

Armenia

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UNHCR works with the Government to support its legal and policy reforms, further develop the asylum system and advance digital solutions for efficient refugee management.

UNHCR provides legal counselling and representation, information on available services, specialized support and strengthens community-based responses through refugee-led organizations.

UNHCR collaborates with state, provincial and municipal authorities, civil society, and communities to strengthen preparedness.

POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2024)*

Refugees	148,024
Asylum-seekers	813
Stateless people	402

Top three countries of origin*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Azerbaijan	140'881	Iraq	253
Syrian Arab Rep.	4'911	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	190
Iraq	1'181	Egypt	113

*UNHCR 2024 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR data finder

PROTECTING FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE IN ARMENIA

UNHCR Community Support Projects (CSP) enhance refugee inclusion by strengthening local infrastructure and services.

In 2024, 28 projects across 10 regions benefited 19,166 refugees and 134,273 host community members through playgrounds, older people care centres, cultural hubs and NGO support for youth, women and children focused services.

Projects included public infrastructure renovations, community centres, and economic empowerment initiatives. These were implemented in collaboration with municipalities, NGOs, community-based organizations and organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless people to foster long-term community resilience.

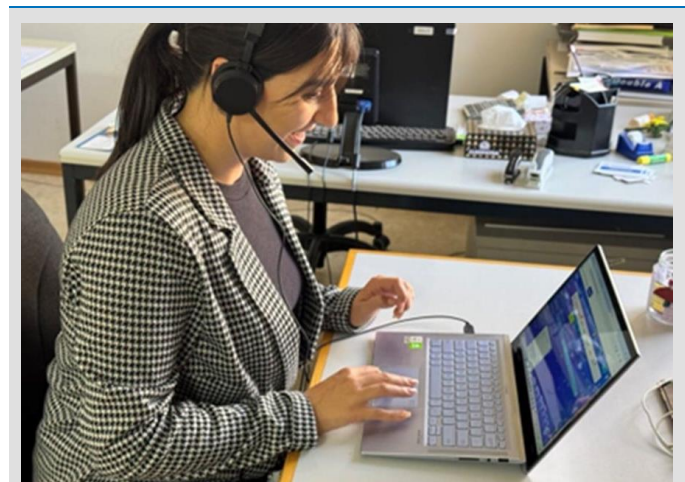
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HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainable Responses: Including Refugees and Strengthening Communities

UNHCR supported efforts to advance the Humanitarian-Development Nexus by bridging humanitarian assistance with long-term inclusion for refugees and host communities.

Aligned with national priorities, UNHCR's sustainable responses aim to strengthen social cohesion and community resilience. This is a coordinated effort involving the Government of Armenia, UN agencies, NGOs and international partners, ensuring balanced support for both humanitarian needs and long-term development outcomes.



UNHCR Hotline operator is answering a call to provide assistance and support.

THE UNHCR ARMENIA HOTLINE – 0 8000 0025

The UNHCR Hotline, operated by KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation, serves as a vital resource for forcibly displaced persons in Armenia, offering essential support and guidance as they navigate the challenges of displacement.

To learn more, see [here](#).

Key Priorities

- Strengthening Asylum Systems and Protection:** UNHCR works with national counterparts to improve the asylum system in Armenia and supports the government in implementing temporary protection or other legal stay arrangements by providing support and information to forcibly displaced and stateless people. UNHCR also works to enhance reception capacities to support the authorities to ensure the rights and dignity of asylum-seekers are upheld. UNHCR monitors the situation in border areas, detention centres and holding centres to identify and support people in need of international protection.
- UNHCR and partners provide **legal counselling** on access to protection and services. UNHCR has a memorandum of understanding with the Women Resource Center to provide specialized services to survivors of violence, including sexual violence, with a particular focus on women and children. For refugees who are unable to meet their basic needs, UNHCR uses cash transfers as a modality for temporary and dignified support.
- Community-Based Protection:** As part of its community-based protection strategy, UNHCR works with grassroots initiatives including organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless people, with an aim to improve the protection environment and ensure **two-way communication** and overall accountability to affected people. Through an area-based approach, UNHCR helps to implement community projects and activities that benefit both refugee and host communities, thereby promoting social cohesion. UNHCR also works with municipalities to promote a coordinated response and encourage solidarity under the 'Cities with Refugees' campaign. Information material on prevention and mitigation of different forms of violence affecting women and children are developed and disseminated through various safe, accessible and effective channels.
- Inclusion:** To support refugees with self-reliance and economic inclusion, UNHCR works with partners to identify **opportunities**, including access to employment and education. UNHCR supports the Government of

Armenia to implement pledges made at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum. UNHCR also engages with international financial institutions to expand inclusion opportunities for refugees within the framework of the Global Concessional Financial Facility.

- UNHCR leverages sports to promote refugee protection and inclusion in Armenia, in partnership with organizations such as Football Federation of Armenia and the Armenian National Paralympic Committee.
- UNHCR's localization strategy in Armenia empowers local and refugee-led organizations (RLOs), collaboration with municipalities under Cities #WithRefugees, and work with NGO forum.

Working with Partners

- Enhancing coordinated response:** UNHCR works with government and partners to ensure coordinated planning and response, and provides support to address humanitarian needs while strengthening government systems to promote sustainable inclusion.
- UNHCR engages with the government at national and provincial levels, sister UN agencies, civil society, the private sector, development actors and financial institutions.

Statelessness

- Armenia has acceded to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness. UNHCR is working with the government on the prevention and reduction of statelessness and the establishment of national statelessness determination procedures. The government is in the process of drafting legislation on the reduction of statelessness in cooperation with UNHCR.

UNHCR Presence in Armenia

Staff:

30 National Staff
 8 International Staff

Offices:

1 Country Office in Yerevan
 1 Field Unit in Goris

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Financial Information (as of 31 January 2025)

Financial requirements

\$ 11.3 M

Funding gap 37%
\$ 4.21 M



Funded 63%
\$ 7.09 M