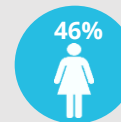


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In Numbers

2,695 people assisted
in September 2025



USD 3.6 m six months (October 2025 – March 2026)
net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- Funded by the Government of France, Phase 1 reconstruction of the 18.7 km Spandaryan irrigation canal began in September, with an official ceremony. WFP supported with construction materials worth USD 300,000. The project is essential for Sisian and neighboring communities, providing reliable irrigation for farming. Overall, 32 km of gravity-fed irrigation canal will be rehabilitated to address water losses of up to 70 percent. Upon completion, the canal will support agricultural productivity, foster economic growth, and improve climate resilience for four rural communities, and irrigate over 2,100 hectares for 7,700 populations.
- WFP, with funding from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, launched the “Food Security and Psychosocial Well-being of Refugees in Armenia” project. WFP selected 786 refugee households (4,032 people), to receive food assistance through electronic cards. By early October, 573 households (2,928 refugees) were informed through awareness-raising sessions about the assistance and received their cards. Starting in mid-October, WFP will deposit AMD 23,370 (USD 61.2) per household member onto these cards.
- WFP actively participated in the annual *Harvest Festival: Rural Life and Traditions*. During the event WFP highlighted its initiatives with school gardens, support for local bakeries with equipment and solar energy to promote wholegrain bread production, and training bakers. WFP engaged 25 schoolchildren in refresher trainings on healthy eating and sustainable food production. Schoolchildren also learned techniques for presenting and selling their harvest of fruits and berries at the festival.
- As part of the ongoing Healthy Lifestyle Campaign a series of regional events promoting healthy eating were launched through a joint initiative by WFP Armenia, the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Children of Armenia Fund. The events were held in Syunik, Vayots Dzor and Shirak regions reaching a total of 1,200 schoolchildren. Schoolchildren actively participated by preparing nutritious recipes such as vitamin- and protein-rich salads, vegetable sticks, and fruit-based desserts.

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 Turkey 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 has formally presented its new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2026–2030 to the Government of Armenia. The CSP aligns with the nation's development priorities and WFP's commitment to long-term, sustainable impact.

WFP continues 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**

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) (October 2025 - March 2026)
13.2 m	3.6 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.

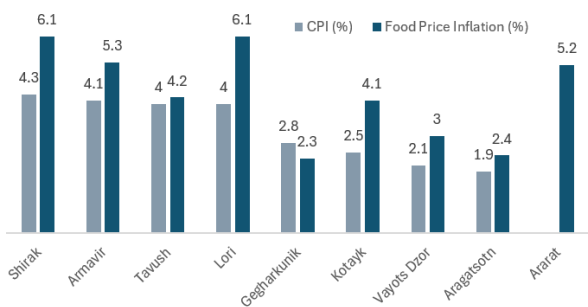
- WFP continues to support rural development in the Syunik region through a community-based revolving fund model that promotes resilience, income generation, and sustainable growth. In Svarants, a 40kW solar station was installed on a community building to generate electricity savings which are reinvested into community-led, climate-smart projects. This directly benefit 258 residents.
- To strengthen irrigation infrastructure and promote climate-resilient agriculture, 21 smallholder farmers in Verin Tsaghkavan, Tavush region received drip irrigation systems from WFP for their backyard plots of 13.5 hectares, directly benefiting 108 household members. The systems will significantly improve water use efficiency and support the adoption of sustainable farming practices.
- From 8 September, milk delivery resumed under the “Milk to Schools” project, providing 250 ml of milk daily to 1,191 schoolchildren in Yerevan and Lori region, contributing to improved nutrition and dietary diversity. In addition, nine awareness-raising sessions were conducted with parents of 5th-grade students in each of the project schools aimed to build understanding on healthy nutrition.

Monitoring and Assessments

WFP’s August Market Price Bulletin reported that the Armenian Dram (AMD) strengthened to 383 per 1 USD, decrease of AMD 5 from August 2024. Meanwhile, the Russian Ruble (RUB) rose against the AMD to 4.8 per 1 RUB from AMD 4.4 in August 2024.

In August 2025 regular diesel cost AMD 489 down by 3.4 percent year-on-year but up 0.4 percent from the previous month. Petrol gasoline was AMD 477.1 per liter a 1.6 percent annual decrease and a 0.1 percent monthly increase.

In August, the consumer price index and food inflation rates were reported as follows across regions:



WFP’s August Market Price Bulletin with key highlights:

Highest price increase (%):		
Fish and seafood 20.9%	Oils and fats 13.5%	Fruits 11.6%
Moderate inflation (%):		
Bread and cereals 4.6%	Sugar, jam, honey 3.6%	Meat 3.4%
The highest CPI (%):		
Shirak 4.3%	Armavir 4.1%	Lori 4%
Food prices peaked in (%):		
Shirak 6.1%	Armavir 5.3%	Ararat 5.2%