



ARMENIA

COUNTRY BRIEF

May 2026



USD 2.75 M required in the next six months (May – Oct 2026)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP continues to support the Government of Armenia and partners in efforts to eradicate food insecurity and malnutrition. Partner support is essential to reinforce Armenia's emergency preparedness and response capacities, ensuring the country can withstand humanitarian shocks, including a potential refugee influx.
- WFP is strengthening school-based agriculture and resilience systems by equipping schools with production and storage infrastructure and investing in solar energy to sustain school feeding.
- The 2026 Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment was successfully completed, indicating a decrease in food insecurity from 20 percent to 17 percent and a decline in the proportion of marginally food secure households from 54 percent to 49 percent.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Armenia is an upper-middle-income, landlocked, net food-importing country vulnerable to external economic and climatic shocks. The continued closure of borders with Türkiye and Azerbaijan since independence in 1991 has constrained trade opportunities and economic growth. Armenia remains exposed to regional instability and external market fluctuations, which continue to affect food prices, livelihoods and household purchasing power.
- According to the latest National Statistical Service data, the poverty rate was 21.7 percent in 2024. Food insecurity persists. Rising food costs, limited livelihood opportunities and exposure to external shocks continue to increase vulnerability and negatively affect food consumption and nutrition outcomes.
- In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to implement the Government's national development agenda, WFP supports the Government and partners in their efforts to eradicate food insecurity and malnutrition.
- Through its [Country Strategic Plan \(2026-2030\)](#), WFP will sustainably phase out its operations by 2030, focusing on the systematic handover of tools, models and systems to the Government to achieve two integrated outcomes:
 - Outcome 1: Crisis-affected people in Armenia are better able to meet their basic food, and nutrition needs before, during and in the aftermath of crises.

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Photo Caption & Credit: Students at School #1 in Sevan, Armenia, are enjoying their lunch with healthy and organic products and wholegrain bread. WFP/Artur Avtandilyan

- Outcome 2: The Government of Armenia has enhanced systems, programmes and capacities to strengthen food security and reduce humanitarian needs by 2030.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

School-Based Assistance

- WFP is finalizing the selection of a Cooperating Partner to facilitate the establishment of school-based agricultural facilities in 87 schools in target five provinces. An additional 44 schools will receive tailored support packages, including drip irrigation systems, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, baking ovens, electric stoves, and water boilers. Procurement for these packages commenced in April 2026.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- Under the Socio-Economic Integration of Refugees in Armenia project, procurement of four 40 kW solar stations for schools is underway. This will establish a reinvestment mechanism that redirects savings from reduced electricity costs to school feeding activities. WFP is targeting 60 smallholder farmers, both refugees and host community members, who will receive berry seedlings, drip irrigation systems, dryers, and training to establish backyard berry gardens. In parallel, based on its technical assessment, WFP has pre-selected six bakeries to be supported for further integration into local food value chains.

Monitoring and Assessments

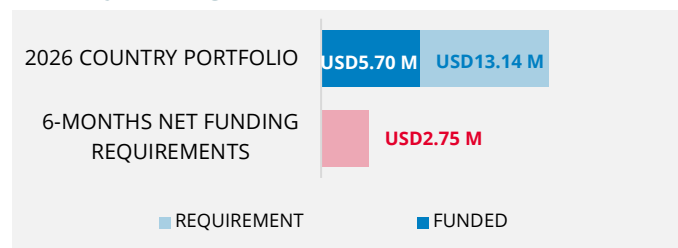
- In April, WFP conducted a diet diversity quality assessment in Syunik province. The findings shows that 37 percent of schoolchildren in grades 5–9 do not meet the minimum dietary diversity standard, consuming fewer than five out of seven food groups. The rate is slightly higher among girls than boys (39 percent compared to 35 percent). The results also indicate widespread unhealthy dietary patterns, with 62 percent of school children consuming salty foods, 90 percent consuming sweets, and 87 percent consuming sugar-sweetened beverages the previous day. While 81 percent reported consuming dairy and 76 percent animal-source foods, quality concerns remain, as only 16 percent consumed milk, and 47 percent of animal-source intake came from processed meats. At the same time, 91 percent of

children consumed fruits and vegetables, indicating availability but not necessarily balanced diets.

- To support preparedness in the context of the escalation of hostilities in Iran, WFP initiated a Market Functionality Index assessment in Syunik province (bordering Iran) to analyze food market conditions and assess the feasibility of cash-based assistance. The assessment was carried out jointly with UNICEF and UNHCR and covered both food and non-food markets. Findings indicate that markets are functioning effectively, are well positioned to accommodate increased demand, and have sufficient capacity to support the implementation of cash-based transfers, if required.
- WFP also completed the seventh Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment with data collection from 4,200 households nationwide, including 1,090 refugee households. The results indicate an overall improvement in food security conditions, with the proportion of food insecure households decreasing from 20 to 17 percent, and the share of marginally food secure declining from 54 to 49 percent.
- In March, Armenia’s Consumer Price Index rose by 4.5 percent year-on-year, with the highest rates in Yerevan and Lori (4.9 percent) and the lowest in Kotayk (3.4). Food price inflation reached 7.8 percent, peaking in Yerevan (9.1).

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030)



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