

WFP Armenia Country Brief November 2025

In Numbers



440 schoolchildren and **252** adult assisted
in November 2025

USD 4 m six months (December 2025 – May 2026) net
funding requirements

Operational Updates

Under the “Socio-Economic Integration of Refugees in Armenia” (SEIRA) project funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, four bakeries in Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions have been selected to receive technical support in producing wholegrain products. 20 kW solar stations are in process of installation and will reduce annual operating costs of each bakery by approximately USD 3,300.

On 19–21 and 26 November, WFP conducted “Healthy Food and Healthy Habits”-trainings for 5-6th grade schoolchildren in three schools of Gegharkunik and one in Vayots Dzor regions. The sessions aimed to improve nutrition knowledge and promote healthy habits among children. In total, 100 schoolchildren and 12 teachers and kitchen staff participated. Two additional sessions are planned for December. Pre- and post-tests were conducted, and results will be compiled and analyzed after all sessions are completed.

As part of wholegrain value chain expansion in Lori, Armavir and Kotayk regions, WFP is supporting the capacity strengthening of bakeries and schools to promote healthier alternatives to white bread. WFP delivered both theoretical and practical trainings to 240 schoolchildren and 240 parents in 150 schools of the three regions. As a result of these efforts, 117 schools are now ready to introduce wholegrain bread into school meals starting from January 2026.

In September, WFP, together with Fonds Arménien de France and Sisian local authorities launched the reconstruction of Spandaryan irrigation canal that holds a strategic importance for the Sisian consolidated community and its surrounding areas. The first phase has started rehabilitating 18.7 km of the canal to restore irrigation to the communities of Tsghuk, Sarnakunk, Spandaryan and Angeghakot with a population of 6,340, securing sustainable water access for 1,600 hectares of arable land. This is the initial stage of a broader 36.4 km reconstruction project with upcoming phases set to extend water supply to two more communities.

WFP launched its 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign with a guest speaker session for the Country Office team. An awareness raising session was held at Gladzor school for 100 schoolchildren. In December, three additional sessions will be organized for schoolchildren and three for refugees supported under the ECHO-funded project. All sessions aim to increase awareness and inspire action to end Gender Based Violence.

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 21.7 percent in 2024. 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.

In addition, under the “Milk to School” initiative schoolchildren will receive a cup of milk every day they attend school.

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**

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) (December 2025 - May 2026)
13.2 m	4 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.

Monitoring and Assessments

The selection process for schools to join the Transformative Home-Grown School Feeding Programme has been completed in Syunik, Vayots Dzor, Gegharkunik, Lori and Tavush regions. Out of 150 schools, an estimated 100 will receive agricultural facilities to establish fruit and berry gardens or greenhouses in a first phase. The remaining 50 schools will be provided with assets to improve their kitchens and canteens. WFP's RAM and Programme teams have already completed verification visits to 80 schools qualified for the first phase, and results have been finalized.

Process monitoring was conducted engaging 226 food card beneficiary households in Armavir and Aragatsotn regions. 98 percent reported no issues in receiving or using the cards. Access to grocery shops was fully available for 82 percent and partially available for 18 percent of respondents. All respondents confirmed that shop locations were safe and accessible for both men and women.

WFP has finalized a revised Standard Operating Procedures for targeting and selecting private sector entities under SEIRA project. The application and selection process is expected to be completed by the end of the year including six bakeries from the Syunik region.

WFP's November market price bulletin highlights key currency trends and their potential implications for food security. In October 2025 the USD/AMD exchange rate averaged AMD 383 per USD, representing a decrease of AMD 4 compared to October 2024. Over the same period, the RUB/AMD exchange rate averaged AMD 4.7 per RUB an increase of AMD 4.0. Armenia's Consumer Price Index increased by 3.7 percent compared to October 2024.

WFP's market price bulletin for November with key highlights:

Highest price increase (%):

Fish and seafood 15.3%	Oils and fats 13.5%	Fruits 7.1%
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Moderate inflation (%):

Sugar, jam, honey 5.4%	Bread and cereals 3.7%	Vegetables 3.6%
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The highest CPI (%):

Shirak 4.7%	Lori 4.4%	Tavush 4.3%
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Food prices peaked in (%):

Shirak Ararat 6.5%	Lori 6.3%	Tavush 6.1%
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