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WFP Armenia
Country Brief
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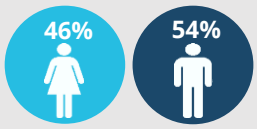
In Numbers



2,901 people assisted
In August 2025

USD 3 million - six months (September 2025 – February 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 Turkiye 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 Armenia currently focuses on the transition to its new 5-year CSP for 2026–2030. The upcoming CSP will continue to prioritize support for sustainable food systems and inclusive value chains, reinforcing WFP's commitment to long-term food security and resilience in Armenia

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

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

• Under the "*Social Economic Integration of Refugees in Armenia" (SEIRA)* project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), WFP supported 90 farmers, 75 in Gegharkunik and 15 in Vayots Dzor, in establishing 100 m² backyard berry gardens equipped with drip irrigation systems. In addition to infrastructure support, farmers received training on climate-resilient agricultural practices, enhancing their skills and contributing to more sustainable and diversified livelihoods.

• Under the *"Stop Hunger"* initiative, WFP supported schools in the Gusanagyugh, Maralik, Karaberd, and Panik communities of Shirak province by establishing school-based intensive orchards, each covering 2,000 m² and equipped with drip irrigation systems and hail protection nets. These orchards benefit a total of 1,133 children enrolled in these schools with diversified and more nutritious meals, with fresh fruits and vegetables added to the school meals programme. With the start of new academic year, WFP plans to provide agricultural training to the schools' staff and schoolchildren fostering practical knowledge and promoting sustainable agricultural practices within the educational environment.

• WFP is supporting the renovation of strategically important irrigation systems in Meghri enlarged community of Syunik province. Infratsructure updates are underway six settlements of Alvanq, Lehvaz, Shvanidzor, Nrnadzor, Tashtun, and Vahravan. Co-funded by Fonds Arménien de France and the Meghri community the project will make over 350 hectares of land irrigable, directly benefiting approximately 1,153 residents and contributing to improved agricultural productivity and water access in the region.

• Within the framework of "*Food Security and Psychosocial Well-being of Refugees in Armenia*" project funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations; WFP organized a two-day training for 20 social workers in collaboration with the Armenian Association of Social Workers. The training focused on refugee household assessments, preventive case management, and targeted social engagement. Key topics included ethical considerations and principles to act in the best interests of individuals, the psychosocial support models, intervention frameworks, and effective communication techniques such as active listening and adherence to intervention plans.

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Photo Caption: Observation and assessment of irrigation project in Tashtun settlement, Meghri enlarged community
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WFP Country Strategy

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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) (September 2025 - February 2026)
13.2 m	**3 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.

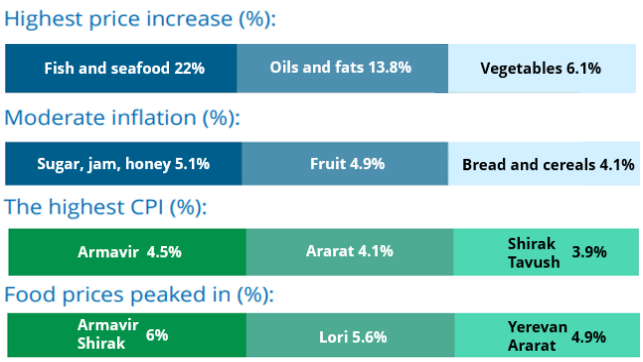
Donors

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.

• The World Food Programme, the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Water Committee, and the National Polytechnic University of Armenia convened the inaugural meeting of a trilateral working group. Established under the *"Capacity Development of Water User Associations in Armenia"* project, the group aims to strengthen inter-institutional collaboration, align initiatives with national priorities and integrate irrigation development into the broader food security agenda.

• Five WFP staff members and a representative of the Ministry of Economy successfully completed three-week course in Unmanned Aerial Systems, focusing on drone missions planning, image and data processing and developing real-world applications. The training developed Geographic Information System (GIS) proficiency for spatial analysis and visualizations, blending theory with practical drone exercise relevant to precision agriculture. Key topics included vegetation index calculations for environmental monitoring and land management, ortho mosaic generation for mapping, 3D modeling for construction planning and infrastructure assessment, suitability analysis land use decision.

• As remote sensing technologies advances, WFP Armenia trains staff to work effectively with sector stakeholders and contribute to data-driven planning and operational efficiency. Following the successful pilot, drones and analytical tools will be handed over to the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia, supporting the national integration of precision technologies into agricultural and economic development.

Monitoring and Assessments

WFP's July Market Price Bulletin highlights that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 3.4 percent in July 2025 compared to July 2024. For the same period food prices increased by 4.7 percent. Key highlights from the report include: