

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECTS

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The Community Support Projects (CSP) of UNHCR Armenia aim to promote the social inclusion of refugees within host communities through targeted initiatives.

UNHCR works closely with municipalities, local authorities, NGOs, and community-based organizations to identify the projects. A project selection committee has carefully evaluated submissions from various stakeholders based on established criteria.

Some projects are implemented directly by UNHCR, while others are carried out through its project partner, Action Against Hunger.

19,166

Estimated number of refugees benefiting

134,273

Estimated number of host communities benefiting

Key Figures

28

Number of community projects

8*

Regions covered

20**

Total number of communities prioritized

9

Number of public infrastructure constructed/renovated

8

Number of Community based organisations/Community Centres supported

11

Number of local NGOs/Refugee Led Organisations supported

Highlights

- Projects include the construction of a playground and sports pitch (7 projects), renovations of the Puppet Theatre (1), elderly care centres (2), and a cultural centre (1) to enhance community facilities and resources, support to community centres for youth and the elderly (6), as well as providing assistance to the municipality (1), fostering inclusivity and well-being for all age groups.
- Community project supporting NGOs in: Youth development and non-formal education (6), Support for older persons and persons with disabilities (2), Women empowerment and economic integration (4), and Child Protection (1).
- Out of 48 projects received, the review committee has endorsed projects aimed at improving community services and support systems, ensuring a comprehensive approach to development across various sectors.

* Kotayk, Lori, Shirak, Syunik, Tavush, Ararat, Armavir, Gegharkunik) and Yerevan city

** Abovyan, Akhuryan, Akunq, Ararat, Berd, Chambarak, Charetsavan, Dilijan, Goris, Hrazdan, Ijevan, Martuni, Masis, Metsamor, Sevan, Stepanavan, Tatev, Vanadzor, Vardenis) and Yerevan city.

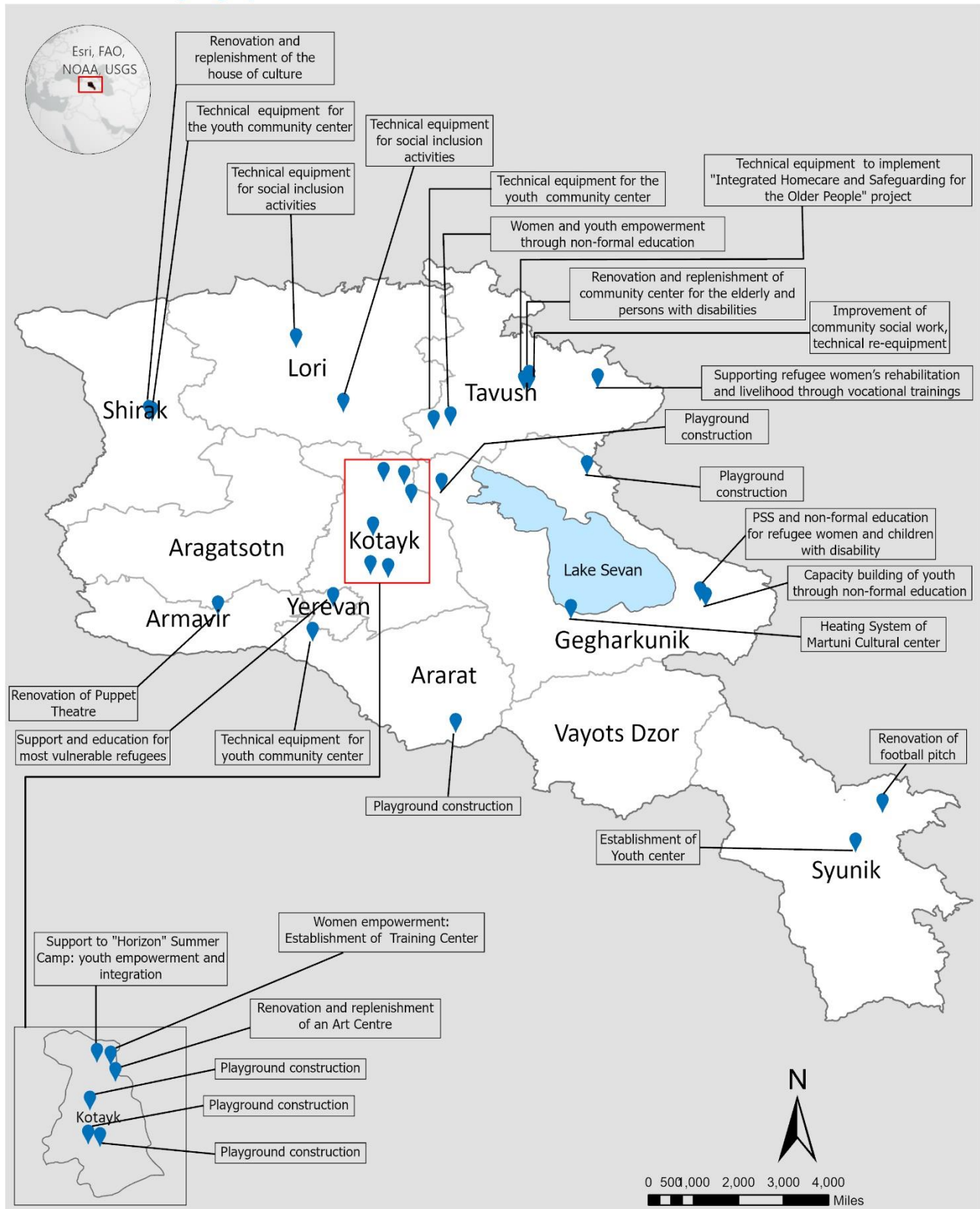
Impact

- CSPs promote collaboration between refugees and host communities, fostering understanding and solidarity, which leads to a more cohesive community.
- By supporting community-based groups and NGOs, CSPs enhance local capacities, empowering communities to effectively address their own challenges.
- The construction and renovation of spaces like playgrounds, elderly care centres, and cultural hubs improve resources for everyone, benefiting both refugees and host community members.
- Initiatives focused on youth, women, and child protection ensure that all community members, especially those marginalized, receive necessary support and opportunities.
- By meeting the needs of refugees and providing community support, CSPs help alleviate the strain on local services, contributing to sustainable development in host communities.

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