

Orran Vanadzor – 4th Quarter 2012 Operations Report

The report outlines the Vanadzor Orran October - December activities in the following sections:

- General Remarks
- Academic Assistance to Children
- Social Services
- Medical Assistance
- Cultural Enrichment and Activities
- Staff/Administration

1. GENERAL REMARKS

At the end of the reported period there were 59 daily beneficiaries from 37 families at Orran. On October 23, the opening of Vanadzor Orran Krikorian Center took place and the Orran children were delighted to move to the new building and now enjoy their daily activities in the nice environment.

	October	November	December
Number of children	59	59	59

Within the reported period 1 child joined the program.

1. **Lilit Harutyunyan** -11 years old, 5th grade student at school #25. Lilit's parents are divorced. They had sold their house as her father had a drinking problem and the family became homeless. The child now lives with her mother in her grandfather's house together with her pensioner grandfather and divorced aunt with her child. Before the divorce Lilit's mother was often abused by her husband, which affected Lilit's behavior (she often has aggressive behavior and a habit of scratching herself).

2. ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN

2.1 Groups & Workshops

In October – December, 42 children were actively involved in different crafts workshops and educational activities presented in the table below.

N	Workshops	Number of Children	Teacher
1	Pottery	12	Vahe Ghevondyan
2	Woodwork	8	Edgar Mkrtchyan
3	Handcraft	14	Zhanna Yesayan
4	Choir of ethnographic songs	38	Bogdan Hovannisian
5	Fencing	3	Khachik Loryan
6	Spiritual Sessions	55	Priest Nerses and Naira Pepanyan

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Throughout the quarter, the Orran staff started visiting schools where the children study. Overall, the staff visited 11 schools, talked to the school principals and head teachers to monitor the Orran children's progress and plan new ways of collaboration.

Also, the Orran staff periodically participated in different seminars, meetings and discussions, organized by state agencies and NGOs connected to the Children's Rights and Education.

2.2 Volunteers

The quarter was characterized by the active engagement of volunteers who helped the children with their home assignments and different educational activities. The tables below present the number of volunteers and the total hours of voluntary service performed each month of the quarter.

The following 16 volunteers were involved in the Orran activities in October:

N	Name	Profession	Days of work	Hours
1	Ani Kroyan	Social Pedagogy	I, III, V	28
2	Armine Apresyan	Armenian Language	I-V	46
3	Anush Goginyan	Maths	I, V	18
4	Anna Harutyunyan	Maths	II; IV	18
5	Shushanik Amirkhanyan	Maths	I, III, V	28
6	Ruzanna Hovhannisyan	Psychology	I-V	44
7	Emma Mkoyan	English	II, V	12
8	Lilit Tamaryan	Music	I, II, V	28
9	Naira Pepanyan	Spiritual Lessons	IV	6
10	Elmira Grigoryan	Music	IV	8
11	Bogdan Hovhannisyan	Ethnographic songs	I, II, IV	14
12	Anzhela Hakobyan	Primary Education	I-V	32
13	Zhanna Aloyan	Primary Education	I-V	31
14	Arevik Hakobyan	Primary Education	I,II, V	24
15	Susanna Khroyan	Primary Education	I-V	25
16	Lusine Lalayan	Primary Education	I-V	18
Total hours:				380

In November, 15 volunteers worked (10 worked with Middle Group students and 5 with Junior Group).

N	Name	Profession	Days of work	Hours
1	Ani Kroyan	Social Pedagogy	II, IV	21
2	Armine Apresyan	Armenian Language	I-V	66
3	Anush Goginyan	Maths	I, V	12
4	Astghik Matinyan	Psychology	I, V	8
5	Shushanik Amirkhanyan	Maths	I, II, III, V	56
6	Ruzanna Hovhannisyan	Psychology	I-V	44
7	Liana Mkhitaryan	Russian	I, III, V	39
8	Lusine Lalayan	Russian	I-V	36
9	Naira Pepanyan	Spiritual Lessons	IV	6
10	Elmira Grigoryan	Music	IV	8
11	Bogdan Hovhannisyan	Ethnographic songs	I, II, IV	14

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12	Anzhela Hakobyan	Primary Education	I-V	28
13	Zhanna Aloyan	Primary Education	I-V	30
14	Arevik Hakobyan	Primary Education	I,II, V	22
15	Susanna Khroyan	Primary Education	I-V	26
	Total hours:			416

In December, 14 volunteers continued their voluntary activities.

N	Name	Profession	Days of work	Hours
1	Ani Kroyan	Social Pedagogy	II, IV	16
2	Armine Apresyan	Armenian Language	I-V	40
3	Anush Goginyan	Maths	I, V	12
4	Susanna Khroyan	Primary Education	I-V	20
5	Shushanik Amirkhanyan	Maths	I, II, III, V	42
6	Ruzanna Hovhannisyan	Psychology	I-V	35
7	Liana Mkhitaryan	Russian	I, III, V	26
8	Lusine Lalayan	Russian	I-V	24
9	Tatevik Nazlukhanyan	Maths	I, IV	20
10	Elmira Grigoryan	Music	IV	8
11	Bogdan Hovhannisyan	Ethnographic songs	II, IV	12
12	Anzhela Hakobyan	Primary Education	I-V	22
13	Zhanna Aloyan	Primary Education	I-V	26
14	Arevik Hakobyan	Primary Education	I,II, V	18
	Total hours:			321

3. SOCIAL SERVICES

3.1 Social Work

The table below summarizes the social work statistics of the quarter.

	October	November	December	Total
Advice to/meeting with Orran families	8	7	6	21
Individual meeting with children for various reasons	6	8	4	18
Meeting with new families	3	7	2	12
Home visits with Orran families	3	2	2	7
Social advice to walk-ins Other –visits, receptions	32	28	15	75
Telephone contacts with various persons	24	27	38	89

Within the reported period Orran was able to successfully help the following beneficiaries:

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- Chikisheva Suzan had pneumonia and with the help of Orran she got her hospital treatment free of charge. Every day Orran sent her meal to the hospital. Now Suzan has recovered and attends Orran. Also, Chikisheva's family had a problem with getting the allowance. Thanks to Orran's interference and productive collaboration with the respective institutions, the family now receives the allowance. The housing conditions of this family were also terrible. They lived in a cottage provided by a benefactor from France. However, it was impossible to heat the place in the winter and all the water pipes were frozen. Orran found the person helping the family and as a result 2000USD was sent to the family. Orran found a better apartment and rented it for the family to live there in the winter months.
- Orran helped Haykuhi Melikyan's mother to change her daughter's school #15 to school #3. To solve the problem, the Orran staff collaborated with the directors and the social workers of both schools.
- Sargis Isahakyan had teeth problems. Thanks to Orran efforts, the boys teeth were treated at the "Huys Hayastan" Clinic free of charge.

Below is the list of the additional help that the beneficiaries of the Vanadzor Center received throughout the quarter:

- 80 pairs of walking shoes donated by UNISON NGO for Support of People with Special Needs;
- 59 pairs of winter shoes bought in Yerevan by Orran;
- 3 boxes of hygiene packages and 4 boxes of stationery donated by UMCOR;
- 2 bags of clothes and toys donated by the Poghosyan's family and distributed to 14 beneficiaries at the New Year party;
- clothes given to the 16 extremely poor Orran families by the Lori Regional Council Department of Protection of Women's and Children's Rights;
- 15 kg food packages given to 14 Orran families with many children by the Lori Regional Council;
- sweets, clothes, stationary and toys brought by the students of Vanadzor schools #3, 4, 20, 25, 30 and the volunteers of "Crossing Roads" NGO within the framework of the "Do a Kindness" yearly action organized by "Crossing Roads" NGO;
- 60 sausages donated by "Bari Samaratsi" company;
- chocolate presented to the children by "Helen Art" workshop;
- "Grand Candy" sweets boxes bought by Orran in Yerevan;
- 120 sweet desserts provided by "Krama Alyans".

In addition, Orran is participating in the experimental program of processing methodological plan of evaluation of social needs of communities. This program began in 2 regions of Armenia and is carried out phase by phase. The program is implemented by the Ministry of Territorial Administration, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and UNICEF.

3.2 Medical Assistance

The hygiene check-ups of the kids and the center were conducted every day. When necessary, the staff worked with parents and helped them to address problems. Also, the medical worker conducted sessions for the children listed in the table below and distributed relevant reading materials to them.

N	Date	Topic
1	03.10.12	Vitamins, Protein and Fat
2	21.11.12	Personal Hygiene.

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3	27.11.12	Talking to the Children
4	11.12.12	The Treatment and Prevention of Influenza

3.3 Psychological Assistance

The table below presents the psychological work carried out in October – December.

	Individual work	Work in groups/members	Work with parents/members	Work with staff	Work with volunteers	Total
October	4	1/6	3/8	1	1	10
November	8	3/14	4/12	1	4	20
December	5	2/8	6/14	1	5	19
Total	17	6/28	13/34	3	10	49

4. CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout the reported period the Orran children had an opportunity to participate in a great number of activities and events presented in the table below. Also, the children always visit the exhibitions at the Art Gallery and other cultural centers. Once or twice a month they go to the theatre free of charge. They often go to the Church, which develops their spiritual education. The Orran events and activities of the quarter were positively highlighted on Vanadzor TV and in the newspapers.

October	6	All the Orran children and volunteers together with a few parents and staff took part in the parade devoted to the Day of Vanadzor.
October	23	The opening of Vanadzor Orran Krikorian Center new building took place. The opening ceremony involved many guests from different places of Armenia and abroad and Orran benefactors. The Vanadzor Orran children had an opportunity to perform at the ceremony, welcome the guests with their songs and dances.
October	30	30 Junior Group children accompanied by their teacher went to the concert of “ <i>Surb Tiramayr</i> ” children’s choir directed by Serzhik Harutyunyan. The concert was held in the hall of the Lori Regional Library.
November	17	30 Junior Group children watched cartoons at the Lori Pastime Center.
November		Orran children Sargis Isahakyan and Eduard Baghyan from the fencing group participated in fencing championship in Yerevan. The boys won the second and third places and were awarded with diplomas.
December	5	The Junior Group teacher and 3 volunteers participated in the final party organized by “Crossing Roads” NGO. They presented the Orran certificates of gratitude and appreciation to the schools that visited Orran within the framework of the “Do a Kindness” action.

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December	20	All the Orran children went to the New Year “The Beauty and the Beast” show. Some tickets were presented by “Gayanna” Cultural Centre.
December	23	30 Orran children went to watch “Masha and the Bear” play at the Lori Pastime Centre
December	24	The Orran children decorated the Christmas tree at Orran with their handmade ornaments.
December	25	“The New Year with Armenian Traditions” Party was held at Orran involving many volunteers and guests such as National Actress of Armenia Roza Mkhitaryan, National Master Martuhi Sargsyan, Sculptor Bogdan Hovhannisyan and many others. Orran showed traditional hospitality to the guests and the children.
December	26	New Year Party was held at Orran with Mickey Mouse, the Bear and Santa Clause who gave gifts to every child.

Also, Orran was visited by representatives of many organizations such as UNICEF, DSF, World Vision, Peace Corpse, and CISP for collaboration purposes and discussion of mutual projects.

5. STAFF/ADMINISTRATION

Below is the list of the Vanadzor Orran staff members:

	Function/Position	Name	%
1	Director	Mariam Manucharyan	100
2	Social Worker	Lusine Akmakchyan	50
3	Educator-Pedagogy/Middle Group/	Gayane Manucharyan	50
4	Educator-Pedagogy/Junior Group/	Marieta Soghoyan	50
5	Psychologist	Vardan Ayvazyan	50
6	Teacher /Makrame/	Zhanna Yesayan	50
7	Teacher /Pottery/	Vahe Ghevondyan	50
8	Teacher /Wood Carving/	Edgar Mkrtychyan	50
9	Nurse	Armine Margaryan	50
10	Chief Cook	Fenya Soghomonian	100
11	Assistant Cook	Karine Hambardzumyan	100
12	Technical worker	Sveta Hambardzumyan	50
13	Guard	Spartak Ananyan	50
14	Guard	Hovik Potinyan	50

A few pictures from the Orran October – December activities are attached in **Appendix 1**.

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Appendix 1: A few Pictures from the Orran October – December Activities

The Opening of Vanadzor Orran Krikorian Center – 23 October 2012



Learning and having fun at Orran



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*New Year and Christmas Celebration
at Orran in Vanadzor*

