

STRIVE for a better future: communities and civil society resilience in Armenia (STRIVE)



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Project description:

STRIVE for a better future: communities and civil society resilience in Armenia (STRIVE) aims to improve the resilience, sustainability, accountability, and capacity for innovation of Armenian civil society organisations (CSOs). This will enable them to play a pivotal role in raising awareness, deepening democracy, and serving constituencies in Armenia, especially vulnerable populations.

STRIVE will be strongly grounded in local communities—involving grassroots CSOs and civic groups throughout Armenia. It will be balanced geographically and thematically, focused on community development, women's rights, people with disabilities, green transitioning, and youth. The Project will help mentioned Rights-Holders become active participants in positive community development initiatives through improved skills, communication, and engagement mechanisms including blended leadership skills training, grassroots-led civic initiatives, and an emergency fund.

CSOs will benefit from overall increased organisational capacity of civil society in Armenia, improved mechanisms for capacity building, peer-to-peer mutual support and networking. The Project will provide targeted financial support to CSOs and civic-initiative groups to implement organisational development and grassroots-led initiatives.

Expected results:

Output 1.1. CSOs and grassroots social and environmental civic groups have increased their key competences and organisational capacity by participating or leading innovation-focused capacity development journeys and applying them to their operations and grassroots civic initiatives.

(Targets: 176 CSOs benefiting from innovation-focused capacity development, targeted financial support, and mentorship circles; 24 civic initiative groups benefiting from financial support to implement social innovation activities; 250 informal civic groups developing social innovation journeys; 1 participatory mapping of CSO needs and gaps; 1 updated OMI curriculum; ToT curriculum for multiplier CSO OMI trainers; standard operating procedures for CSO-led Mentorship Circles; 1 curriculum for civic-action focused social innovation

Output 1.2. Armenian CSOs address urgent and basic needs of severely vulnerable populations using an emergency fund and applying a Do-No-Harm approach.

(Targets: 24 CSOs benefiting from financial support to implement emergency response activities)

Output 2.1. CSOs have developed a coherent strategy for engaging volunteers, featuring detailed volunteering and community services descriptions for engaging volunteers.