



Press release

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## **Free English course for the youth living in rural communities**

Young people, 17-35, living in rural communities, are welcome to take part in a free online English course.

The program is implemented by the Children of Armenia Fund and financed by the U.S. Embassy in Armenia.

The course is for learners with basic knowledge (A2). At the end of the program, the selected candidates will possess the English B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) scale.

The program will last 24 weeks, including two online lessons of 1.5 hours per week and four face-to-face meetings for the entire course (meetings to be held at a location near the participant's place of residence).

To participate, one needs a computer and an internet connection. At the end of the course, each participant will receive a certificate.

All interested candidates are welcome to apply through [an online application](#), which is due March 29.

### **About COAF**

[“Children of Armenia” Charitable Fund \(COAF\)](#) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that employs community-led approaches aimed at improving the quality of life in rural Armenia, with a particular focus on children and youth. COAF’s target development areas are education, healthcare, social and economic development. COAF launched its programs in 2004, starting in one village and expanding to 44 villages in Armavir, Aragatsohn, Lori, Gegharkunik, Shirak and Tavush regions.

Since 2015 COAF has developed and started implementing a new vision – SMART Initiative. SMART is



designed to advance a generation across the rural world through education that will benefit individuals, societies and the environment. SMART will become an exemplary model of development and will be replicated in other regions and communities throughout Armenia.

The first COAF SMART Center was opened on May 27, 2018, at the village of Debet, Lori region, with an outreach to over 150,000 people.