

## Action Plan for Fall Planting and Anticipated Results

**ATG is ready to help farmers return to profitable grain production so they can support their families.** The Plan for Fall 2017, is to plant up to 50 acres of eight different varieties of wheat and other legumes for seed production.

The anticipated expenses, planting through harvesting, including farm inputs and irrigation expenses, are approximately \$400 per acre. For this purpose, ATG is seeking your tax-deductible contributions to raise \$20,000 to revive the private sector seed industry in Armenia that we had created earlier. The organization will utilize the Foundation's seed inventory on hand to generate Registered seed for the coming spring. We will then supply the Registered seed to the seed growers whose plantings will multiply enabling them to plant about 960 acres to generate Certified and Common seeds. This fresh inventory will be made available to grain growers for maximum production. **Your tax-deductible contribution will enable us to achieve our goal.**

## The Seed Bank – Our Back Up

Over the years, ATG had tested over 340 seed varieties on trial plots throughout the seven growing zones in Armenia. Our in-country Chief Agronomist, Mekhitar Gregoryan, along with Gagik Mkrchyan, have selected and saved the best and highest yielding wheat, alfalfa, sainfoin, corn, lentil and pea seed varieties, of each of these selections as our backup inventory.

Gagik and Mekhitar created the Seed Bank in order to and are ready to multiply those varieties to regenerate Foundation, Registered and Certified seeds, which subsequently could be planted by the grain growers for common consumption.

*Mekhitar and Gagik in the field clearing the wheat fields*

## Help us to support the growers

The government's announcement not to intervene between the seed and grain growers, allows ATG to re-energize the seed producers by helping them plant as many fields as possible. However, this turnabout by the government means that our year-end December appeal must now be immediately revised to aid our constituents in Armenia during the fall planting season.

**Please make your annual – or even your year-end gift today.** Depending on the growing zones, the planting season in Armenia starts in mid-September through early November. The next several weeks are crucial period to assist the growers. Your donation will immediately be transferred to the field to cover planting expenses. Once the planting cycle is back on track (see [www.atgusa.org/seed](http://www.atgusa.org/seed)), we anticipate that the program will sustain itself without additional financial support.

**Please make your donation today.** You can also visit our website at [www.atgusa.org](http://www.atgusa.org) and donate online. You will make a big difference in helping growers provide for their families at this very junction of Armenia's struggle in preventing its population from emigration.



*"The MOA has directly conveyed to me that they will discontinue any interference in the seed market. I am pleased by the Prime Minister's decision, and am prepared to take on the challenge" said Mr. Mkrchyan.*

**Help us empower the people in Armenia to halt their emigration!**