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In Numbers



32 staff members from **15** Water Users Associations were trained in calibrating flow meters and using GIS mapping tools
In July 2025

USD 2.5 m six months (August 2025 – January 2026)
net funding requirements

Operational Context

In Armenia, WFP supports the Government and partners in their efforts to eradicate food insecurity and malnutrition in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to implement the Government of Armenia's development agenda.

Together with the Government, WFP contributes to human capital development, health promotion and sustainable economic growth to benefit the Armenian population.

Armenia is an upper-middle-income, landlocked, net food-importing country vulnerable to external shocks. The border closure with Türkiye and Azerbaijan since its independence in 1991 has limited economic development.

The latest National Statistical Service data indicates that the poverty rate was 23.7 percent in 2023. WFP's sixth Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment, conducted in March 2024, indicated that 20 percent of households experience food insecurity. Through the adoption of its Country Strategic Plan (2019-2025), WFP's interventions in Armenia support the strengthening of a shock-responsive social protection system; sustainable food systems and value chains; provision of evidence and analysis to support evidence-based policy and decision-making; strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction, preparedness and response capacities; enhancing and fully nationalising the School Feeding programme and, as needed, delivering emergency food assistance and supply chain service provision.

WFP is working on integrating refugees (115,000 refugees arrived in Armenia in September 2023) in livelihood development activities and initiatives. At the request of and in close coordination with the Government, WFP assisted with emergency food and cash to address urgent food needs.

The WFP Country Office is developing its new Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030) to support crisis-affected populations in meeting their food and nutrition needs, strengthen national emergency preparedness, and enhance inclusive, resilient safety nets to support communities in coping with shocks and stressors.

Population: **3.0762 million**

2024 Human Development Index:
0.759 (85 out of 89 countries)

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Chronic malnutrition: **9% of children
between 6-59 months**

Operational Updates

- WFP completed food security assessments in Armavir and Aragatsotn regions under the *"Food Security and Psychosocial Well-being of Refugees in Armenia"* project funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). Based on food security indicators and established household vulnerability criteria, approximately 4,000 refugees were selected for food card assistance.

Within the framework of this project, WFP held validation meetings with community representatives and Unified Social Service (USS) workers across the target regions. The meetings facilitated the verification of beneficiary lists with local stakeholders, helping to minimize inclusion and exclusion errors and fostering community cohesion and trust. Awareness sessions will run from 19 to 30 August. The sessions will include participation from WFP's Financial Service Provider and feature on-the-spot distribution of food cards to selected beneficiaries, ensuring a smooth and transparent process. The first cash transfer to beneficiaries is expected by late August 2025 followed by two additional monthly transfers planned for the fall.

- In the framework of the *"Capacity Strengthening of Water Users Associations (WUA) of Armenia"* project and in collaboration with the National Polytechnic University of Armenia, WFP trained 32 staff members from 15 WUAs. The trainings focused on calibrating flow meters and the practical use of GIS mapping tools. The objective of these trainings was to address key capacity gaps identified earlier in the project. A pilot mapping of the irrigation network in Akhuryan, Artik and Ani communities was completed using data from Shirak WUA satellite imagery, field observations, and surveys, integrated into a GIS system.

- From 16-22 July, WFP supported the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in conducting a grant review mission for the *"Climate-Adaptive Food Security Enhancement"* project. ADB assessed implementation progress, procurement, financial management and compliance with grant covenants and included site visits to Shirak and Tavush provinces. A concluding meeting with the Ministry of Economy was held on 22 July, and the project's early achievements and next steps were documented in an aide memoire pending government confirmation.

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Photo Caption: Validation meeting under the *"Food Security and Psychosocial Well-being of Refugees in Armenia"* project
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Country Strategic Plan (2019-2025)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
85 m	48 m
2025 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (August 2025 - January 2026)
13.2 m	2.5 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable populations in Armenia, including schoolchildren, have access to adequate and nutritious food year-round.
Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Strengthen and complement the national school feeding programme to facilitate handover to the Government.

Strategic Outcome 4: Vulnerable populations in Armenia have access to basic needs and livelihoods during and in the aftermath of a crisis.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Support to Government and partners to identify and provide food assistance to vulnerable populations.

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement SDGs

Strategic Outcome 2: National policies, programmes and systems are strengthened to improve food security and nutrition among targeted groups by 2024.
Focus area: Root Causes

- Activities:**
- Provide technical support to national institutions to generate an evidence base and inform policies, strategies, and systems to address food insecurity and malnutrition in Armenia.
 - Strengthen national food systems in Armenia, supporting actors along the food value chain.
 - Provide support to national institutions to strengthen the national social protection system.

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations benefit from improved capacities of national entities and partners to prevent and respond to emergencies.
Focus area: Crisis response

- Activities:**
- Provide on-demand service provision to the Government and other partners.

Donors

Armenia, Republic of Bulgaria, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, EMERCOM, European Union, France, Russian Federation, South-South Opportunity Fund, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, United Kingdom, UN funds, USAID/BHA.

Monitoring and Assessments

• WFP completed the endline assessment of the "Milk to Schools of Lori and Yerevan" project. Milk consumption in the intervention group rose from 10.9 to 24.3 percent, with a slight increase in the control group, suggesting project impact. Energy drink consumption declined, with "never" responses rising from 76.6 to 81.4 percent. Salty snack and bun intake dropped from 18.4 to 12.4 percent, though consumption of sweets remained high in both groups. Over 44 percent of children in the intervention group and 47.6 percent in the control group ate candies more than once daily. Cocoa-flavoured milk was top-choice for most children. Positive attitudes toward milk increased, with "like" responses reaching up to 55 percent, and "dislike" responses in the control group falling from 23.7 to 17.6 percent.

• An early warning tool for socio-economic shocks has been developed in collaboration with Ameria Consulting. This tool forecasts potential shocks and their impacts on different population groups based on income and expenditure ranges. Its design prioritizes food security and key socio-economic indicators focusing on the strongest correlations between demand and supply factors. The tool, along with its framework and user instructions, has been submitted to the World Bank for validation. A formal presentation and handover of the tool to the Government are planned by the end of year.

• WFP has signed a new agreement with the National Polytechnic University of Armenia to develop a mobile application aimed at enhancing data collection and monitoring for WFP’s agricultural and livelihood projects. This strategic partnership marks a significant step toward empowering farmers and project participants to track their progress and contribute real-time data. The initiative will also strengthen WFP’s capacity for effective monitoring and evidence-based decision-making. The application is designed to be user-friendly, scalable and aligned with national systems, supporting long-term sustainability. Upon completion, it will be handed over to the Government, promoting national ownership.

• WFP’s July Market Price Bulletin highlights that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 3.9 percent in June 2025 compared to June 2024. Food prices rose by 6.2 percent in June 2025 compared to June 2024. Key highlights from the report include:

