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**CLAY ART THERAPY PROGRAM
FINAL REPORT**

Duration: 3 months (1 additional month clay firing and final design)

Participants: 16 children, aged 9–16

Collaboration with “Varem-Marem” Community Art Studio in Gyumri

Organized and led by SOAR Foundation

A total of **16 children** from the **SOAR Artsakh Family Integration Program**, the **“Child and Family Support Center of Shirak Region”** State Non-Commercial Organization (SNCO), and the **“Children’s Home of Gyumri”** State Non-Profit Organization (SNPO) had the exceptional opportunity to participate in a three-month clay art therapy program in Gyumri.

The program was designed to promote emotional well-being, cognitive growth and social development through creative engagement with clay.

Throughout the three-month period, participants attended the Varem-Marem Art Studio twice a week, where instructors encouraged them to express themselves artistically and create individual works of art. For many of the children, this was their first experience working with clay and they developed a deep interest and enjoyment in the medium.

As part of the program, a guided visit was organized to the Sisters Aslamazyan Gallery, allowing the children to explore 19-20th-century Armenian art and view colorful clay artworks, further inspiring their creativity.

This was the first time the Varem-Marem Art Studio worked with children with special needs. SOAR helped them adapt their environment to meet the needs of our children. It also provided an opportunity to raise awareness about access and inclusion for all children. During the summer time there were lots of visitors in the studio as it’s a popular destination for tourists and well-known place for locals. Program participants could meet those people, communicate with them and make new friends.

The program concluded with a closing exhibition, where all participants proudly presented the pieces, they had created over the three months. Their artworks included house-shaped candlesticks, hangers, canvases, keychains and other decorative items.

We express our sincere gratitude to all partner centers and benefactors for supporting this meaningful and impactful initiative.

Project budget:

In accordance with the contract, a total of **765,000 AMD** was allocated to implement the three-months art therapy program.

Training: 3 months

1	Clay	180.000 AMD
2	Glaze	90.000 AMD
3	Firing	135.000 AMD
4	Salary	360.000 AMD
Total		765.000 AMD
Closing Ceremony was partly organized by SOAR		
1	Chocolates	2.826 AMD
2	Juice	8.400AMD
3	Cake	12.500 AMD
4	Disposable tableware	2.390 AMD
5	Fruits	2.940 AMD
Total		29.056 AMD
GRAND TOTAL		794.056 AMD

