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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 wellbeing 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.

In 2000, World Vision launched its first 'Child Sponsorship' programme in Gyumri marking the start of long-term community development interventions.

Today, World Vision operates Area Development Programme offices and Child and Family Development Community Centres in Armenia, and more than 50,000 people throughout the country directly benefit from the organisation's development projects.

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

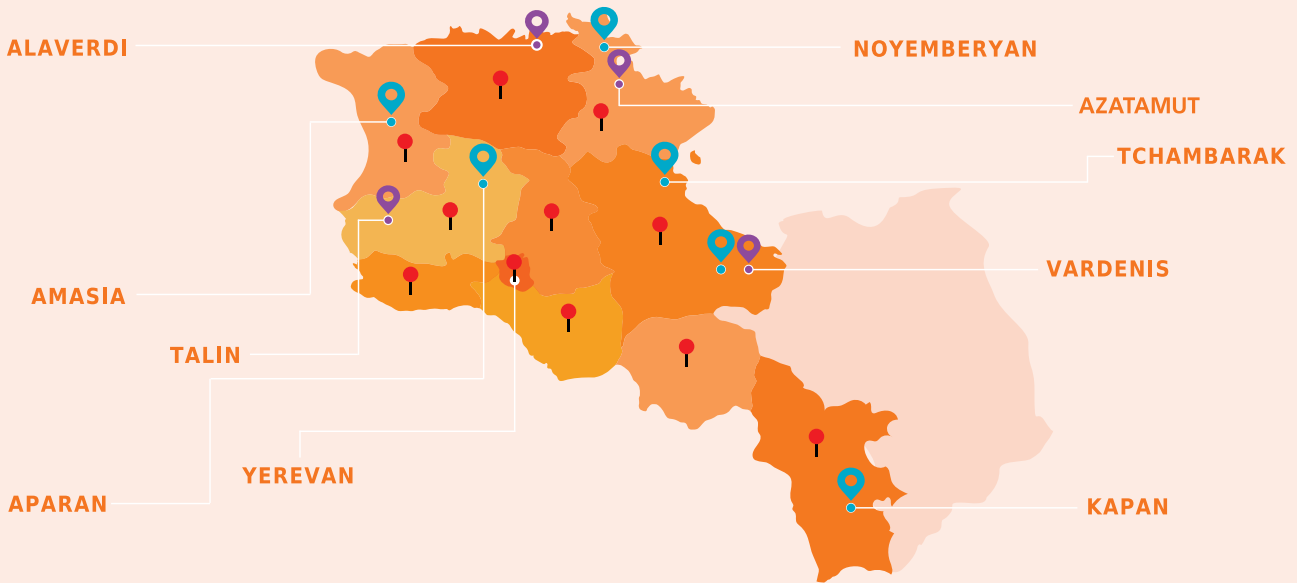
systems and result in policy changes.

As a Christian faith-based organisation, World Vision is positioned to engage and establish trusted relationships with Armenia's faith leaders to exercise their unique role and influence and achieve lasting change while working with impoverished communities and families.

For years World Vision's ministry priorities in Armenia have been:

1. Age-appropriate child development and comprehensive child rights protection with quality professional community-based services;
2. Youth empowerment and employment;
3. Economic empowerment of families to result in increase of resilience and poverty reduction.

WORLD VISION ARMENIA'S AREA PROGRAMMES



Area Programmes of World Vision Armenia

Child and Family Development Community Centres

Active projects by World Vision Armenia

ACHIEVEMENTS



10,017

children are involved in World Vision's 'Child Sponsorship' programme thanks to international and local sponsors



40,085

people, including 17,614 children benefited from social services



527

children placed in institutions reunified with their biological families



400

households were involved in 'Poverty Graduation' approach across Area Programmes



50,275

people, including 31,631 children, directly benefited from World Vision's programmes in 2022



1,754

young people benefited from World Vision's youth programming in 2022



77

consolidated communities in Armenia currently employ 87 social workers



Main Donors

European Union, USAID, US DoS, UNDP, UNICEF, Government of Armenia

FOCUS AREAS



Child Protection and Advocacy

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. World Vision in cooperation with the key stakeholders is committed to ensure 100% of MVC are identified, creating individual development plans elaborated based on professional needs assessment.



Social Work

Promoting the establishment of community-based social services in Armenia is one of the key priority areas for World Vision Armenia. World Vision introduced community-based social worker position within local government enabling communities to identify, prevent and address their social issues. The project builds on the existing policy priorities and initiatives of the Government of Armenia particularly promoting state institutionalisation of the community-based Social Worker's role and strengthening the capacity and cooperation of key social protection actors at local and regional levels in Armenia. World Vision particularly aims at:

- Established community-based social worker's position within communities;
- Communities are able to identify, prevent and address their social issues.



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;
- Help families plan their livelihoods and transfer their productive assets;
- Develop their ability to save money as a tool to build resilience;
- Enhance their technical and entrepreneurial skills through livelihood training.



Youth and Women Empowerment

World Vision Armenia recognises the big potential and huge underutilised capacity among youth and women for the benefit of communities and the public, in general. World Vision tries to eliminate factors having negative effect on the youth and women welfare and then empower them to act as agents of change.

World Vision works with the youth to become drivers of change by promoting them to use their maximum potential as citizens and as economic subjects and ensuring youth transition well into adulthood with the skills, capacities and sustainable livelihoods to take care of their children.

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 employs diverse range of mechanisms and platforms where youth and women may exercise authentic participation, voice up their concerns and share their vision.



Economic Development and Livelihoods

Economic development is essential to World Vision's goal of sustained well-being of children. World Vision recognises that for children living in poverty, life in all its fullness begins with this sustained family well-being. Hence, when there is improvement in the conditions of economic justice along with positive change in parents' incomes and assets, it paves the way toward enhanced household economic well-being.

World Vision focuses on securing sustainable income for families by means of job creation and entrepreneurial activities. This is being achieved through accumulation and diversification of assets, along with stronger and diverse livelihoods thus building resilience in households, in the communities and in the nation.



Together Against Trafficking in Persons

World Vision Armenia acknowledges the importance of the promotion of victim-centred identification, efficient referral mechanisms and procedures and higher quality service provision for victims of trafficking in Armenia.

As a member organization of the Anti-Trafficking Ministerial Council adjacent Inter-Agency Working Group, World Vision Armenia fully participates in the country's policy development in the fight against human trafficking and exploitation, legislative changes and amendments in the field directed to the prevention, protection, and provision of support to victims of human trafficking and exploitation.



Uniting Efforts Against Violence

Violence against children has an adverse effect on the child's development, health and education. At the same time, it slows down economic development, causes damage to the human and social capital of a country.

World Vision Armenia unites efforts with stakeholders to combat violence against children thus leading the Armenian initiative of the global campaign of the same content. The joint efforts aim to promote prevention and elimination of violence against children.



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. These 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 some 180 children each month thus preventing their possible institutionalisation into residential care facilities.



Emergency Response

World Vision is one of the largest humanitarian NGOs in the world and maintains professional teams to assist in relief efforts. Key areas of specialty include food distribution, water and sanitation, child protection and the distribution of non-food relief items.

On the very first days of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and the declaration of emergency state of COVID-19 pandemic, World Vision Armenia commenced its immediate response.

World Vision supported 11,413 families with 58,636 individuals affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh armed conflict and 4,200 families in six marzes of Armenia and Yerevan affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

