



About Children of Armenia Fund (COAF)

Who We Are

Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization founded to provide children, youth and their families in rural Armenia with opportunities to realize their potential and achieve their own unique greatness.

COAF's comprehensive program model launched in the village of Karakert, Armavir Province, in 2004.

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to provide resources to children and adults with COAF SMART initiatives to advance rural communities through innovation.

We envision that all children of Armenia will achieve their full potential and contribute to the advancement of the world around them.

Who We Empower

Our goal is to increase the quality of life of rural populations and strengthen the existing institutions through our community-based development programs. We have over 107,000 beneficiaries from 64 communities of Armavir, Aragatsotn, Lori, Gegharkunik, Shirak, and Tavush regions of Armenia.

Our programs

COAF's target development areas are education, health, child and family services, economic development, and COAF SMART programs. Within each of those categories, we also implement infrastructure improvement projects. COAF activities do not provide individual aid or any type of financial support targeting individuals and families directly.



Our Founder

Dr. Garo H. Armen, an Istanbul-born American businessman of Armenian descent is the founder of the Children of Armenia Fund. Dr. Armen is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Agenesis Inc., a biotechnology company that fights cancers with cutting-edge technologies and innovative combination therapies.

International Charity Rating

COAF has received top ratings from organizations like [Guide Star](#), [Better Business Bureau](#), and [Charity Navigator](#).

According to [Charity Navigator](#), COAF has been awarded the highest 4 stars. Such companies are considered leaders in their fields and surpass other organizations operating in the same field. Charity Navigator evaluates organizations from two perspectives: financial mindfulness and reliability, and transparency.

[Better Business Bureau \(BBB\) Wise Giving Alliance](#) was developed to help donors make large donations and increase public trust in charities. The organizations that meet the standards of trust submit documents proving how they manage the company, how they spend the money, how reliable their representations are, and how ready they are to make the information about themselves public. COAF is among those trusted organizations.

[Guide Star](#) is one of the leading information services specializing in reporting on nonprofit companies. Besides professional services GuideStar also serves to verify that a recipient organization is established and that donated funds go where the donor intended. COAF is listed as a trustworthy organization on their website.

Thanks to the ratings of charities, donors can see how their money is managed and the impact it has.