran, an alumnus of the Yerevan Special Educational Complex for Children with Hearing Disorders, enrolled in the IT training. After succeeding in the IT training, he was offered a job as a 3D modelling tutor at the same school. [Watch more](#) [Read more](#)

Strengthening stability and resilience of displaced people



Aiming to strengthen the economic independence and COVID-19 resilience of 75 displaced women, youths, and people with disabilities from Ararat, Kotayk, and Vayots Dzor, Armenian Progressive Youth—along with help from People in Need—initiated a project within the framework of EU-funded Solidarity Programme.

Through a series of capacity-building events, work-based learning, individual mentoring, coaching sessions, and brokering with companies, APY has enabled the participants to develop soft skills, raise self-confidence, and fulfil their potential—all while accessing the labour market. [Watch more](#) [Read more](#)

Promoting tourism through education

Through education and awareness, the ancient Bronze Age area of Karnut, the ancient church and reservoir built on the basis of an ancient pagan temple, as well as favourable conditions for hiking, suggest that the area could be developed as a tourist destination.

The "Karnut Fish Festival" is one of 40 programmes implemented by Teach for Armenia with the joint efforts of People in Need and EU funds to unite residents of Karnut and surrounding communities around one common idea.



Social Media as a means of advocacy

Within the framework of the EU-funded Solidarity programme, six organisations are conducting campaigns to provide long-term employment solutions for vulnerable people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To effectively implement programmes in Yerevan and in the regions of Armenia, we organised a meeting with representatives of beneficiary organisations and media expert Samvel Martirosyan to discuss the features and skills of using media platforms.



Civil Society Organisations as Drivers of Change

'Unconference' – a unique networking event

To help civil society actors to grow, we hosted a three-day networking event with the participation of 14 beneficiary CSOs, and other sectoral experts in Aghveran, Armenia. The so-called 'unconference' aimed to create an informal networking platform for the EU-funded "Civil Society Actors as Drivers of Change in South Caucasus and Moldova" project participants. Thanks to the event, 18 collaborations were formed among the participant CSOs. [Watch more](#)



A three-day networking event enabled 14 participant CSOs to discuss their strategies and ongoing plans to strengthen the new facets of cooperation to change civil society organisations' perceptions and make a difference.

Partners from the EU and civil society organisations participated in the event presenting the features and challenges of the field, as well as the opportunities of grant programmes.

During the event, seven CSOs from the programme's first round were awarded certificates.



Breastfeeding and family-oriented approaches in the workplace



Point 33 NGO, one of the 14 participant CSOs, organised a meeting to discuss the ways of encouraging breastfeeding in the workplace. During the meeting, the participants talked about the research conducted within the framework of the programme, the legal norms in Armenia as well as the solutions in the international expertise on this topic. **Zaruhi Batoyan**, the former Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, highlighted the importance of family-oriented approaches in the workplace and ensured the transmission of the research to the Government and the National Assembly of RA.

REACTing to the needs of Armenia's conflict-affected population

Braving the harsh Armenian winters



Hope never fades for those affected by conflict in Nagorno Karabakh, even after facing so much hardship.

Lusine, based in Kharberd, Ararat region, moved from Goghtanik, Lachin district. She is doing what she can to adapt to the new living conditions. She believes nothing is impossible if you pursue a better quality of life.

With funding from EU Humanitarian Aid, we are supporting displaced people in Armenia and helping

them adjust to their new surroundings. [Watch more](#) [Read more](#)



Haykuhi with her five children moved to Armenia after the Nagorno Karabakh conflict, leaving their newly-built house behind.

We are helping the displaced navigate the obstacles between severe cold and displacement with EU funding.

[Watch more](#) [Read more](#)



Around 500 families have been supplied with eco-friendly heating briquettes to keep homes warm in colder temperatures, and 200 families have received winterisation kits. Additionally, we are helping 2000 displaced households with utility support subsidies.

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Vocational education opportunities for the conflict-affected population

Within the Europe Day 2022 celebrations framework, Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin met with beneficiaries from the “REACT: Relief and Early Recovery for People affected by Conflict in Armenia” project and participated in a cooking master-class with them under the guidance of Chef Sedrak Mamulyan.

About 75 participants have successfully completed culinary training, and during the aforementioned event, they were awarded certificates by Ambassador Wiktorin.



Within our free vocational education training, we have—along with EU Humanitarian Aid—launched culinary training courses for those affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and socially vulnerable local people. Culinary courses are held in 5 communities of Armenia: Yerevan, Kotayk, Syunik, Vayots Dzor, and Ararat. The participants are very enthusiastic about learning the secrets of cooking Armenian dishes and sharing new and forgotten recipes of Karabakh cuisine with each other. These courses are conducted by Sedrak Mamulyan, a well-known chef in Armenia. [Read more](#)



Child-Friendly Spaces in Goris: a safe place to play, learn and heal

Along with EU Humanitarian Aid, we support children in seven Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Goris.

One of the CFSs is located in Verishen. The psychologists work here with local and displaced children helping them overcome the consequences of the war.



CFSs help children a lot in terms of integrating into society. Many of them live in small and crowded places, and visiting the centre positively affects them.

The CFSs also help parents: they have privacy from their children to freely express their feelings and emotions after so many difficulties.



Children's innocent smiles and eager faces make us work hard and do every possible to bring them joy.

We organised a puppet show called "The three little pigs" for children in Vorotan, Verishen, Karahunge, Khndzoresk and Goris.



Understanding children and supporting them properly is one of the key factors while working with them. It is necessary to regularly enrich the capacities and knowledge of parents and specialists working with children, creating a safer and more reliable environment for them.

To this end, we organised the training workshop "Parenting without violence" for the CFS specialists.



The “Transition from Education to Employment” project has reached its milestone



For the last few years, PIN—with the financial assistance of the EU—has helped four VET institutions in the Shirak region with the modernisation of academic programmes and facilities through dual education.

Thanks to the successful partnership between the private and public sectors, 19 participants out of 134 are currently employed.

The outcomes of the "Transition from Education to Employment" project are available in video. [Watch more](#)



On International Women's Day, we showcased the inspiring story of a powerful woman, a mother of three children who took carpet-weaving classes without fearing failure.

Armenuhi is one of many successful participants in PIN-supported courses. Within the “Transition from Education to Employment” project framework, more than 80 women gained technical-vocational education and training that will give them the skills and the confidence to face the future. [Read more](#)



Carpet-weaving, wool processing, and wool production are the new trends in Amasia.

[Watch more](#)



Cheese-making has become a desirable profession in Armenia:

After finishing her studies at Amasia Craftsman State School, Gohar specialised in cheese-making.

Implemented by our “Transition from Education to Employment” project empowered Gohar with the technical skills she needed to succeed. Now putting her knowledge to practical use at a dairy factory, Gohar can ensure sustainable income for her family.

Gohar’s success was made possible with funding from the European Union in Armenia. [Watch more](#)



PIN's work in the media

CivilNet's coverage of the Legend's Trail



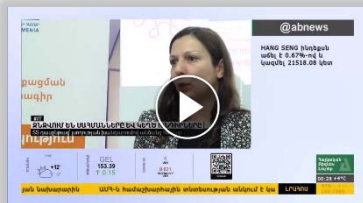
The first 'anti-café' was opened in Goris, Armenia. The youth aims to change people's perspectives by creating a multi-functional cultural centre in locally-known artist Hrant Baghdadyulyan's ex-studio. The 'anti-café' operates along the Legend's Trail in Goris. [Read more](#)

Aravot Luso featured the EU COVID-19 Solidarity Programme



Aravot Luso hosted representatives from People in Need and the Yerevan Special Educational Complex for Children with Hearing Disorders to speak about the project and its outcomes. [Watch more](#)

ABNews TV's coverage of the EU COVID-19 Solidarity Programme



Through the EU's COVID-19 Solidarity Programme, the Yerevan Special Educational Complex for Children with Hearing Disorders hosted an event to finalise the outcomes of the IT training implemented for Children with Hearing Disorders. The event found coverage on ABNews TV. [Watch more](#)

The Armenpress News Agency covered the EU COVID-19 Solidarity programme



Armenpress covered Khan Academy Armenia's project outcomes within the EU COVID-19 Solidarity Programme. This coverage was related to the free online workshops organised for teachers and students in the Shirak region. [Read more](#)

Im radio's coverage of our projects in the Syunik region



Im radio hosted People in Need and Armenian Progressive Youth representatives to discuss our projects in the Syunik region. The REACT and the Legend's Trail projects received full coverage during the programme. [Watch more](#)

Our CSO project was featured on Shant Gyumri TV



Within the scope of Civil Society Actors as Drivers of Change in South Caucasus and Moldova regional project, the NGO Intra Psychological implemented the project "Make your workplace a safe place by defending your rights to non-discrimination". Under this project, a survey was carried out, and Shant Gyumri TV covered the results. [Watch more](#)

Dialogue Media Centre – DMC's coverage of the CSO project



Intra Psychological organised a press conference on "Preventing mobbing in the workplace" under the EU-funded CSO project. The project's outcomes were presented and discussed during the press conference, receiving coverage from the Dialogue Media Centre (DMC). [Watch more](#)

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Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin's meeting with the beneficiaries

Within the framework of Europe Day 2022 celebrations, Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin participated in a master class on cooking with the REACT beneficiaries under the guidance of Chef Sedrak Mamulyan.

Short-term courses and apprenticeships for 55 people

The Armavir Development Centre has implemented a project called "Cross-sectoral Cooperation for Inclusive Economic Empowerment" within the framework of the Solidarity Programme. 55 people participated in professional short-term courses and apprenticeships at the Armavir State Industrial Pedagogical College. These courses provided participants with professional qualifications as cooks, computer operators, accountants, and tailors.



Peace-building education in Tavush

Frontline Youth Network has implemented the sub-project "Peace-building education in Tavush" within the project "Civil Society Actors as drivers of change in South Caucasus and Moldova". Within the sub-project, a "Peace-building education" manual was developed along with supplementary teaching material for school students, which was licensed by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the Republic of Armenia.



Mobile Fresh Stop

While visiting Tatev Monastery along the Legend's Trail, a new rest point was opened. The visitors can stop by and have fresh drinks at the Fresh Station.



Hrant Baghdagulyan's studio

Locally-known artist Hrant Baghdagulyan's ex-studio, is a new place to drop by while hiking along the Legend's Trail.

With the Goris youth's help, the studio is now converted into an inspiring youth centre, an anti-cafe, a concert venue, and more.

International women's day

Armenian Progressive Youth, in partnership with PIN and EU, enabled 75 women to develop their professional skills and abilities, gain theoretical and practical knowledge in their field of interest, and be able to find a job and create new career development opportunities for themselves. Highlighting the critical role of women in society, APY Armenia congratulated them on March 8th and wished them strength and prosperity.



Highlights from the recent activities

Displaced Family Support-Metsamor (DFSM)

To improve the quality of life of displaced families living in Metsamor City, Armavir Province, by providing new job opportunities for local and displaced families, we—with the support of USAID Armenia and Metsamor Municipality—are establishing a bakery near the Metsamor shelter. Here, beneficiaries are receiving vocational training to develop their capacities for working at the bakery.

To support this activity, we convened a meeting to implement the programme and ensure the community's economic and social development.



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