

# CHOCOLATE BANK... & MORE

## Goal

To provide much-needed support during the holiday season to children and their families in impoverished rural regions, which will help them better their emotional well-being and improve conditions conducive to proper development.

## Objectives

To provide much-needed new, warm bedding to 109 kids and Christmas chocolate to 353 kids in 14 villages in Armenia's Gegharkunik Region.

## Project Description & Background

This year, just as any other, all of us at Ayo! expect to wake up on Christmas morning feeling happy and secure, and to share the joy of Christmas with our respective families. We would like all children to have the chance to experience that same happiness and joy, especially the ones whose families struggle each day to support them.

Since 2014, each Christmas, the **Fund for Armenian Relief** has implemented its Chocolate Bank Project in different regions of Armenia. Last year, Ayo! joined this amazing initiative, which collects and then delivers chocolates and other Christmas sweets to children who live in poverty. In addition, they typically receive valuable and useful gifts, like winter clothing.

This year we are planning to visit daycares in 14 villages in the Gegharkunik Region called Mets Masrik, Akunk, Sotk, Tretuk, Kutakan, Pambak, Daranak, Pokr Masrik, Geghamasar, Areguni, Kakhakn, Shatjrek, Arpunk and Avazan, which have some of the coldest conditions in Armenia. In addition to bringing chocolate and holding a celebration that same day, Ayo! also wants to be able to provide the daycares with new bedding, including warm blankets and pillows, which will help them through the brutal winter.

All 353 children in these villages spend most of their days at their local daycares. While the daycares generally have appropriate conditions for the children, they have a vital and urgent need for new bedding. Their current blankets are old and threadbare and don't provide enough warmth for the children, while the bed sheets are worn-out and need to be replaced. The children eat, play, learn and develop at these daycares. They also take naps. As winter settles in, the issue of bedding needs to be solved as quickly as possible.

This project will ensure that the Gegharkunik children not only enjoy their Christmas holiday this year, but they will also be provided with much-needed warmer and therefore safer and better sleeping conditions for their midday naps. A proper nap is something every child surely needs and deserves for their good health and proper development.

Ayo! will be collecting chocolates, candies and cookies at our office in Yerevan. We will also be fundraising to purchase the bedding for the daycares.

**Donations can be brought to our office at 22 Khorenatsi Street, Yerevan, Monday-Friday, between 9 am and 6 pm until December 25th.**

**Donations made online until January 6th will be used to purchase blankets, pillows and sheets for the daycare.**

## Budget

ITEM	QTY	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL AMD
Matrasses 1,30 x 70	109	¥9,200	¥1,002,800
Blankets 1,30 x 90	109	¥6,300	¥686,700
Pillows	109	¥1,500	¥163,500
Linen	109	¥1,500	¥163,500
Transportation	2 trucks x 220km		¥132,000
Bags for presents	193		¥38,600
Lunch for 20 volunteers	2 days		¥40,000

*The exchange rate as of December 14th, 2018*

*1 USD = 480 AMD*

**TOTAL**

# ¥2,227,100