



Atlas Corps



Arpine Porsughyan, Gyumri, Armenia

Arpine has over ten years of experience in the nonprofit sector, and earned a Master's degree in Policy Analysis and Administration from Duquesne University and a Master's degree in Social Sciences from Tbilisi State University. Arpine brings a unique combination of experience in research and grassroots development. For over seven years, in affiliation with the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, GeoWel Research, and as an independent consultant, Arpine conducted research in the South Caucasus, Central Asia, Russia and the U.S. for a number of international and local organizations.

Research covered a wide range of issues: migration, gender based violence and reproductive health, media, economic development, value chains, and justice. Arpine worked with JumpStart Georgia, where, besides researching and reporting, she trained media and nonprofit organizations in Armenia to use data, technology, and storytelling techniques to better advocate for human rights and civil society issues. She also has over ten years of experience in project design, fundraising and management, and transferred these skills through leading multiple workshops across the South Caucasus. Arpine served as a development expert for Ajakits NGO and Caucasus Research Resource Center-Armenia, and was a trainer and training specialist for the U.S. Peace Corps, among others. Through her nonprofit work experience Arpine acquired a diverse set of skills that include community facilitation using participatory civic engagement tools, and project design. Arpine is interested in asset-based community development models, the role of statistical data in development, and is passionate about women's empowerment.

Fellow Role at Community Options

Arpine will provide strategic support in marketing, fundraising, and other administrative and public awareness projects. She will also work on leadership support to the Community Based day program by implementing a formalized teaching curriculum and facilitating regular self-advocacy groups for individuals with disabilities.

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