



STRENGTHENING ARMENIA'S RESILIENCE

USAID supports displaced families and Armenian communities to recover from hostilities and thrive

On September 27, 2020, renewed hostilities erupted between Armenia and Azerbaijan in and around Nagorno-Karabakh, displacing an estimated 90,000 people. While some families returned to their homes following the ceasefire agreement, tens of thousands remain displaced with limited resources to meet their basic needs and adapt to their new communities. To address this, USAID built on a legacy of humanitarian support to provide emergency assistance to displaced families and longer-term support to strengthen the capacity of individuals and communities to cope with the effects of the crisis.

SUPPORTING IMMEDIATE RECOVERY

In October 2020, the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia declared a disaster due to the humanitarian crisis in Armenia resulting from the hostilities over Nagorno-Karabakh. In response, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance helped vulnerable displaced people meet critical needs during and immediately after the hostilities. USAID also redirected funds from existing activities to better support the Government's and communities' ability to respond to emerging needs. Additional emergency assistance included facilitating access to safe, winterized shelters and improving hygiene practices to mitigate COVID-19 in collective shelters, as well as providing food assistance to displaced people and insecure Armenian hosting households.

BUILDING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE

USAID supports people displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh by increasing access to social services for people impacted by the hostilities and strengthening the resilience of communities and local government bodies. This includes support to displaced families in Metsamor through vocational skills training and livelihood development, and by enhancing social cohesion between displaced families and the larger community. To further support long-term economic resilience, particularly for those impacted by the hostilities, USAID collaborates with the private sector to identify critical education and skills gaps and prepare the labor market for employment through workforce readiness and skills development programs. USAID also expanded existing programming to increase the capability of women and girls impacted by the hostilities to exercise their basic and legal rights fully, determine their life outcomes, assume leadership roles, and influence decision-makers. USAID's long-term support for consolidated communities has increased local governments' capacity to respond to the needs of

Achievements to Date

- \$18.3 million invested in support of humanitarian demining since 2001
- 46,620 individuals (people displaced from NK and food insecure host community households) provided with cash & in-kind food assistance
- 1,040 hygiene kits & 2,080 warm blankets delivered to 884 vulnerable households (3,356 individuals)
- 350 families (1,700 individuals) provided with emergency kits
- 3,596 households (12,522 individuals) provided hygiene & winterization support
 - 300 households supplied with heaters
 - 2,000 beds distributed to 1,986 households
 - 115 collective shelters had utility costs covered
 - 36 health facilities & 9 collective shelters supported with COVID-19 infection control & risk plans

their citizens: in the aftermath of the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh hostilities, consolidated communities were better able to provide emergency support to those directly impacted.

ACTIVITIES

Displaced Family Support - Metsamor activity provides microenterprise assistance for the displaced families residing in the Metsamor shelter. The activity works closely with the residents and government on implementation, providing livelihood skills training and expanding the facility to add a micro-scale bakery.
2022 | People in Need | \$0.25 million

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 including the National Assembly, political parties and the Central Election Commission. Additional funding from the Women, Peace and Security Incentive Fund advances women's leadership in consensus-building and preparedness for peace dialogue.
2018-2025 | Consortium for Elections & Political Process Strengthening (IFES, IRI, & NDI) | \$21.6 million

Community Level Access to Social Services (CLASS) promotes the establishment of community-based social worker positions within local government and enables communities to identify, prevent, and address their social issues. In the aftermath of hostilities, CLASS redirected funds to support families with emergency kits in Armenia. Additional funding from the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Incentive Fund promotes the psychosocial recovery and integration of women and girls impacted by the hostilities.
2017-2024 | World Vision Inc | \$2.7 million

Emergency Assistance to Conflict Affected People from Nagorno-Karabakh: Food Assistance provided cash assistance to food insecure displaced people from NK affected by the September 2020 hostilities and food insecure Armenian households hosting displaced people.
2021-2022 | World Food Programme | \$1 million

Emergency Assistance to Conflict Affected People from Nagorno-Karabakh: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Safe Shelter provided emergency assistance to reduce the exposure to COVID-19 risks and mitigate its spread among vulnerable displaced persons from NK by increasing access to safe, winterized shelter and improving hygiene practices in collective shelters.
2021 | People in Need | \$1.4 million

Emergency Assistance to Conflict Affected People from Nagorno-Karabakh provided emergency assistance to displaced people from NK to meet their basic humanitarian needs in the aftermath of the September 2020 hostilities with Azerbaijan.
2020 | Catholic Relief Services | \$0.1 million

Armenia Support Initiative (ASI) partnered with the Armenian government to advance institutional reforms at the national level and with leaders at local levels to maintain support for the democratic transition by mobilizing citizens in support of social projects. ASI conducted activities to bolster the government's ability to respond to communities most significantly impacted by NK hostilities, with a specific focus on Syunik marz.
2019-2022 | Management Systems International (MSI) | \$8.2 million

Armenia Workforce Development Activity supports youth empowerment, workforce readiness, and skills development in the high tech, agriculture, and hospitality sectors. AWDA's key operational principles are engagement and inclusivity for youth, women, and people with disabilities; the activity responds to their needs, enhances aspirations, and facilitates access to professional enhancement and employment. AWDA allows enrollment, participation, and inclusion of people with disabilities, including those impacted by the hostilities, and ensures their presence across all levels.
2021-2026 | Enterprise Incubator Foundation | \$7.5 million