



ACCOUNTABILITY

USAID strengthens institutions and shapes the expectations and norms in Armenia toward democratic governance and economic security

Corruption and lack of accountability undermine national security and the rule of law, hinder equitable economic growth, and erode faith in democratic and economic institutions. To address this, USAID promotes transparent processes and institutions and strengthens economic resilience in Armenia.

ELECTORAL & POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

USAID supports political and electoral reforms which strengthen representative governance, ensure checks and balances, promote sound strategic communications, and ensure inclusion of citizens in political processes. USAID also strengthens integrity systems to reduce opportunities for corruption and reinforce public demand for accountability in Armenia. A major step is the establishment of the Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC), an independent and autonomous body that prescribes rules of conduct and conflicts of interest for public officials and implements anti-corruption education.

ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

USAID collaborates with the private sector to strengthen the Government of Armenia's capacity to develop, implement, and enforce policies, laws, and regulations that enhance the country's business environment and provides technical assistance to private sector firms to improve management practices. USAID also supports the Government's efforts to implement public financial management reform and provides capacity building support to the Audit Chamber of Armenia.

CIVIC ACCOUNTABILITY

USAID promotes increased citizen education and involvement in political and civic processes. USAID works with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to reduce corruption by mobilizing citizens in public oversight, strengthening CSO capacity to provide evidence-based policy input for enhanced transparency, and ensuring access to reliable information on corruption. USAID also promotes increased transparency, media literacy, and citizen awareness through support to media organizations, while addressing legal-regulatory, and professional resilience issues in the media sector.

2021 Results

- 583 private sector firms improved their management practices or technologies
- 521 supported local governments improved their performance
- 437 domestic election observers and/or party agents trained
- 339 people affiliated with NGOs received anti-corruption training
- 84 civil society organizations engaged in advocacy interventions supported
- 40 non-state media outlets supported with critical investigative journalism and countering disinformation
- 13 mechanisms for external oversight of public resource use supported

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Strengthening Electoral Processes and Political Accountability in Armenia (SEPPA)

builds government capacity to respond to strategic priorities, improves election administration and oversight, and strengthens institutions of political accountability for inclusive political competition including the National Assembly, political parties, and the Central Election Commission.

2018 - 2025 | Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (IFES, IRI, and NDI) | \$21.6 million

Technical Assistance to the Audit Chamber of Armenia provides capacity building, training, and consultancy services to the Audit Chamber of Armenia to combat corruption and address 2019 recommendations identified by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

2020 - 2023 | U.S. Government Accountability Office/Center of Audit Excellence | \$1 million

Data for Accountable and Transparent Action (DATA) strengthens institutional capacity of CSOs and improves CSO capacity for evidence-based policy analysis, input, and communication.

2020 - 2022 | Eurasia Partnership Foundation | \$2 million

Armenia Integrity Project (AIP) advances a systemic approach to prevent corruption by strengthening the capacities of the CPC, national and sub-national governments, civil society, and the private sector to pilot and institutionalize best-functioning approaches, develop effective monitoring and prevention capabilities, and instill a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption.

2021 - 2026 | Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc. | \$9.5 million

Armenia Civics for Engagement instills civic responsibility, knowledge, skills, values, and motivation from a young age to ensure that young people become more engaged and knowledgeable citizens. USAID supports the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport to introduce civic education in schools and engages youth in non-formal civic education in a variety of informal settings.

2022 - 2027 | Project Harmony Inc. | \$5 million

Support to Control COVID-19 and Other Infectious Disease Outbreaks builds Armenia's emergency response capabilities through support to strategic planning, surveillance, rapid response, research, and communication efforts. Initiatives support the Government of Armenia's efforts to design national multi-sectoral policies, strategies, and coordination mechanisms to address the COVID-19 crisis and future public health emergencies; mobilize responses to contain outbreaks; and design and implement effective communication strategies and behavior change messages, including efforts to address vaccine hesitancy and uptake.

2020 - 2026 | American University of Armenia Fund (AUAF) | \$3.2 million

Justice Sector Support strengthens checks and balances, judicial independence, legal education, and restores public trust in the judiciary.

2022 - 2027 | TBD | \$10 million (est.)

Public Finance Management supports the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the National Assembly to implement public financial management reform and transparently plan, execute, and account for the use of public funds.

2022-2025 | TBD | \$3.2 million (est.)

Armenia Business Enabling Environment collaborates with the Government of Armenia, the private sector, and other stakeholders to promote the business enabling environment and support the development, adoption, and implementation of policy and legal and regulatory initiatives through strengthened public-private dialogue.

2020 - 2022 | International Development Group | \$2.5 million