MISSION POSSIBLE: ARMENIA
Project Profiles 2017

HIGH SCHOOL 149 AFTER V. DAVRYAN

Mission Possible students at High School 149 worked to address the lack of trees and green areas in their city. Students originally planned to plant trees on school property, helping to expand green areas in the city, reduce air pollution and improve the school environment. After learning that the school did not have an irrigation system that could ensure new trees would survive, the students petitioned the local municipality to renovate it. The students are continuing to strive to hold the municipality accountable for its promise to renovate the school’s irrigation system and are also searching for more tree-friendly sites in the city to plant new trees in collaboration with a local nonprofit organization, Armenia Tree Project.

Project Objectives:
- Expand green areas in the city
- Reduce air pollution
- Improve the natural environment of their school

Activities:
- Engaged in advocacy and planning discussions with school principal, local organizations, and municipality officials
- Conducted a presentation for 25 students to raise awareness about the project
- Mapped potential sites across Yerevan for planting trees

Results:
- Established a collaborative relationship with Armenia Tree Project, a nonprofit organization that agreed to provide trees and a professional trainer to deliver workshops on environmental issues and tree care
- Municipality officials promised to renovate the school’s irrigation system to create a more hospitable environment for trees
- Increased awareness among students about the importance of green spaces and trees in cities

Next Steps: High School 149 Agents of Change will continue to follow up on the local municipality’s promise to renovate their school’s irrigation system and search for new areas in the city to plant trees.