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### **Estonia's grant to COAF for the fight against the pandemic**

The Republic of Estonia grants €28,000 to Children Of Armenia Fund (COAF) to fight the spread of COVID-19.

As the development of the European Union's Rapid Reaction Mechanism project, when 26 health facilities of the Lori region were provided with primary supplies for the preventive care of the virus, the Estonian grant will serve to purchase the latest medical supplies and equipment for the same communities.

These include 1 biochemical analyzer for the Lori region, 2 small mobile ultrasound devices, BP tonometer, glucometer (blood sugar measuring device) and pulse oximeter, as well as a set of primary supplies: gloves, masks, sanitizers, distance thermometers, face shields, respirator masks & hazmat suits.

Local health facilities are the sole and central agents in the rural communities to ensure the health & safety of the population in terms of prevention & management of COVID-19.

"As the number of asymptomatic infected people increases, the primary health care providers who control their treatment are at the highest risk. In this case, the safety and strengthening of rural healthcare

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infrastructures, outpatient clinics, and health centers are becoming urgent and critical,” mentioned Korioun Khatchadourian, the Managing Director of COAF.

Yesterday President Armen Sarkissian thanked his counterpart President of Estonia Kersti Kaljulaid during a phone call for providing assistance to COAF.

#### **About COAF**

The “Children of Armenia” Charitable Fund (COAF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that employs community-led approaches aimed at improving the quality of life in rural Armenia, with a particular focus on children and youth. COAF's target development areas are education, healthcare, social and economic development. COAF launched its programs in 2004, starting in one village and expanding to 64 villages in Armavir, Aragatsotn, Lori, Gegharkunik, Shirak, and Tavush regions.

Since 2015, COAF has developed and started implementing a new vision – SMART Initiative. COAF SMART is designed to advance a generation across the rural world through education that will benefit individuals, societies, and the environment. COAF SMART will become an exemplary model of development and will be replicated in other regions and communities throughout Armenia. The first COAF SMART Center was inaugurated on May 27, 2018, near the village of Debet, Lori Region, with outreach to over 150,000 rural residents.

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