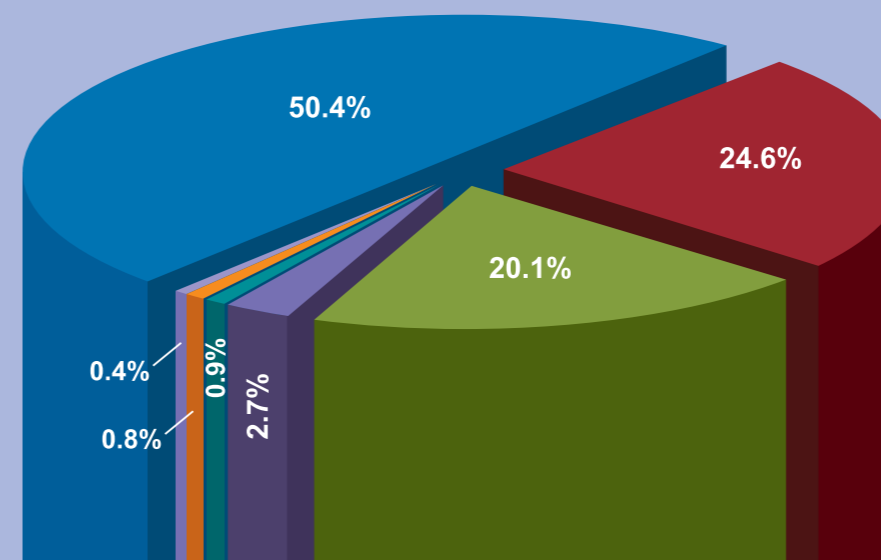


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## EXPENDITURES (AMD)

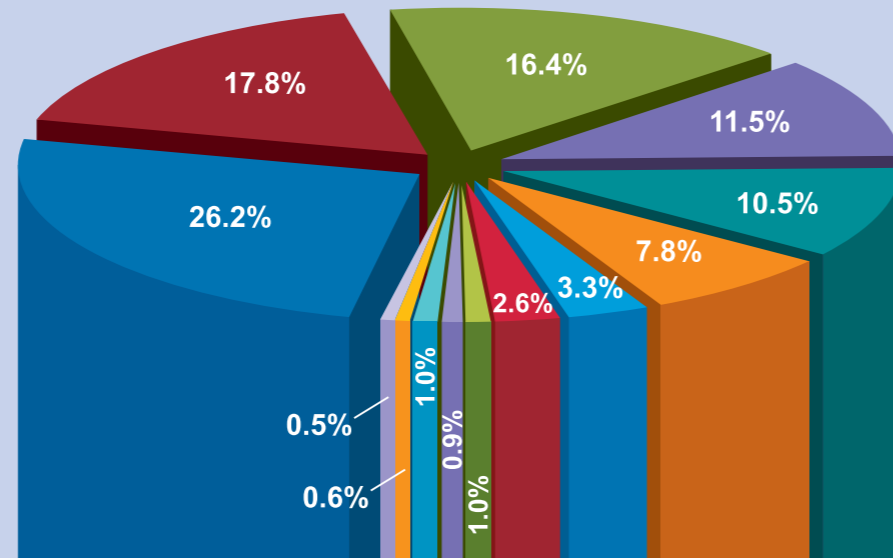


- Empowerment of Agricultural Cooperatives and Marketing Groups
- Beneficiary Income generation
- Infrastructure improvements
- Environmental projects
- Empowerment of Communities
- Social support projects
- Administration

Empowerment of Agricultural Cooperatives and Marketing Groups	246,721,637
Beneficiary Income generation	120,512,729
Infrastructure improvements	98,180,083
Environmental projects	13,323,181
Empowerment of Communities	4,267,599
Social support projects	4,121,074
Administration	2,056,654
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>489,182,957</b>

- Bread for the World, Germany
- IFAD
- Chene-France
- HEKS-EPER, Switzerland
- Yalkezian Foundation, Canada
- Foundation Aniv, Armenia
- Communities
- Foundation Audemars Piguet, Switzerland
- RA Government (VAT exemption)
- WCC Armenia Round Table Foundation
- From membership and private contributions
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## INCOME (AMD)



Bread for the World, Germany	80,201,185
IFAD	54,379,268
Chene-France	50,054,707
HEKS-EPER, Switzerland	35,274,534
Yalkezian Foundation, Canada	31,995,605
Foundation Aniv, Armenia	23,900,000
Communities	10,020,000
Foundation Audemars Piguet, Switzerland	8,060,993
RA Government (VAT exemption)	3,003,102
WCC Armenia Round Table Foundation	2,618,000
From membership and private contributions	3,068,897
Children of Armenia Fund	1,940,000
Armenian Missionary Association of America	1,410,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305,926,309</b>

## The 30th Anniversary of Shen Charitable NGO

The event was held on 12 June 2018, in the Komitas Chamber Music House. The event was attended by 166 members and representatives of the stakeholder communities. The founding members of the organization, delegations from the Artsakh branch of Shen NGO, Chene France organization, the Yalkezian Foundation, UN agencies in Armenia and partner NGOs were among the invited participants.



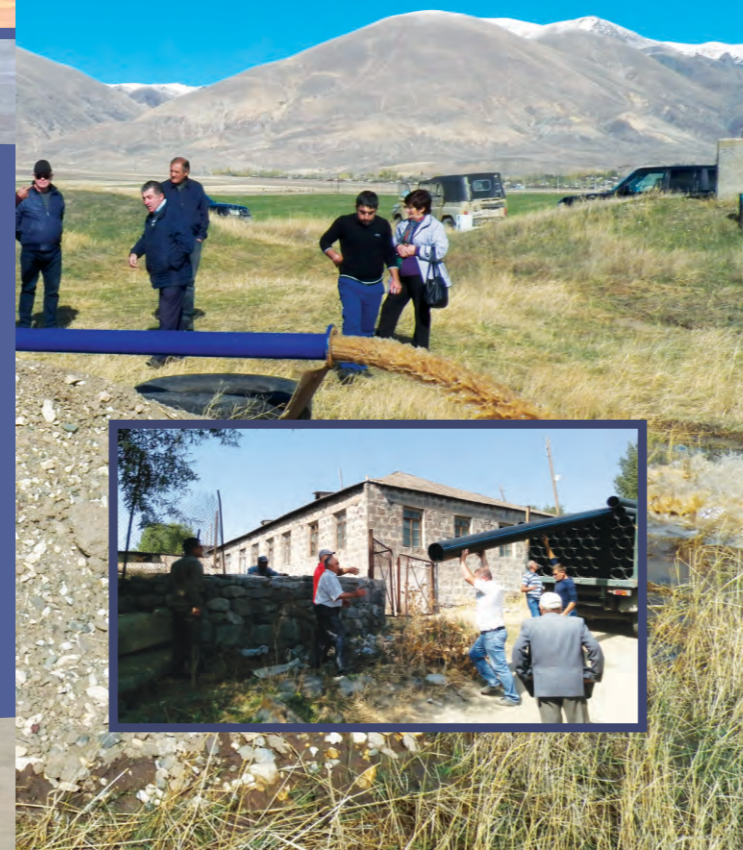




In his opening speech the President of the Board of Shen NGO **H. Minassian** greeted the guests and highlighted the fact that the 30th anniversary was celebrated immediately after the nationwide velvet revolution in the country. He expressed a hope that the fundamental changes in the people's consciousness would be followed by irreversible reforms in all the economic and social sectors. This will allow Shen Charitable NGO to deal exclusively with the issues of the rehabilitation of infrastructure in the rural communities, stimulation of high-value organic agriculture, transfer of contemporary knowledge, but not the issues of the improvement of legislation, confrontation with the corruption and the establishment of the rights of people to live with dignity in the village.



**Tatev Archbishop Sargissian** greeted the guests and appreciated the patriotic work of the Shen Charitable NGO. He highly valued the will of the participants in their full devotion to the national liberation struggle 30 years ago. "The next generations continued the work of the elders, engaged in the national movement and became devotees. After the independence, many of you engaged in various rural development projects, providing substantial input to the improvement of the well-being of our people" – said His Holiness. He mentioned that the work of Shen Charitable NGO is a good example for the NGOs in Armenia and Diaspora.



24. Rehabilitation of the irrigation water pipeline of Shaqi community of Syunik Marz
25. Rehabilitation of the irrigation water pipeline of Angeghakot community of Syunik Marz
26. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings for the members of the consumer cooperatives operating in Shaghat, Angeghakot and Shaqi communities of Syunik Marz
27. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings for the raspberry producing farms of Ashotavan, Bnunis and Tasik communities of Syunik Marz
28. Development of touristic trails, construction and renovation of bathrooms in Gosh and Khachardzan communities of Tavush Marz
29. Stimulation of the consumer cooperative operating in Koti community of Tavush Marz
30. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings for the horticultural farms of Koti, Voskevan and Baghanis communities of Tavush Marz
31. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings, experience sharing visits for the members of the consumer cooperatives operating in Berdavan and Koti communities of Tavush Marz
32. Introduction of new cultivation technologies in horticultural farms of Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor Marzes
33. Expansion of the organic fruit production through improvement of organic orchards management and involving villagers in an organic agricultural cooperative.



13. Renovation and furnishing of the kindergarten in Ttujur community of Gegharkunik Marz
14. Renovation of the school playground in Martuni community of Gegharkunik Marz
15. Construction and equipment of a kindergarten inside the school building in Martuni community of Gegharkunik Marz
16. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings, experience sharing visits for the members of the consumer cooperatives operating in Ttujur and Martuni communities of Gegharkunik Marz
17. Rehabilitation of the irrigation water pipeline of Lernavan community of Lori Marz
18. Organization of the “Return to Nature” summer camp for the children of the socially insecure families of Shirak Marz in Yeghnajyur community of Shirak Marz
19. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings, experience sharing visits for the members of the agricultural cooperatives operating in Bavra and Arapi communities of Shirak Marz
20. Rehabilitation of the football field in Shaghat community of Syunik Marz
21. Renovation of the health post in Shaghat community of Syunik Marz
22. Renovation and furnishing of the office of the “Pasture Users' Union of Shaghat Community” consumer cooperative operating in Shaghat community of Syunik Marz
23. Provision of a tractor, plow and other agricultural machines to the “Pasture Users' Union of Angeghakot Community” consumer cooperative operating in Angeghakot community of Syunik Marz



The founding member of Shen Charitable NGO **Hakob Movsesyan** congratulated the attendees on the meeting, greeted the ones that he met and fought alongside during the liberation fight. He highly appreciated the activities of the organization that had started 30 years ago, aimed towards the sustainable development of the rural communities of the Republic of Armenia.



The founding member of Shen Charitable NGO **Shirak Markosyan** assessed his and his friends' work as a fervent, selfless and patriotic fight. He mentioned that the independence had been followed by the rehabilitation program for the poor villages, and the construction works had started, for which he was grateful to all members of Shen NGO. Our activities initiated a decade ago, aimed at providing economic growth in the villages through community foundations, were not very successful, thus Shen Charitable NGO initiated establishment of consumer cooperatives. There is a hope here that it is possible to get more sustainable outputs, as the legislation is being improved (also due to our efforts).





Shen NGO Board Member **Armen Tonoyan** said in his speech that the high indicators of poverty and unemployment in the rural communities highlight the importance of the recent projects of Shen Charitable NGO aimed at the stimulation of the economic activities, directed towards the increase of the incomes of the population.

According to our observations, the combination of two approaches – capacity development and justified material investments, contribute to the sustainability of the projects. Stimulation of the efficient cooperatives can contribute to the reduction of poverty and creation of new jobs.

Since 2014, Shen NGO has contributed to the establishment of 18 cooperatives and groups dealing with agriculture, aiming at increasing the incomes of the small farms, development of agricultural cooperatives and their efficient involvement in the value chains. The stakeholder cooperatives of Shen Charitable NGO differ by types of their activities – service providers, producers-processors-joint sellers.

Various trainings have been organized for the members of the cooperatives on development of business thinking, awareness of the advanced agricultural technologies. Experience sharing visits have been organized. The cooperatives have been provided with the equipment and agricultural machines necessary for their activities.

In the works with cooperatives, Shen Charitable NGO takes into account the nature of the existing problems, studies the ways for their solution, in order to exclude their impact on the activities of Shen Charitable NGO.



Shen NGO Board Member **Anahit Navasardyan** presented the summary of the results of the projects implemented during the 30 years:

- 8 villages were rehabilitation and resettled,
- Exhausting all means of judicial protection in the Republic of Armenia, Shen Charitable NGO disputed and amended 2 laws in the Constitutional Court – the Law on Bankruptcy and the Law on Profit Tax,
- Shen Charitable NGO stimulated creation of 3250 jobs in rural areas and supported the activities of 18 cooperatives,
- 1500 ha of uncultivated lands were turned into orchards,
- Drinking and irrigation water pipelines were built and rehabilitated in 63 communities,
- 29 kindergartens and daycare facilities were rehabilitated and commissioned,
- 28 communal and school sports halls and sports grounds were rehabilitated and equipped,
- 32 computer centers were established in village schools and community centers,
- About 300 computers were provided to the rural schools in The Republic of Artsakh,
- About 60 km of inter-village roads were constructed,
- 17 rural ambulatories and health posts were equipped with modern medical equipment and inventories,
- 21 community centers were rehabilitated and commissioned
- 27 ha of forests were planted,
- Street illumination network was constructed in 6 villages,
- 6 rural bridges were constructed.



# PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2017

1. Renovation of the drinking water pipeline of Kaqavadzor community of Aragatsotn Marz
2. Rehabilitation of the irrigation water pipeline of Tsaghkashen community of Aragatsotn Marz
3. Rehabilitation of the drinking water pipeline of Tatul community of Aragatsotn Marz
4. Organization of tree planting in Lusakn community of Aragatsotn Marz
5. Renovation of the kindergarten of Argina community in Baghramyan sub-region of Armavir Marz
6. Stimulation of consumer cooperatives in Pambak, Geghamasar and Areguni communities of Gegharkunik Marz
7. Organization of theoretical and practical seminars-trainings for the members of the consumer cooperatives established in Pambak, Geghamasar and Areguni communities of Gegharkunik Marz
8. Construction of greenhouses for the consumer cooperatives operating in Pambak, Geghamasar and Areguni communities of Gegharkunik Marz
9. Reconstruction of a deep well for the cooperative operating in Geghamasar community of Gegharkunik Marz
10. Reconstruction of the irrigation system in Areguni community of Gegharkunik Marz
11. Construction of a biogas station for the cooperative operating in Geghamasar community of Gegharkunik Marz
12. Construction of small biogas stations for the cooperatives operating in Pambak and Areguni communities of Gegharkunik Marz



The Chairman of Chene France **Ohan Tufanian** congratulated the Shen NGO on the 30th anniversary and greeted the attendees for their patriotic work. He said that the Diaspora unions faced difficulties in working in the conditions of the existing corruption and arbitrariness. New doors have opened now; it is a new reality. More than 1,5 million EUROS have been invested in Shen projects during 25 years. "We didn't realize that we could act for so long and make a significant investment in our rural communities with our small union. Armenia is a pride for us. When many of the Middle Eastern nations, which have lived two thousand years ago, do not exist anymore, the Armenian nation that have seen genocide and numerous hardships has a country, a reliable country" – said Ohan Tufanian.

The velvet revolution offers an opportunity for the people to stay in their country. The Armenians that have spread all over the world during the years shall strive to come to Armenia today due to the domestic political changes.



The ex-Chairman of Chene France **Philip Karagulian** said that the Armenian people needed hope and trust towards the government. The new Prim-Minister, the new government will do everything to ease the activities. During meetings, when discussing the rehabilitation of schools, health posts, houses, we thought that it was just a job, they would implement and complete it; that would be a matter of ten years. However we are here for thirty years in that way. There was a concern that something was missing all the time. Yes, and that was the velvet revolution, which has come to fill that gap, which will make the work of the organization easier.





The Chairman of the Yalkezian Foundation **Joe Yalkezian** said in his speech that they decided with Hrach Gaspar to come to Armenia from Canada to take part in the walking campaign for the velvet revolution and they had even bought new comfortable shoes for that. However, when they arrived in Armenia, the revolution had already finished successfully. He highly appreciated the long-lasting partnership with Shen Charitable NGO and expressed a hope that Armenia would be compared to countries like Denmark for its development, instead of being compared to the neighboring countries.



The Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization-Armenia **Anahit Simonyan** highly appreciated the 30-year operation of Shen Charitable NGO. She also mentioned with gratitude the assured trust of Shen France organization towards the motherland. She expressed her gratitude to Shen Charitable NGO for many years of activities and the devotion to the motherland.



The representatives of the stakeholder communities made speeches as well and expressed their satisfaction and congratulations.

The Vice-Chairman of the Yalkezian Foundation **Hrach Gaspar** stated that he was devoted to the prosperity of the motherland for 29 years already. He has mentioned thankfully that the local and diaspora partners of Shen react to the calls, go to fight the war, to rehabilitate villages, but they do not like to speak about that publicly. That is a characteristic of a working and virtuous person. He ended his congratulatory speech by evaluating Shen Charitable NGO as an organization symbolizing fight for liberation.

