

Country Profile 2024

WORLD VISION ARMENIA



World Vision is a humanitarian and development nongovernmental organisation that serves in more than 100 countries around the world to support the well-being of millions of children and their families. World Vision started its operations in Armenia right after the devastating earthquake in 1988 by delivering humanitarian aid. Later, along with the humanitarian support, World Vision started implementing development projects.


Starting from October 2023 the organisation implements its programmes in six Area Offices in frames of the new strategy. World Vision successfully cooperates with major donors and international organisations in Armenia and implements large-scale projects that build the capacity of local institutions and systems and result in policy changes. As a Christian faith-based organisation, World Vision is


positioned to engage and establish trusted relationships with Armenian Church and faith partners to exercise their unique role and influence and achieve lasting change while working with impoverished communities and families. World Vision Armenia's new strategy goal is to contribute to the sustained well-being of 500,000 vulnerable children in Armenia on child and family, community and national levels. The strategic directions are as follows:


- Safe, fair and empowering environment for boys and girls in Armenia, especially the most vulnerable.
- Resilient and shock responsive communities with inclusive and quality services.
- Sustainable solutions for well-being of children through strategic partnerships.

ESSENTIAL NUMBERS OF 2024



 WORLD VISION ARMENIA STRATEGIC REGIONAL (MARZ) OFFICES

 CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY CENTRES

 ACTIVE PROJECTS BY WORLD VISION ARMENIA AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



124,730

people 83,592 adults and 41,138 children benefited from WVA programmes in 2024.



16,564

displaced people benefited from any kind of assistance (food, NFI, cash and social and psychological assistance).



Our Donors

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evidence-based policy improvements, including:

- Recommendations on the concept of LSG authority decentralization approved by the Government of Armenia (GoA).
- Adoption of the "Violence Against Children" guideline by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports (MoESCS).
- Incorporation of warning systems, protocols, and gender-sensitive approaches into the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans of eight consolidated communities.
- Approval of support and reintegration services for potential victims and victims of human trafficking and exploitation in Armenia, proposed by WVA, by the GoA.
- Institutionalization of the indicator guideline on human trafficking and exploitation victim identification for social workers, proposed by WVA, by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

ACHIEVEMENTS



856

children participated in life skills classes/clubs.



3,159

children received psycho-social support through Child Friendly Spaces.

63.5%

children have improvement in their psycho-social well-being as a result of the psycho-social support (CFS).



275

vulnerable households benefiting from interventions aimed at improved livelihood.

73%

beneficiary HHs with alternative and diversified sources of income.

96%

MV households have improved vulnerability situation due to WV programming.



2,384

parents participated in positive parenting classes.



4,530

children participated in Summer camps and recreational activities.



87%

communities employ community social worker with the contribution of WVA.



234

people participated in awareness raising on healthy nutrition within the framework of the "Enough" campaign.



1,097

Local Service providers with strengthened capacity.

FOCUS AREAS



Child Protection

World Vision Armenia seeks to empower children, families, communities and partners to prevent and respond to exploitation, neglect, abuse and other forms of violence affecting children, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable. The most vulnerable children (MVC) are at the core of the overall strategy of World Vision Armenia. Comprehensive social work is implemented with identified MVCs and their families according to individual development plans developed based on the professional needs assessment conducted by social workers .



Poverty Reduction and Resilience

World Vision tackles the multidimensional and nuanced problems of the ultra-poor: food insecurity, poor health, social stigma, limited skills, assets or savings through its 'Poverty reduction and resilience' programme that exercises evidence-based 'Poverty Graduation' approach to empower the ultra-poor to engage with markets and their own communities and graduate from extreme poverty. The approach targets to:

- Identify the most vulnerable households within a community;
- Enhance their technical and entrepreneurial skills through livelihood training;
- Help families plan their livelihoods and transfer their productive assets;
- Enhance their income generation opportunities through assets/tools provision;
- Help families plan their livelihoods ;
- Enhance their financial literacy skills.



Child and Family Development Community Centres

To support the notion of community-based alternative social services, World Vision established Child and Family Development Community Centres in Armenia. The daycare centres ensure availability of professional services of psychologists, art and speech therapists, social workers and special educators for the most vulnerable children in the community and neighboring areas. Each centre has the capacity to provide services to around 120 children each month thus preventing their possible institutionalisation into residential care facilities.



Youth Empowerment

The main country objective for World Vision Armenia in youth empowerment is to facilitate the holistic development of young individuals by providing them with comprehensive support, including education, skills training, and mentorship, to empower them to reach their full potential. This involves fostering leadership skills, promoting civic engagement, and encouraging active participation in community activities. Additionally, World Vision aims at addressing gender disparities, promote social inclusion, and create an environment that enables all youth, including those from marginalized or underrepresented groups, to thrive. The overarching goal is to contribute to building a generation of empowered and socially responsible young leaders who can positively impact their communities and contribute to sustainable development.



Women Empowerment

World Vision Armenia recognises the big potential and huge underutilised capacity among women for the benefit of communities and the public, in general. Women and women's groups are empowered to participate in local planning and budgeting, are mobilized to obtain skills and access information, networks, economic opportunities and support services. World Vision facilitates support for vulnerable women, particularly displaced individuals, through diverse training initiatives and self-help groups, to enhance their knowledge, equip them

with essential skills, and create opportunities that empower them to navigate crisis situations and achieve stable social conditions.

Simultaneously, through enhancing women's professional skills, the organization facilitates their economic empowerment. This becomes particularly crucial, given the increased prevalence of women-headed families resulting from the displacement of people from Nagorno Karabakh, enabling their economic resilience.



Emergency Response

From September 2023, following the displacement crisis and the arrival of forcibly displaced populations from Nagorno Karabakh, WV Armenia established response teams at national and regional levels to improve the resilience of displaced families. The initial response focused on key areas: assistance with basic needs through the distribution of food and non-food items, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, and winterisation assistance. Support included social work with families, psychosocial support for children in WV Armenia's community child development centers and schools, support for parents, development of community social plans, implementation of social projects with local self-governments, renovation of community hideouts, and Psychological First Aid training for local professionals.

Currently, WV Armenia continues to support communities by providing psychosocial assistance to displaced individuals, including children and their parents/caregivers, to help them cope with stress and trauma from displacement and to aid their social integration in host communities. Additionally, WV Armenia is providing support to public service providers to address human and professional capacity gaps to ensure the availability and accessibility of social services for vulnerable populations, including refugees.

ADVOCACY AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

In close cooperation with governmental agencies and international and local organizations, World Vision Armenia advocates for the enhancement of social protection, gender equality, community development, and child protection. It also provides expert support and assistance for the development and amendment of regulatory legislation and national strategies.

The Prime Minister of Armenia approved the strategy of the Local Self Government (LSG) Authority Decentralization by Order. Four recommendations by World Vision Armenia on the concept were approved. As a result of these reforms, the government will move forward with the policy of authority decentralization, assigning more significant roles to local self-government bodies. This will deepen local democracy and promote the empowerment and sustainable development of communities.

As a result of WVA's advocacy efforts, a training module for schools on Violence against Children and a guideline on "Prevention and Response to Violence Against Children" were adopted by the MoESCS.

To promote gender equality and women empowerment, WVA succeeded in incorporating gender-sensitive approaches into the DRR plans of eight consolidated communities.

Support and reintegration services for potential victims and victims of human trafficking and exploitation in Armenia have been incorporated into the existing roster of victim support services by the MoLSA.

The indicator guideline on human trafficking and exploitation victim identification for social workers was approved and institutionalized by the MoLSA.



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