



World Food Programme

Armenia

Annual Country Report 2021 Highlights

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

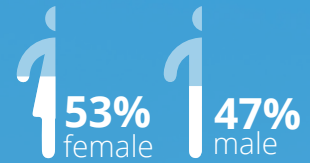


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160,615

Total beneficiaries in 2021



Overview

Under the framework of the 2019-2024 Country Strategic Plan (CSP), which aligns with the Government of Armenia’s strategic development agenda, WFP continued to implement its crisis response that began in 2020, while expanding its development portfolio and strengthening social protection. WFP built on its strong partnership with the Government to support crisis-affected populations, enhance the development of human capital, the improvement of health and the promotion of sustainable economic growth that benefits the whole population.

- In 2021 WFP continued to implement its crisis response that began in 2020, while expanding its development portfolio and strengthening social protection.
- WFP delivered a gender-sensitive and inclusive national school feeding programme, while addressing underlying drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition.
- To improve the nutritional quality of school meals, WFP has adapted school agriculture activities around a transformative school feeding model.
- WFP continued to support the Government’s emergency preparedness efforts, with consideration of the specific needs and requirements of the most vulnerable and provided on demand service provision to the Government and partners to ensure vulnerable populations benefited from food security logistics coordination and information management.
- WFP conducted widespread vulnerability analyses to monitor food security levels and capture the emerging needs, extending its support to the most food insecure Armenians and displaced persons.

\$14.2M

Needs Based Plan

\$13.1M

Available Resources

\$10M

Expenditure



Beneficiaries by Programme Areas

■ Planned
■ Actual



"When I first started, I opened a very small bakery where we used to bake bread. With time, my business transformed into something else, now we do cakes and pastry as well, proudly says Greta and adds that the bakery has around 20 employees, the majority of which are women."



Greta Barseghyan, an owner of a bakery in Tavush region of Armenia, established her business around 15 years ago in a tiny village named Koghb. For Greta, baking has always been a passion. Even though she holds a university degree in Economics, she enjoys baking more and cannot imagine herself anywhere else. In fact, when she worked as an economist, she used to bake and decorate cakes in her leisure time and sell them to the neighbours. With time, she discovered her wings and turned her hobby into a small business. As an owner of a small business, Greta has faced a lot of difficulties and challenges throughout the years. "In our village, people do not have enough purchasing power and due to low sales, we couldn't make savings and renovate our kitchen or purchase new equipment" mentions Greta and adds that, thanks to WFP's support, now they have a newly renovated area where the bakers are more excited to work.

Greta's formula of success is an outstanding example for many women looking to find new horizons. She became a role model for her team whom she considers a family sharing the same vision. "There is always something to do, there is always work that you can do, you only need to have a will and dedication to succeed in something. It is important to keep pushing forward and never give up" assures Greta.

Greta Barseghyan is one of WFP's beneficiaries, who is engaged in the Women's Economic Empowerment project. To support Greta's bakery to reduce production costs, WFP provided her with a 20kw solar power station, which enables her to save approximately 30 percent of the production costs through reduced spending on electricity. The bakery received construction materials to improve the sanitary conditions of the bakery. Training organized by WFP helped the bakers to improve their practical skills in bread baking and promote whole grain bread and bakery products to the local market.

Strategic Outcome 01 Access to nutritious food

 **53,900**

school children (46 percent girls) received alternative take-home rations while schools remained closed due to COVID-19.


 **100,000**


school children benefitting annually from WFP and national school feeding.


 **1,341 mt**


of food commodities were distributed to school children, and female kitchen helpers.

Strategic Outcome 02 National policies strengthened to improve food security


 WFP supported the Government evidence base by monitoring the food security and nutrition situation in Armenia and providing policy analysis.


 Campaign to promote healthy lifestyles has enhanced the awareness of school children and communities over healthy eating habits.


 Vulnerable communities benefitted from investments in emergency preparedness and improved DRR capacities.

 WFP supported the Government in developing a healthy lifestyle school curriculum to promote healthy eating practices.

Strategic Outcome 03 National entities and partners' capacities improved

 Carried out assessments on the impacts of the Nagorno-Karabakh post-conflict situation on food and nutrition security

 Led the Food Security and Nutrition Working Group to coordinate the response to food needs that have arisen as a result of the conflict and COVID-19

 Delivered **2,626 mt** of food commodities to support school feeding and populations affected by conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strategic Outcome 04 Access to basic needs and livelihoods during and in the aftermath of a crises

 **13,401**

displaced persons received cash-based transfers to cover basic food needs for a period of four months.

 **33,916**

vulnerable Armenians affected by the COVID-19 pandemic were supported with two months' worth of in-kind food assistance.

 **51,653**

of the most vulnerable and food insecure local and displaced populations reached with in-kind food assistance.