

# Vanadzor Orran- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

## /July- September /

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The following report covers the activities implemented during the months of July, August, and September in the following areas.

- General notes
- Academic assistance to children
- Cultural education
- Social services
- Medical and psychological assistance
- Other

### 1. GENERAL NOTES

One hundred thirty seven beneficiaries (adults and children) attended the Center during the period of July to September. The details are presented in the table below:

	July	August	September
<b>Number of Children</b>	105	107	107
<b>Number of Adults</b>	30	30	29
<b>Total Number</b>	135	137	136

The changes that took place were:

- 12 new children were admitted and enrolled in the relevant junior, middle and senior age groups and the food program.  
**3 out of these 12 children were Orran beneficiaries**, but their attendance had been temporarily suspended.  
3 children from the M. family were enrolled as a result of the orphanage program of bringing children to their biological or foster families. The M. family lives in the Darbas village.
- **15** children left the Orran program during this quarter period.

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- During the reporting period **107 children** were enrolled in the Orran program and were involved in the Orran food, education, social, cultural and psychological programs  
**8 children** were embraced in individual sessions.  
**7 children** attending Orran have various disabilities thus individual work was carried out with them.
- During July and August, **30 elderly** were involved in the Orran project, and in September the number was **29**.  
R.D. was placed at the Vanadzor Elderly House with Orran support.  
A.V. passed away.
- There was no new enrollment for elderly program.

## 2. Academic assistance to children

### 2.1. Classes and handcraft workshops

#### 2.1.1 Classes

Orran children have daily academic assistance provided by volunteers and teachers; they attend acting workshops as well as participate in various events. The table below shows the number of children involved in the Orran classes in August.

Number of Children	Junior	Middle	Senior
Total number of children in the groups	36	38	33
Teachers	Marietta Soghoyan	Armine Apresyan	Gayane Manucharyan

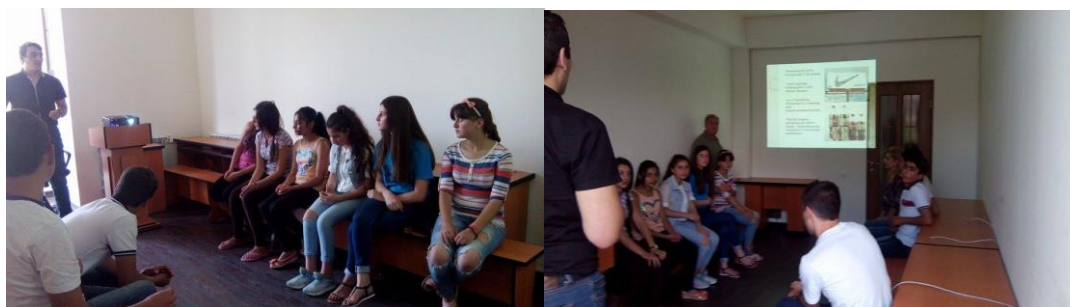
#### 2.1.2 Handicraft Workshops

The table below presents the total number of children attending the workshops during this quarter:

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Workshops	July	August	September
Macramé, carpet weaving	21	18	17
Woodcarving	12	10	10
Pottery	23	25	26
Arts	12	11	12
Sewing	5	6	6
Computer	16	18	18
Journalism	15	14	15
Leadership	15	14	15
Theatre	12	12	12
Gardening	12	14	14
Religious Study	34	36	32
Sculpturing	6	8	7

- **Computer Courses** are conducted for 3 different age groups. The children are taught PAINT Graphic design, MS word, Adobe Photoshop CS5, CS6 programs; the middle age group children are creating graphic images, thematic slides, pictures, diagrams.



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- 12 children of Orran from the middle and senior age groups of the **theatrical** classes staged their performance several times during various events.
- 12 to 16 children from the senior and middle age groups are involved in the gardening project and conduct various activities at Orran's garden.
- Stonecarving workshop is continued at Orran by sculptor Master Bogdan Hovhannisian.



- Sewing workshop is run by volunteer Hasmik Kroyan. Currently 6 to 8 girls are involved in the workshop from senior and middle age groups.



### *2.2 Volunteers*

Volunteers help the children to do their homework assignments, as well as conduct individual and group sessions with the children, and support in organizing various events:

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- The Center received computers and printers as a result of the grant project submitted by **US Peace Corps Volunteer**. **He** is currently developing the programs together with volunteers and enrolling children for the center activities.

Orran continues cooperating with the specialists of Vanadzor Technological Center /VTC / and Polytechnic University. The children of the workshop visited the technological center several times and got acquainted with various programs.

- Birthright Armenia** volunteers arrived from various countries volunteered at Orran Center from July to October.

The chart below presents the number of volunteers who attended Orran during this quarter:

	July	August	September
<b>Number of volunteers</b>	16	17	16
<b>Total Hours /per month/</b>	1368+512/ Birthright Armenia /=1880		

	FULL NAME	COUNTRY/CITY	INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLASSES
1.	Irina Petrosyan	Vanadzor	Academic classes preparation
2.	Lilit Nalbandyan	Vanadzor	English language
3.	Vard Khoyetsyan	Vanadzor	Social Pedagogue
4.	Levon Vardumyan	Vanadzor	/August / English, organizational
5.	Elen Hovhannisyan	Vanadzor	English language
6.	Suzanna Nalbandyan	Vanadzor	Academic classes preparation
7.	Milena Ohanyan	Vanadzor	English language
8.	Varduhi Hakobyan	Vanadzor	English language
9.	Laura Papikyan	Vanadzor	English language
10.	Mary Mejlumyan	Vanadzor	Psychologist
11.	Ogsanna Yeritsyan	Vanadzor	English language
12.	Boris Kiva Brook	US Peace Corps	Grant Project
13.	Sirush Mekhakyan	Vanadzor	Armenian language
14.	Zina Dzavaryan	Vanadzor	Armenian language
15.	Albina Garyan	Vanadzor	History of Christianity and Church

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			History
16.	Bogdan Hovhannisyan	Vanadzor	Stone Carving
17.	Hasmik Kroyan	Vanadzor	Sewing

### *3.Cultural Education*

#### *3.1. Events*

A series of events were organized at Orran with guests in attendance. The children themselves were invited to educational and cultural events outside of Orran such as concerts, performances, local festivals, and cultural centers. The description of the events is presented below:

- **On July 6**, noted journalist, TV producer Aram Harutyunyan visited the Orran Center in Vanadzor. G.S. conducted a short interview with this professional and experienced journalist within the frames of “Speaking of Myself” Project.



**The interview was covered by Vanadzorian Khtsankar weekly newspaper on July 27.**

- **On July 20**, volunteers of the Fuller Housing Center visited Orran and spent several hours with the Orran children, made a tour of the center and bought handicrafts made by the children.



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- **On July 20**, the children participated in a seminar on “How to Behave in Emergency Cases, Get Protected During the Earthquake and Provide First Aid” organized in the American Corner of Vanadzor Central library.



- **On July 21** within the frames of “Speaking of Myself” project, Orran’s journalistic club visited the Lori TV studio. They were hosted by the Executive Director Narine Avetisyan a noted journalist. The children made a round in the TV station, learned how programs are prepared and how live streaming is set up. The impressions of the day children shared with their friends at Orran.



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- On July 22, within the frames of “Speaking of Myself” project, the children of the drama clubs of Yerevan and Vanadzor centers staged their performances in Tsaghkadzor, where they were warmly hosted by Junior Achievement of Armenia.



- On July 22, the Vanadzor Orran children exhibited their handcarfts in the open air exhibition organized by the Lori region Women’s Initiative Group.



- On July 28, the children participated in celebrating the anniversary of the poet Razmik Poghosyan organized at St. Soryan House Museum. The children loved meeting poet Lena Antaryan and actor Jinav Sargsyan. The students of the journalistic club conducted short interviews with their beloved poet and actor.



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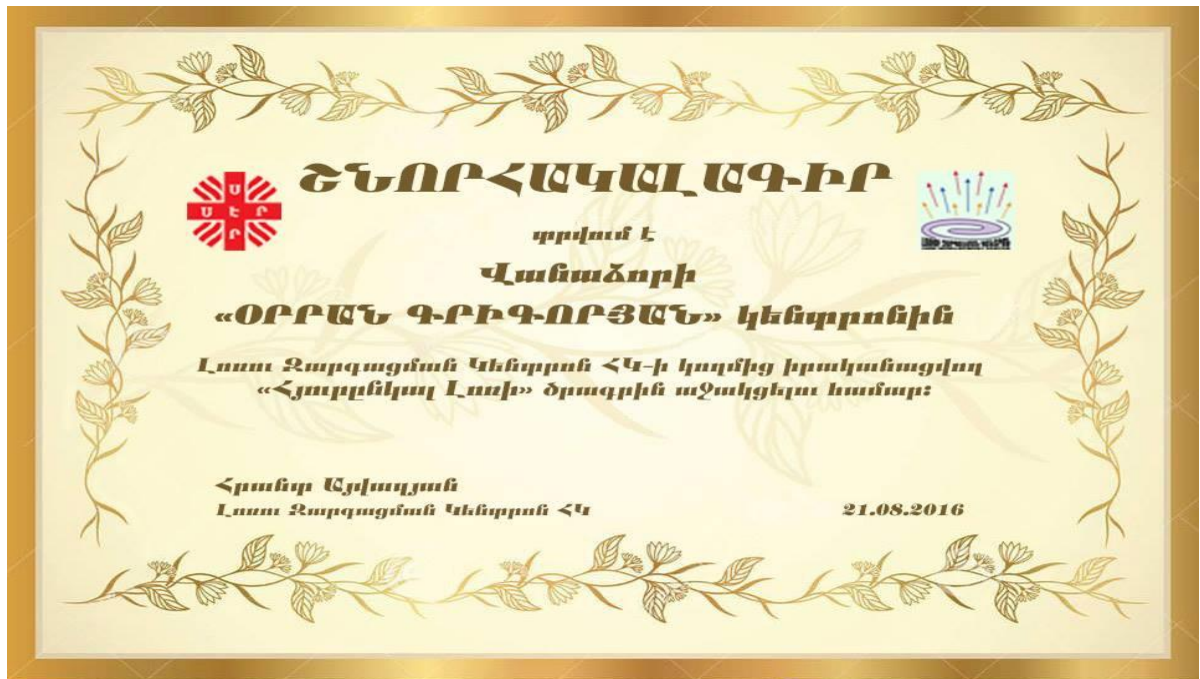
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- In August Orran participated in the “Welcome to Hospitable Community” event organized by the Lori Development Center NGO which took place in the Gargar village . The students of the Orran pottery workshop exhibited their crafts as well as conducted a master class sessions for the community children. They were awarded with an appreciation letter by the Lori Development Center NGO for cooperation.



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- In August the students of Orran Arts workshop visited the Vanadzor Art Museum for an exhibition.



- In August, 10 children of Orran were hosted by Tsitsernak summer camp for 2 weeks with the support of Gugarats Diocese Primate Srbazan Sepouh Chuljyan.



/Photos form closing ceremony of the camp /

- In August, 5 children of Orran participated in the inclusive summer camp organized by “Full Life” NGO,



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- Together with Orran volunteers, the children organized a day of English language and performed in English.



- On August 3, the volunteers of Birthright Armenia of Lori and Shirak regions spent a day with the children and staff cleaning and planting the Orran garden with flowers and vegetables.





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- **In August**, Meline Manukyan/ Orran beneficiary graduated from a two- year long course in drama. She performed her graduation performance in Stepan Zoryan House Museum and received her certificate. Meline’s study was financed by doctor Gagik Kalantaryan, who baptized Meline two years ago. The certificate was handed by the Director, Actor, Translator Elfik Zohrabyan and poet Lena Antaryan. Gor Sargsyan who is in his first year of study at the theatre was in the same performance with Meline.



- **On August 1** “Active Youth is the Guarantee for Secure Future” project was launched . in this project, the children learn about human rights, gender equality and environmental issues.

### 4. Social Service

During this quarter Lusine Akmakchyan, the social worker, conducted individual work with **76 children**, on topics related to education and communication. She also conducted individual sessions with 74 parents.. Individual sessions were held both with the parents of the children who stopped to attend the center and with the beneficiary families who have been newly enrolled. During the reporting period she addressed 7 social cases, out of which 5 are in the process, and 2 had positive

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outcomes. She also made 18 home visits for new beneficiaries together with the psychologists and pedagogues. She provided clothing to 7 families.

In the table below the quantitate indicators of social work conducted during this quarter is presented:

	July	August	September
<b>Number of children</b>	105	107	107
<b>Number of adults</b>	30	30	29
<b>Work with the families of Orran beneficiary children</b>	15	17	14
<b>Visits (to families, other institutions)</b>	8 home visits	11 home visits	14 home visits 3 school visits
<b>Cooperation with other structures (governmental, nongovernmental)</b>	9	7	12
<b>Work with the beneficiaries outside of Orran Center</b>	1	3	2
<b>Phone calls</b>	78	69	128

## 5. Medical and Psychological Support

### 5.1 Medical

During this quarter Armenuhi Margaryan/ Orran nurse, implemented the following activities: - Preventive medical examination of the children.

- Individual explanatory work with children on personal hygiene.
- Controlled the hygienic condition of the children's hair and provided them with medicines against lice if needed.
- Conducted a separate meeting with parents
- Contacted Vanadzor Medical Center and followed the course of treatment of children receiving free treatment there

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- Followed the results of the examinations of the admitted beneficiaries. - Controlled sanitary hygienic conditions of the kitchen.
- Developed the menu for the beneficiaries of Orran.
- Conducted seminars for boys and girls aged 12 to 15 on hygiene and behavior.
- Separate conversation was held with the senior group girls on sexual development.
- A discussion was held on general hygiene and dental care with the newly enrolled children, they were provided with toothbrushes.:

In the below table the medical activities implemented during this quarter period is presented:

№	Description of the activity	Frequency of implementation Number		Beneficiary
		planned	number	
1	Control of the sanitary hygienic condition of the building and kitchen.	daily	1 time	-
2	Development and update of the beneficiary list involved in the food program.	daily	1 time	-
3	Testing of food sample	daily	1 time	-
4	Development and updating of menu	monthly	1 time	-
5	Supervision of consumption of the food provided UN World Food Program	daily	1 time	-
6	Home visits together with pedagogues and social workers	-	-	-
7	Conduction of Saturday cleaning	Once a month		children
8	Filling and updating of the medical cards of beneficiaries	Twice per month	once, and if needed	children
9	Checking of lice	Once a week	once, and if needed	children
10	Provision of first aid	-	24	children
11	Purchase of first aid material	mo monthly y	1 time	children
12	Blood pressure measuring	daily	If needed	-

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13	Visits to other medical institutions	-	-	-
14	Conversation with the parents	-	28	
15	Implementation of other activities related to the position which includes accompanying of children to relevant healthcare institutions, development of application letters, etc.	If needed		children
16	Seminar workshop on healthcare topic.	Once a month for each age group children		children

### 5.2 Psychological

During this quarter, Vardan Ayvazyan/ Psychologist conducted individual and group activities with students in the middle and senior age groups. Individual and group sessions were organized with the parents, guided and consulted volunteers and staff members.

Individual cards of the children were filled.

The table below shows the number of children involved:

Psychological Work	Number of children			Parents			Number of meetings		
	July	August	September	July	August	September	July	August	September
1. Individual sessions	6	8	11	4	6	8	4	6	8
2. Group work	8	11	14	-	-	1	2	4	1



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3. Filling of the cards of the psychological part of the individual development project package.	6	8	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Psychological assessment	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Work with families	-	-	-	4	6	8	4	6	9
6. Thematic synthesis, staff meetings	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Work with volunteers	1	2	1	-	--	-	-	-	-
8. Cultural activities	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Visits, meeting with other organizations (seminars, round table, discussions)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
10. Visit to families	-	-	-	8	11	15	-	-	-

### Other

- Orran beneficiary **Lilit Nalbandyan**, who attended Orran for six years, was admitted to the English Department of Vanadzor State University with state scholarship. Lilit also was selected as a participant for US FLEX program . In August she left for United States where she will study 1 year and once she is back she will continue her studies at the University. Before leaving she was volunteering at Orran and was supporting the children with English language. Orran volunteers were teaching Lilit English for many years.

