



# A NEW LIFE FOR GREENHOUSE AGRICULTURE IN ARTSAKH

## PROJECT SUMMARY



**Providing about 14,000 square meters of greenhouse space with the systems necessary to boost efficiency and achieve year-round production.**

Increasing domestic food production is becoming an urgent need in Artsakh, which is under a constant threat of blockade.

In Artsakh, there are dozens of relatively large greenhouse farms that operate steadily for several months a year. With the appropriate equipment, they can dramatically increase their production.

## OBJECTIVES

- Improve Artsakh's food security by expanding the production of primary products
- Help sustainable and competitive greenhouse growers improve their efficiency to a professional level
- Equip greenhouse farms with cooling, humidification, lighting, heating, irrigation and fertilization systems based on the principles of co-financing and repayment
- Launch a continuous cycle and ensure the program's sustainability by directing returned funds to equip new farms under the same terms

## MAIN INFORMATION

Implementing partner

**Ministry of Agriculture of Artsakh Republic, Artsakh Rural and Agricultural Support Fund (hereinafter – Foundation)**

Geography

**All regions of Artsakh**

Implementation period

**9 months for the first cycle; on a rolling basis thereafter**

## BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Financing model: **50%** of the cost of equipment is subsidized by "We are our mountains" territorial development agency, **5%** is paid by the owner of the farm directly, **45%** is returned within 5 years in equal payments. The returned funds accumulate in the Artsakh Rural and Agricultural Support Fund to finance new greenhouses under the same terms.

Estimated cost of equipping greenhouses per 1 square meter without VAT – **\$20**, of which **\$1** is to be paid by the owner of the greenhouse, while the remaining **\$19** is to come from funds raised by the Foundation.

**IN TOTAL: \$266,000**

## BENEFICIARIES

- **Direct beneficiaries:** More than 60 people employed in greenhouse agriculture
- **Indirect beneficiaries:** The entire population of Artsakh, supported by the domestic production of vegetables and other crops

## SUSTAINABILITY

- **Establishing a means of agricultural production that is stable and professional**
- **Increasing Artsakh's level of food security**