

COAF Announces Appointment of Liana Ghaltaghchyan as Managing Director

YEREVAN – [Children of Armenia Fund \(COAF\)](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Liana Ghaltaghchyan as its Managing Director, effective January 9, 2023.

Ghaltaghchyan's appointment represents an important step in COAF's commitment to lead the advancement of rural communities across Armenia and Artsakh.

"Liana's breadth of experience, strong leadership skills, and track record of delivering results over 15 years have prepared her well for this important top management position," said COAF Founder and Chairman Dr. Garo Armen. "She is a proven leader and will be a valued addition to our leadership team at this critical time for our country," said Armen.

Ghaltaghchyan has extensive experience coordinating key sectors of healthcare, education, and social affairs in her capacity as a Deputy Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister. Her public sector experience also includes working at the heart of the Armenian legislative system in the Ministry of Justice. Furthermore, throughout her career, she held leadership positions in a range of organizations, including the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Transparency International Anti-corruption Center.

In addition, Ghaltaghchyan has a broad background in partnership-building and team leadership. Her accomplishments include initiatives aimed at promoting the transparency and accountability of the public sector and fostering good governance.

One of the primary areas of Ghaltaghchyan's efforts will be focused on scaling COAF's successful SMART Center model, which provides world-class non-formal education and socio-economic development programs to Armenia's rural communities. The first COAF SMART Center was inaugurated in 2018 in Lori province. In the next five years, COAF will launch four additional SMART Centers in the regions of Armavir, Syunik (Kapan and Goris), and Shirak with an investment exceeding \$50 million. COAF's vision is to empower generations of rural Armenians by establishing SMART Centers in each region of Armenia.

"I'm honored to join the dedicated and talented team at COAF and help drive the organization to its next level of growth and expansion to best serve the needs of Armenia's rural communities," says Liana. "I'm impressed with COAF's excellent ongoing programs for kids and youth, consistent quality of finance and administration, and unwavering commitment to its partners and beneficiaries."

About COAF:

The Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization 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, as well as social and economic development. COAF launched its programs in 2004, starting in one village and expanding to over 60 villages and communities across the country with an investment of more than \$70 million, impacting well over 100,000 people across rural Armenia.