**112 families forcibly displaced from Artsakh (NagornoKarabakh) have received support within the framework of the project funded by Choose love**

In September, 2023 more than 100 000 residents of Artsakh - the entire population - had to flee their ancestral lands in a matter of four days after total humanitarian blockade lasting nine months to narrowly escape from starvation and murders. Their influx to Armenia created humanitarian tension in the communities as the displaced people had not managed to take anything with them. Although the displaced people were disseminated throughout Armenia, Vardenis and Chambarak communities are among the most impacted per number of sheltered refugees.

The project implemented by the Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development with the financial support of Choose Love organization aimed to provide targeted support and services to families forcibly displaced from their homes in Artsakh (Nagorno Karabagh) as a result of military aggression by Azerbaijan. The project beneficiaries have been 91 forcibly displaced families settled in Chambarak community and 21 families settled in border settlements of Vardenis community of RA.

Having received support in the form of food, hygiene items, heaters, the families mainly needed household items, furniture, and in some cases also work tools.

Not having refrigerators, most families had to store food outside, and as the weather warmed, this became impossible. In many large families, some of the family members, including the children, had to sleep on the floor. In most of the beneficiary families, women had to do laundry by hand in severe winter conditions, often without access to hot water. Urgent response to needs was also important due to the fact that most of the beneficiary families still do not have a stable source of income and acquiring large equipment would be a big financial burden for the family․

Responding to the aforementioned needs, the project provided 429 individuals with 73 refrigerators, 3 electric water heaters, 10 beds and mattresses, 4 wardrobes, 3 table and 12 chairs, 1 kitchen furniture, 16 washing machines, 7 gas stoves, 10 electric ovens, 8 TVs.

The project has also provided a stable source of income for 3 families. Thus, the beneficiary Hayk Abrahamyan's family has been provided with work tools, Grigoryan Arevik's family has been provided with a sewing machine, and Mariam Kirakosyan's family has been provided with a computer, which will enable family members to work and provide the family with a stable income.

The support provided within the framework of the project has greatly contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of the beneficiary families.

As the deputy head of Chambarak community Robert Ohanyan mentioned in his speech, the project was the largest in its scale among the projects supporting Artsakh families. Mr. Ohanyan also highlighted the importance of in-detail needs assessment carried out by the project.

According to Manvel Minasyan, the administrative head of Jaghatzadzor settlement, thanks to the project, the household problems of many families, which remained unresolved since September 2023, have been solved.