

## ARMENIA

### COUNTRY PROFILE

Since 1992 the United States has partnered with the Armenian people to establish democratic and economic systems and institutions, expand trade and investment, promote independent media and civil society, and enhance energy security. Together we have also improved access to healthcare and strengthened social protection systems. USAID remains committed to Armenia's development goals as strong, reliable partners.

### Our Work

**USAID builds** Armenia's capacity and further its commitment to self-reliance so that it seizes the opportunity to strategically transition to a more inclusive, democratic, and economically resilient partner. Activities support Armenia in its development efforts and reinforce the democratic and economic gains achieved to date. USAID support aligns with U.S. foreign policy priorities and key government reforms initiatives, including judicial reform, anti-corruption, public sector effectiveness, reform of the business environment, improvements to economic governance, progress on export sophistication in targeted high-growth sectors, and a concerted effort to narrow Armenia's economic gender gap.

**USAID works** in all of Armenia's ten regions, through projects implemented by local and international organizations, as well as by the Armenian Government through Government to Government (G2G) mechanisms. USAID projects seek to strengthen local organizations and government institutions. This approach is cost effective, leverages local knowledge, builds capacity and fosters Armenia's progress to advance its Euro-Atlantic integration and strengthen its resilience to malign influence.

**USAID is proud** to have supported the American University of Armenia and the Armenian American Wellness Center, CARD, an esteemed agricultural institutions, and to have partnered with the private sector to establish legacy institutions that promote Armenian and American values including the Innovative Solutions Technology Center, the Armenian National Engineering Labs (ANEL), and the Microsoft Innovation Center.

**USAID is flexible and responsive;** able to accommodate critical emerging needs associated with the impacts of the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh hostilities and the COVID-19 pandemic.



## ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

**USAID partners** with the Government of Armenia, civil society, and media to promote more transparent and participatory governance at the national and local levels. These activities bolster the government's efforts to address corruption, strengthen public sector accountability, facilitate free and fair elections, reinforce legislative and political processes, and improve the rule of law and protection of human rights. Along with several other donors, USAID is supporting the Armenian government's ambitious territorial and administrative reform, which aims to improve the quality of local governance and service delivery; increase citizen participation in democratic processes; devolve administrative authority; and spur domestic resource mobilization. USAID also works with civil society and media to ensure all citizens have access to independent and reliable sources of information, are empowered to articulate their interests, and constructively engage in policy development and implementation.

**USAID collaborates** with local organizations to improve the welfare and social inclusion of vulnerable populations, through support for the Government of Armenia's inclusive education reform and by building the capacity of community-level social workers. USAID programs promote the inclusion of marginalized populations through advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and LGBTQI communities.

## ENHANCING ECONOMIC SECURITY

**USAID promotes** rural economic development through projects that create jobs in the hospitality and tourism sector, strengthen sustainable agriculture and agribusiness value chains, improve the business enabling environment, and increase access to markets and finance; enabling Armenians to stay in their communities and reducing migration and dependence on remittances. USAID also promotes energy security by supporting market liberalization reforms and electricity trade with Georgia and has helped Armenia better manage its water resources. USAID and the Government of Armenia, in strategic partnerships with IBM, National Instruments, and Microsoft, have strengthened Armenia's hi-tech ecosystem by developing talent for the workforce, introducing the management culture of these U.S. flagship companies to Armenia, and supporting entrepreneurship.

## CROSS CUTTING THEMES:

**USAID will integrate** several cross-cutting themes that support peacebuilding and disaster prevention, preparedness and response, which will actively engage youth, women, and marginalized populations in programming.



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