

# Yerevan Orran – 1st Quarter 2012 Operations Report

The report outlines the Yerevan Orran January – March activities in the following sections:

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

## 1. GENERAL REMARKS

Throughout the quarter, the total number of the daily beneficiaries at Orran was 132 – 144 as shown in the table below.

	January	February	March
<b>Number of children</b>	84	93	92
<b>Number of elderly</b>	48	51	51
<b>Total number</b>	132	144	143

The following changes took place in the Orran food program for the elderly: three needy elderly were included in the program and three left.

A few changes also occurred in the number of the Orran children. Within the quarter the program engaged ten more children. All the new children's homes were visited by the Orran team members and the housing conditions were assessed as very bad. Nine children left Orran for different reasons. The table below presents the period of their Orran attendance and reasons for leaving.

	Name	Period of Attendance	Reasons for Leaving
1	Gevorg Shanumyan	Jan 2006-Jan 2012	Gevorg turned 16 and started working at a construction site.
2	Tatev Sirunyan	Jan 2004-Jan 2012	Tatev turned 17. Tatev is a high school student and was actively attending different individual classes conducted by Orran volunteers. She also completed a course in journalism with the help of Orran.
3	Hovhannes Abrahamyan	Jan 2006-Jan 2012	Hovhannes turned 16. He is currently studying at the Arts and Crafts College #10.
4	Aram Khachatryan	Nov 2010-Jan 2012	Aram's mother found a job and the financial situation significantly improved. According to the mother, the boy was included in the Orran program when the family was experiencing serious difficulties and Orran was of great help for them. The parent expressed her gratitude to Orran for all the support.
5	Ruben Sakhoyan	Nov 2009-Jan 2012	The boy had disruptive behavior due to his emotional mental health issues. He is in the school program for children with special needs.

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6	Artak Mikayelyan	Nov 2010-Jan 2012	Artak had regular absences because of his sports classes.
7	Amalya Martirosyan	Sep 2011-Mar 2012	Amalya had a great number of absences due to the fact that her mother couldn't accompany the child to Orran.
8	Ervand Sargsyan	Jan 2009-Mar 2012	Ervand and Gharib's mother decided to take them to a boarding school. The living conditions of the family are extremely bad and their father and aunt, who are living with them, have psychiatric problems. The Orran staff helped the mother to meet the child protection department representatives and based on the recommendations given the mother decided on the boarding school option for the children. Their elder sister continues attending Orran and Ervand visits Orran to meet his Orran friends and spend some time together.
9	Gharib Sargsyan	Mar 2009-Mar2012	

### 2. ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN

#### 2.1. Groups and Workshops

After one-week winter break, starting January 9 the children gradually continued the Orran educational activities: preparation of their school regular home assignments and participation in the handcraft classes. Throughout the reported quarter the Orran Academic team kept in touch with the children's parents and school teachers either through phone communications or school/home visits to address issues related to the children's attendance, behavior or performance. To monitor the children's progress, comprehensive evaluation of the Orran children's overall performance will be conducted at the end of the current academic year based on the data from the children's progress reports by the Orran teachers and final grades at schools.

In January – March, the children were actively engaged in the macramé, woodwork and pottery classes. One of the highlights of the quarter was purchasing a kiln for the pottery workshop, which will enhance the pottery workshop quality. Also, on March 4 Orran participated in the Annual Charity Fair organized by Young Women's Association at Congress, and a few children's crafts were sold at the fair.

The table below presents the total number of students in each group and the number of the children participating in the crafts classes as of March 2012. Out of 92 children, only one child is currently in the food program and the rest are engaged in the educational activities.

	<b>Junior I (Astghik)</b>	<b>Junior II (Lousine)</b>	<b>Middle (Metaksia)</b>	<b>Senior</b>
<b>Total number of the children in groups</b>	26	26	32	7
<b>Participation in the workshops</b>	23	25	30	5

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<b>Makramé (Gueghanoush)</b>	7	11	13	1
<b>Woodwork (Marzpet)</b>	8	7	6	2
<b>Pottery (Karen)</b>	8	7	11	2

In addition to handcraft workshops, cards making project was initiated by Middle Group teacher Metaksya Tadevosyn. Below is the picture of a few cards made by Orran kids; 26 out of 38 cards have been sold.



### 2.2 Volunteers

Throughout the quarter, the Orran educational activities involved also the engagement of volunteers who helped the children with home assignments and different educational projects. The table below presents the number of volunteers and the total hours of voluntary service performed each month.

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Number of volunteers</b>	13	24	25
<b>Total hours of voluntary service</b>	140	240	280

Each Thursday senior students from Gevorkyan Theological Seminary of the Armenian Apostolic Church continued their visits to Orran. They conducted sessions for the Orran children and facilitated discussions on different topics. Also, Junior I group students were delighted to start piano classes given by volunteer Seda Sargsyan. Another project was initiated by Diana Der-Hakobian from Venice. Diana visited the exhibition sale on March 4 and learnt about Orran. After visiting Orran, Diana was very impressed by the Orran activities and expressed willingness to teach beading.

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Here is the beading class with Diana Der-Hakobian. The children are learning beading with great pleasure and enthusiasm.



### 3. SOCIAL SERVICES

#### 3.1. Social Work

The table below summarizes the overall social work statistics of the quarter. Social worker Marina Ghazaryan facilitated a number of visits and meetings and provided assistance to Orran beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Marina also worked on identifying new beneficiaries and helping them prepare all the necessary papers required for their engagement in the Orran programs. In addition, she followed up on the daily attendance of the beneficiaries, regularly updated the lists of beneficiaries and contacted the absentees.

	January	February	March
<b>Advice to/meeting with Orran families</b>	32	30	15
<b>School visits</b>	2	11	2
<b>Meeting and visits with new families</b>	0	4	2
<b>Home visits with Orran families</b>	1	0	2
<b>Meetings with other institutions for information and coordination</b>	14	14	12

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<b>Social advice to walk-ins</b>	5	7	5
<b>Telephone contacts with various persons</b>	70	90	80

### *3.2. Psychological Assistance*

The majority of the Orran kids often need psychological support which has been provided by the team of the Orran teachers, social worker and the doctor.

### **4. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

In February, eye examination was organized at Orran, which was conducted by Armenian Eye care project. Overall, 93 Orran kids and 19 elderly underwent the examination. Eye problems were identified in 13 kids: 9 kids were provided with eyeglasses and 4 kids were prescribed necessary medications.

Also, one of Orran kids Ervand S. had frequent headache complaints. Orran Doctor Nadejda Arakelova arranged Ervand's head examination at the Diagnostic Center. Ervand's examination at the Diagnostoc Center was provided free of charge and he was prescribed medications. Another child has problems related to the endocrine system and Doctor Arakelova is now in the process of helping the boy to undergo all the required tests to get treatment.

Throughout the quarter, Doctor Arakelova worked on the following activities:

- Performing prophylactic medical check-ups of the children;
- Giving consultations and referring/accompanying the children to the respective medical institutions;
- Sorting out and revising the medical cards of the kids;
- Performing regular hygiene check-ups of the kids;
- Giving individual sessions on health/hygiene issues to the kids and their parents;
- Insuring the good quality of the food and overall cleanliness in the kitchen and in the whole building.
- Providing the children with soaps and toothbrush each month.

### **5. CULTURAL ENRICHMENT and ACTIVITES**

Throughout the quarter the Orran children enjoyed a number of activities and events. The table below presents a few of them. A few pictures from the Orran January-March activities and events are attached in **Appendix 1**.

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<b>January</b>	<p>On January 8, Orran hosted “Vagharshapat” Song and Dance Theatre that performed a nice New Year concert program for the Orran kids and parents, and they distributed presents to the kids. The Orran children enjoyed dancing and singing with the guests and in this way celebrated their first day of 2012 at Orran after the Christmas break.</p>
	<p>On January 27, a few Middle and Senior group students organized the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Army. They prepared a nice presentation on the Armenian Army historical background and performed a few songs. The kids also had a few questions for their friends regarding the history of the Armenian Army, so the event was quite engaging and interactive.</p>
<b>February</b>	<p>On February 14, the Middle and Senior groups’ students organized the celebration of the Armenian holiday “Teryndez” by singing, dancing and jumping over the fire in the Orran yard, which is an Armenian tradition.</p>
	<p>On February 17, the Orran kids attended the “Kentegh” ensemble’s concert of Komitas melodies. The ensemble’s artistic director and composer is Arpine Kalinina, who has been also volunteering at Orran.</p>
<b>March</b>	<p>On March 4, Orran participated in the Annual Charity Fair devoted to Women’s Month, which was organized by Young Women’s Association. Different organizations and individuals took part in the Bazaar with their productions. The Orran academic team members and the kids promoted the Orran children’s crafts and presented the information about Orran at the Charity Fair from 10.00 to 18.00.</p>
	<p>On March 6, graduation ceremony was held for 30 participants of the vocation apprenticeship program implemented by Orran and sponsored by Open Society Institute. Twenty-two of the vocation program participants were former Orran students who were happy to attend the ceremony and were awarded with certificates.</p>
	<p>On March 7, International Women’s Day was celebrated at Orran. The celebration created a nice opportunity for the Junior group kids to demonstrate the results of their piano classes. Another highlight of the day at Orran was the exhibition of the paintings by one of Junior group kids Karolina Israelyan.</p>

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Throughout the quarter the Orran activities were highlighted in a few TV programs. Also, the Orran staff participated in the TV shows “Kisabac Lusamutner” engaging the Orran kids’ families who shared their problems and acknowledged the help of Orran. The shows are available at the following links:

<http://www.barevhayer.com/kisabac-lusamutner/15312-kisabac-lusamutner-volgayi-pokharen-olga-beroghe>

<http://www.barevhayer.com/kisabac-lusamutner/15748-kisabac-lusamutner-kondi-marmand-verjaluyse>

<http://www.barevhayer.com/kisabac-lusamutner/15844-kisabac-lusamutner-aryune-jur-e-dardzel>

### 6. STAFF/ADMINISTRATION/MEETINGS

Throughout the quarter a few general staff meetings were held at Orran. Also, Armine Sukiasyan conducted the Academic team staff annual evaluation and met with each staff individually to provide feedback on the staff performance. In addition, Armine S. met with the academic team staff almost on daily basis to briefly discuss and plan the ongoing activities.

<b>January</b>	10	The Academic staff meeting to revise the schedule of activities after the winter break
<b>February</b>	22	General staff meeting with Armine Hovannisian to provide updates
	27	Staff evaluation (Junior I Group teacher Astghik Hovhannisyan)
	27	Staff evaluation (Middle Group teacher Metaksya Tadevosyn)
	28	Staff evaluation (Macramé teacher Geghanush Tovmasyan)
	28	Staff evaluation (Junior II Group teacher Lusine Karmiryan)
	29	Staff evaluation (Woodwork teacher Marzpet Kirakosyan)
<b>March</b>	1	Staff evaluation (Social worker Marina Ghazaryan)
	2	The Academic team staff meeting to prepare for the exhibition sale
	13	The Academic team staff meeting to discuss the ongoing activities and updates.

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## Appendix 1: A few Pictures from the Orran January – March Activities



**“Vagharshapat” Ensemble at Orran, Jan 8**



**A cake party for the Orran kids, Jan 23**



**The Armenian Army Day**



**Celebration of “Teryndez”**



**Charity Fair at Congress**



**March 8 Celebration and Karolina’s exhibition**

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**Vocation Apprenticeship Program Graduation**



**Piano classes by volunteer Seda Sargsyan**



**Izabella Avetisyan volunteering at Orran**



**Macramé classes**



**Woodwork workshop**



**Using the new kiln for the pottery crafts**