



**Youth for Change Program in Vorotan Canyon,
Syunik Region, Armenia**

REPORT



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“Youth for Change” (YFC) is TFC project, that lets to involve local volunteers in trail building activities and camps, train them in different topics.

In July-August, 2019 Trails for Change NGO (TFC) implemented Youth for Change Project in Syunik region within “Revival of Ancient Trails in Vorotan Canyon” Project.

Project characteristics

1. **Participants:** 10 local youngsters from Yerevan and other regions.
2. **Trails directions:** Bardzravan village to Harants Anapat, Tatev Great Anapat to Suspension Bridge



3. *Trails characteristics:*

Bardzravan village to Harants Anapat

- Total length: 4,4km
- Trail type: ancient trail
- Done works: trail building, brush clearing, rock clearing, trailblazing, trash clearing

Tatev Great Anapat to Suspension Bridge

- Total length: 5km
- Trail type: ancient trail
- Done works: trail building, brush clearing, trash clearing, trailblazing, signposting



4. *Training topics:*

- **Camping:** tent setting up and camp installation, backpacking, campfire place construction and safety rules, camp kitchen installation





- **Camp management:** scheduling, teamwork in campsites, team building activities



- **First aid:** safety rules outdoors, first help and first aid kit and supplies
- **Trail building and marking:** trail building tools introduction and safety rules, trail building and maintaining , branch cutting, signposting and trail blazing



- **Environmental protection and healthy lifestyle:** Nature care during camping, hiking, working on the trail, healthy lifestyle tips, safety circles and stretching circles etc.



There was participation of international volunteers in the “Revival of Ancient Trails in Vorotan Canyon” Project as well, that created a multicultural environment and opportunity for cultural and lingual exchange. Skills and knowledge gathered from the project mostly through “learning by doing” method is a great resource for participants for working, nature and social environments.

Work camps were based on the following 7-day schedule:

Day	Work camp crew
Monday	<u>Morning:</u> Pack equipment, personnel transport to remote location, set up work camp facilities <u>Afternoon:</u> Tool safety training, introduction to trail building
Tuesday	Trail construction & maintenance
Wednesday	Trail construction & maintenance
Thursday	Trail construction & maintenance
Friday	<u>Morning:</u> Trail construction & maintenance <u>Afternoon:</u> Break camp, pack equipment, transport to Tatev HQ
Saturday	<u>Morning:</u> Team meeting, tool inventory & maintenance <u>Afternoon:</u> Half-day off, cultural tour and community visits
Sunday	Day off







YFC is an ongoing project, and it's planned to implement it with new volunteers in 2020 too, within the trail building projects of TFC.

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