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Armenia

COUNTRY BRIEF

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USD 3 M required in the next six months
(August 2026 – January 2027)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 87 schools, across five provinces are establishing agricultural facilities and installing solar stations, bringing fresh produce to school meals and generating energy savings that benefit 19,600 children.
- A new geomembrane reservoir in Sotk settlement and 6.2 km of pipelines, constructed with WFP support, now secure water for 154 hectares of farmland, directly benefiting around 800 residents with reliable irrigation.
- At the Seaside (Sevan) Startup Summit, WFP highlighted the link between water management and food security in rural areas and showcased operational work on climate change, water, and food systems.
- Preparations are underway for COP17 on Biodiversity, with WFP Armenia organizing side events in the Blue Zone and youth-led sessions and workshops in the Green Zone, spotlighting the interlinkages between biodiversity, education, and food systems.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Armenia is an upper-middle-income, landlocked, net food-importing country vulnerable to external economic and climatic shocks. 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.
 - 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 Meals Programme

- In July, activities under the Transformative Home-Grown School Feeding model commenced across 87 schools in Lori, Tavush, Gegharkunik, Vayots Dzor, and Syunik provinces. A total of 170,000 m² of school-based agricultural facilities are being established to benefit 19,600 children, producing fruits, berries, and vegetables for school meals while serving as educational gardens for modern agriculture. In parallel, 2,410 kWt capacity solar stations have been installed in 69 schools, with 13 more underway, reducing energy costs and enabling schools to reinvest savings into the School Meals Programme.
- In July, preparations for Yerevan School Meals Programme continued under the leadership of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, with WFP and partners. Technical teams assessed school canteens and kitchens for 30 schools against Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) standards, laying the groundwork for safe school meal provision. A pilot in ten schools is planned to start in September, marking a key step toward integrating all 159 schools in Yerevan into the national School Meal Programme.
- WFP has launched the “Disability Inclusion” project to integrate disability-sensitive components into the government led Shock-Responsive Social Protection, emergency preparedness and School Meals Programmes. The project focuses on research, practical tools, and capacity strengthening of national stakeholders. In July, data collection started in Lori and Ararat provinces through interviews with United Social Service staff and focus group discussions with NGOs and WFP food card beneficiaries. The project will inform inclusive policy design and strengthen systems to better serve persons with disabilities.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- In July, WFP, in collaboration with the Government and local actors, finalized the construction of a geomembrane reservoir in bordering Sotk settlement in Gegharkunik province. The reservoir, with a capacity of 4,400 m³, together with 6.2 km of newly constructed irrigation pipelines, forms a comprehensive irrigation system for the settlement. This system now ensures a reliable and efficient

supply of irrigation water to 154 hectares of agricultural land, directly benefiting around 800 residents.

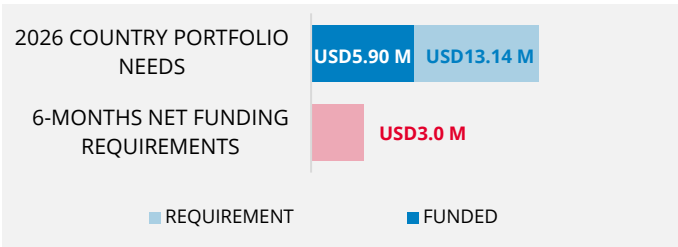
- WFP, together with the Fonds Arménien de France (FAF) and local authorities, continued the irrigation system reconstruction activities in bordering Meghri consolidated community in Syunik province. In Tashtun and Vahravar settlements, 1.5 km of internal irrigation channels are constructed, securing reliable water for 60 hectares of farmland and benefiting 42 households (130 residents). Works in the remaining four settlements are ongoing, with full implementation expected by end of 2026. These investments expand sustainable irrigation, improve productivity, and strengthen community resilience.

Monitoring and Assessments

- WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Economy and the Center for Agricultural Services (SNCO), is strengthening national capacity in remote sensing technologies. As part of this, a joint field assessment in Shirak Province used drones to capture high-resolution imagery of rodent-affected fields, providing precise data for agricultural planning. Following the capacity-strengthening phase, drones and analytical tools will be transferred by WFP to the Ministry of Economy, enabling nationwide integration of precision technologies to enhance evidence-based planning, operational efficiency, and sustainable agricultural development.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030)



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