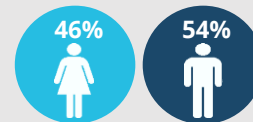


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In Numbers

1,821 people assisted
in December 2025



USD 5.4 m six months (January 2026 – June 2026)
net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- In December, WFP successfully completed the "Milk to Schools in Lori and Yerevan" project funded by Eurasian Development Bank. Through this initiative, 1,150 schoolchildren received a daily cup of milk and wholegrain cookies. The project, launched in November 2024, supported children in grades 5–9 to improve their nutritional intake and to measure the impact of milk consumption on reducing unhealthy snack and soda intake, which proved successful. Furthermore, the project demonstrated a positive effect on school performance and concentration during classes, reinforcing the importance of nutritious diets for learning outcomes.
- Under the Socio-Economic Integration of Refugees in Armenia (SEIRA) project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), WFP completed a needs assessment and selected four bakeries in Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions for support by evaluating them against pre-defined Standard Operating Procedures such as functional equipment, sufficient production space, good hygiene practices, reliable operations, and committed ownership. These bakeries will play a key role in producing wholegrain bread for schools as part of WFP's efforts to strengthen local food systems and promote sustainable nutrition. Bakeries will be provided with renovation materials, equipment, and solar stations to enhance production capacity and sustainability. As part of the planned scale-up of the project, the selection of beneficiary schools in Syunik region was finalized. Two schools have been identified to receive solar stations in 2026, supporting energy efficiency and resilient school infrastructure.
- On 3–4 December, under the SEIRA project, WFP conducted "Healthy Food and Healthy Habits" trainings for 5th–6th grade schoolchildren in Gegharkunik region. The sessions introduced the concept of a healthy plate to promote balanced nutrition, emphasizing the benefits of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, protein, and healthy fats. Teachers and school cooks actively participated to support the integration of these practices in their schools. In total, 59 participants were engaged, including 49 students, 8 teachers, and 2 school cooks, fostering a collaborative approach to improving dietary habits and nutrition awareness.
- Under the Transformative Home-Grown School Feeding (THGSF) initiative, 150 school applications from five regions were reviewed, with 88 pre-selected for

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 December 2024, WFP revised its CSP (2019-2025), aimed at scaling up the "Milk to School" initiative. As a result, 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	75 m
2026 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (January 2026 - June 2026)
13.1 m	5.4 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide on-demand service provision to the Government and other partners.	

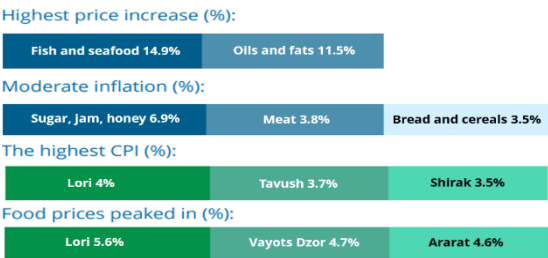
Gender

In December, WFP supported the “16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence” campaign by providing training and materials to teachers and directors from three schools. These educators led awareness sessions in their schools, engaging 513 schoolchildren in discussions on gender equality and violence prevention. Additionally, WFP’s partner, the Armenian Association of Social Workers, conducted sessions using WFP-provided materials, reaching 22 mothers and 65 adolescents to strengthen community awareness and promote positive behavioral change. WFP also organized an awareness session for 12 children of Country Office staff members, reinforcing the campaign’s messages within the organization.

Monitoring and Assessments

- WFP launched a questionnaire in Syunik region to identify bakeries eligible for potential support under the SEIRA project and THGSF initiatives. Selected bakeries will be equipped with solar stations and baking equipment to produce wholegrain bread for schools. In total, 38 applications from bakeries and three applications from mills were received.
- In December, WFP launched the post-distribution monitoring for the ECHO-funded “Emergency Assistance to Refugees in Armenia” project. Using proportionate sampling approach, phone-based interviews were conducted with 184 beneficiary households, ensuring statistical valid results. Refugees’ food security improved significantly: households with Acceptable Food Consumption Scores rose from 82 percent to 97 percent, indicating better dietary diversity. However, livelihood coping remains a concern as 81 percent still relied on coping strategies, with 49 percent using crisis or emergency measures.
- WFP’s December market price bulletin highlights key currency trends and their potential implications for food security. Armenia’s Consumer Price Index increased by 3.1 percent compared to November 2024.

WFP’s December market price bulletin with key highlights:



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