

About Armenian Caritas

Armenian Caritas is a non-governmental organisation that partners with the Dutch Council for Refugees providing assistance to voluntary returnees to Armenia. Armenian Caritas has extensive professional and practical experience in providing individual and family support on building up a new life.

Armenian Caritas is part of the Caritas Network, a chain of international organisations that runs humanitarian projects around the world. In Armenia, Caritas organizes programmes aimed at supporting vulnerable groups. The organisation has many years of experience in providing assistance to Armenian returnees from Western Europe.

What kind of assistance can Armenian Caritas offer to returnees?

- Reception at the airport.
- Search for (temporary) housing.
- Setting up a small business or finding a job.
- Finding appropriate training or education.
- Finding useful contacts and networks.
- Referral to healthcare institutions.
- Administrative support.
- Provide information about the country.

In consultation with Armenian Caritas, you can use the grant of **€1800** (€1500 + €300 cash) per adult and **€2800** (€2500 + €300 cash) per child for matters that advance your reintegration, such as:

- Education or a (vocational) training.
- Starting up a small-scale business.
- Housing.
- Medical care.

This is in addition to the REAN (Return and Emigration of Aliens from the Netherlands) programme which includes plane ticket, support in obtaining travel documents airport assistance and €200 in cash for an adult and €40 for an accompanying child. The Dutch Council for Refugees can help you apply for these provisions with the IOM Rean Program (International Organisation for Migration).

Where to find us?

Armenian Caritas has its main office in Gyumri and several branches in different regions that can provide additional local support. Armenian Caritas Yerevan is the sub office that primarily deals with returnee matters. You can visit our website at tingurl.com/armeniancaritas or you can visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ArmenianCaritas.

For specific questions, for example about specific medical needs or questions regarding housing, the Dutch Council for Refugees can facilitate a Skype-call or telephone conversation for you with Armenian Caritas.

Contact Dutch Council for Refugees

Would you like more information, or do you want to sign up for support when returning to Armenia? Please contact the Dutch Council for Refugees in your region or visit tingurl.com/vwn-terugkeer. You can also contact us through tel.: **020-3467278** or mail terugkeer@vluchtelingenwerk.nl

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