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Dear friends of Arzuw Foundation:

We are extremely grateful for your support during this difficult year. As you might have guessed, this has been a challenging time for students from Turkmenistan who want to study and work abroad.

We were able to partner again this year with The Council for International Educational Exchanges (CIEE) to offer several students loans to cover the costs of participating in the 2020 Summer Work and Travel program. Fortunately, in spite of Covid and other visa restrictions, one of these students was actually able to get a visa and a flight, and his job was still waiting for him when he got here! We plan to work with CIEE to offer loans to the still-eligible students who were accepted last year, and to support additional students this year with the hope that life in the U.S. will get more-or-less back to normal in the summer of 2021.

We also continue to work with students from Turkmenistan to provide them bridge funds to help them cover the costs of starting graduate school, coping with a family emergency, or other circumstances that might otherwise prevent them from continuing their education. Your support makes a difference!

In 2020 we were able to contract with a new part-time Manager for the organization to keep the trains running. She is a former beneficiary who recently got a B.A. and already has years of experience working on student programs. Our organization has made several significant transitions in management and programming over the last twelve years, adapting to the circumstances on the ground in Turkmenistan and the changing needs of Turkmenistan's young people as best we can. We hope you will continue to support this vision in 2021!

From everybody at Arzuw – *Sag bol!* (Thank you!)

Sincerely,

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