

AAHPO and FAR Announce Doctors for Artsakh Project

Since 2011, AAHPO has been directly supporting physicians in Artsakh with the **Help Save Lives! Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program**, implemented by Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR), and created by the late **Raffy Hovanesian, MD**. The recent war not only devastated much of the fragile healthcare system in Artsakh, but it also **caused an exodus of medical staff from the region**. In fact, according to a study by Artsakh's Ministry of Health, **at least 70 medical specialists are currently needed**. Twenty of these posts are categorized as extremely urgent.

To address this problem, AAHPO and FAR just recently launched the new **Doctors for Artsakh** project.

In coordination with Artsakh's Ministry of Health and the NGO Progressive Medicine, Doctors for Artsakh aims at filling these gaps with leading doctors from Armenia's medical centers on a rotating basis. The project also includes training for Artsakh-based healthcare workers using both offline and virtual communication tools, and occasional in-person sessions. Some critically needed medical equipment and supplies will be also provided throughout the project.

"Through the initiative of the late Dr. Hovanesian, AAHPO and FAR brought the [Continuing Medical Education](#) Program in Artsakh to life. A post-war visit with a group of healthcare providers was another opportunity to clarify the needs of the healthcare system, particularly in terms of professional resources, and to outline opportunities for which we can address them through our partner organizations," said **CME Program Director Dr. Hambardzum Simonyan**.

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