

**Lead4Shirak****Duration:** 01.10.2020 - 30.09.2025**Countries:**  
Armenia**Total budget:** € 4 496 717**Implementer:**  
Austrian Development Agency**Social media:**  
[facebook.com/LEAD4Shirak](https://facebook.com/LEAD4Shirak)**Project description:**

The LEAD4Shirak project aims to contribute to reducing poverty, inequality and vulnerability through integrated, sustainable and participatory rural development by introducing the LEADER approach. It also aims to improve employment, rural economy, community empowerment and living conditions of rural population and their resilience, while protecting the environment and mainstreaming gender equality and women empowerment.

**Expected results:**

Output 1: The regulatory framework and delivery system for CLLD (Community-Led Local Development)/LEADER are effective in Shirak marz.

Output 2: Two representative Local Action Groups (LAGs) have been established and are operational.

Output 3: Local stakeholders in two LAGs have elaborated an inclusive, gender-sensitive and sustainable multi-annual, community-driven Local Development Strategy (LDS) and an Implementation Plan (IP) that represent the needs, interests and potentials of the local population.

Output 4: Local economic and social initiatives and innovations have been supported based on the priorities set up in the LDS and according to the grant and support scheme.

Output 5: LAGs and local stakeholders have been involved in lively exchanges, capitalising on the CLLD/LEADER approach and furthering its sustainable anchoring in the institutional fabric of Armenia.