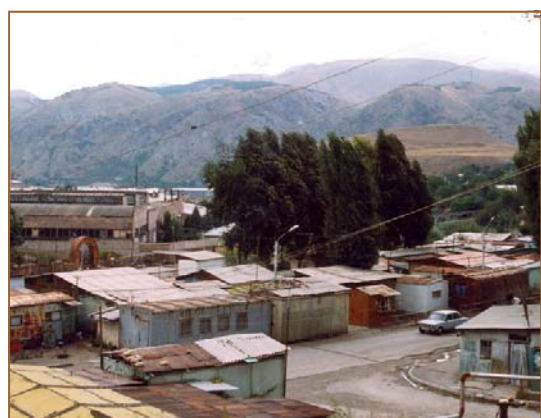




Building homes for 15 families living in metal containers in Vanadzor city in partnership with ARDA (Armenian Relief and Development Association) and Vanadzor city municipality

Housing Situation in Armenia (general)

According to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, of the approximately 800,000 families living in Armenia, about 40,000 or 5% are without permanent shelter. About 40% of these live in temporary structures, in most



cases metal containers. Dormitories and damaged unsafe housing provide shelter to 10% of the households living in temporary shelters.

Mission and Goals

FCHA assists in building and renovating safe, simple, comfortable homes, with and for low-income families in Armenia, by offering them long-term, interest-free loans. The monthly repayments flow into the Revolving Fund and are used to help more families, thereby providing the financial foundation for sustainable community development.



The project need, solution, building technology and costs

Need: The temporary housing district formed in Vanadzor after the 1988 earthquake turned into permanent shelter for many families who survived the disaster that killed some 27,000 people. Many children grew up in the temporary shelters and now their children are growing up in the same conditions. These "homes" have no bathroom, no kitchen, are freezing cold in winter and blistering hot in summer.



Solution: As a result of the fruitful partnership between the Armenian Relief and Development Association (ARDA), the Vanadzor Municipality and the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia - **33 families** that had been living in metal containers more than 20 years, moved to

their new, safe and decent homes in the Taron 3 district of Vanadzor city, Lori region.

Building Technology: These homes were built using a new technology of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) block. It is possible to complete a new home in a month using this technology, rather than the 6 to 12 months required with traditional building materials. Such homes are ecologically clean, reasonably priced and most importantly earthquake resistant.

Current project is to assist 15 families to move out of metal containers

*FCHA investment part for
this project is
\$3,400 for each home*

*We have raised \$12,500 and need
\$38,500 to complete the project*

How much is:

<i>A water tap</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Paint for all walls of one room</i>	<i>\$60</i>
<i>A bathtub</i>	<i>\$90</i>
<i>One window</i>	<i>\$135</i>
<i>One door</i>	<i>\$150</i>

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