



PROJECT REPORT

Project Name/ location: Solar Syunik / Sisian and Angeghakot communities

Funded by: Brazil

Estimated Budget: 30,000 USD

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Start End Date: September 2024 – December 2024

Community Statistics

Syunik region's Sisian and Angeghakot communities are remote and borderline settlements where displaced families from Artsakh have settled down after the forced deportation from Artsakh in September 2023. The development of borderline villages and encouragement of displaced families is prioritized by the Hayastan Fund.

Project Description

During the 2020 war and after the forced deportation of families from Artsakh, many of them have resettled in Syunik region. Considering the importance of having 24/7 hot water, while saving on the electricity cost, the Fund is promoting the installation of solar water heaters in the rural communities since 2018. Consequently provision of solar water heaters to the displaced families becomes even of higher priority.

During the assessment process, the Fund's team encountered a challenge regarding families displaced during the 2023 deportation who do not yet have their own houses in the regions. Many of them are still renting or living in temporary shelters, which could pose logistical issues if they were to be considered as beneficiaries. To mitigate this risk, the Fund considered prioritizing families from Artsakh who fled back in 2020 and have already purchased property in these communities. These families are also considered refugees and selecting them as beneficiaries would minimize the likelihood of any disruptions caused by changes in housing arrangements.

Additionally, to ensure inclusivity and prevent any potential tensions within the communities, the project adopted a 70%/30% approach. This involved including a small number of local socially vulnerable families in the beneficiary list alongside those displaced, thereby fostering harmony and cooperation among all community members.

As a result, a total of 17 refugee families and 10 local vulnerable families in Sisian and Angeghakot communities.

Progress information 09.2024

The below update is as of September 10th, 2024:

- The design of the project was undertaken during May-July to plan the project and estimate the works to be implemented.
- The tender was announced for selection of the company to implement the installation of the water heaters. The Selection process was prolonged due to the need of negotiations for better quality and price. As a result, ArpiSolar LLC was selected as a contractor.
- The contract for project implementation was signed as of 5th of September. The works have commenced.
- The plan of installation is as follows:

Community	Solar Water Heaters		
	Displaced Families	Local Vulnerable Families	Total
Sisian	14	4	18
Angeghakot	3	6	9
Total	17	10	27

Next Steps

- Installation of the solar water heaters as per the schedule and plan.
- Conduct periodic monitoring of the process by the Fund's specialists.
- The overall works are supposed to be completed by December 2024.

Pictures

Current state of the houses in Sisian and Angeghakot communities please see below:



