



## Removing Dis from Ability – ABLE YOUTH!

Report

November 2023 – January 2024





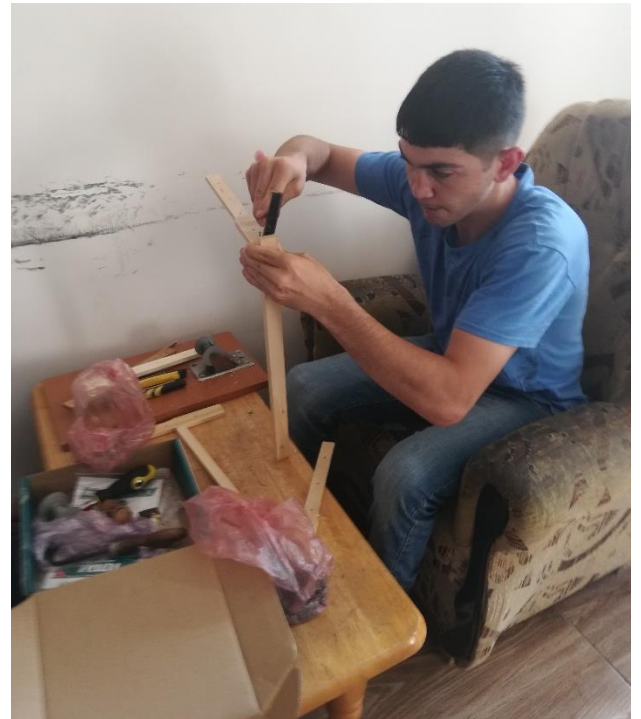
## INTRODUCTION:



During the period of November 2023 to January 2024, our project achieved its goal of training and empowering 30 youths in Beehive Components, Honey Production, and Money Management. We owe immense gratitude to the unwavering support of generous donors, whose contributions were pivotal in realizing this milestone. However, our commitment extends beyond this achievement. We are dedicated to seeking further funding to ensure sustained support for 280 youth with disabilities residing in Tavush Marz. This support will enable them to pursue sustainable livelihoods and independent living within their communities. It's important to note that out of the mentioned number, 90 are young women and men forcibly displaced from Artsakh.

## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Conducted a two-month hands-on training course for 30 youths with disabilities in remote villages of Tavush, covering Beehive Components, Honey Production, Packaging/Honey Processing, Marketing/Pricing, and Money Management.
- Incorporated practical elements into most training sessions under expert supervision at hive locations, facilitating experiential learning.



- Provided comprehensive knowledge and skills in beekeeping, including working with bees, maintaining honey quality, separating honey from beeswax, rendering beeswax, manufacturing secondary products, and making beekeeping clothes and equipment.
- Inspired young men and women with disabilities to consider starting a collective business in beekeeping, leveraging their newly acquired knowledge.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

**Expansion of Vocational Orientation Centers:** The "Able Youth" Initiative aims to establish Vocational Orientation Centers in Dilijan, Ijevan, Berd, and Noyemberyan cities of Tavush Marz, Armenia. These centers will serve as hubs for providing diverse vocational training workshops and mentorship tailored to the interests and potential of youth with disabilities. By expanding our reach to these cities, we aim to empower even more young individuals for economic independence and societal inclusion.

**Enhanced Support and Mentorship:** In addition to providing vocational training, we will enhance our support and mentorship programs to ensure that each participant receives personalized guidance and assistance in developing their vocational competencies. Through one-on-one mentorship sessions and peer support groups, we will create a nurturing environment where youth with disabilities can thrive and grow.

During the reporting period, our project continued to make meaningful progress towards its objectives. With ongoing support and dedication, we are confident that we can continue to positively impact the lives of youth with disabilities in our community.

**Donate today and be a part of this life-transforming journey!**