PROJECT FACTSHEET

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ATHENA: Advancing the Human Rights Agenda and Enhancing National Authorities



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UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA

Project description:
The “ATHENA: Advancing the Human Rights Agenda and Enhancing National Authorities” project builds on the results of the European Union funded “Accountable Institutions and Human Right Protection in Armenia” project implemented by UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and OSCE in 2021-2024. Drawing on valuable lessons learned and partnerships, ATHENA aims to strengthen human rights protection and the rule of law in Armenia. The Project focuses on enhancing the institutional capacities and strategic communication of target institutions, including the Human Rights Defender’s Office (HRDO), Ministry of Justice (MOJ), Office of the Representative on International Legal Matters (OSR), Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chamber of Advocates and Public Defender’s Office for better human rights protection, good governance, and effective institutional performance.

Expected results:
1. Institutional capacities of the HRDO and the OSR in protecting and promoting human rights are more effectively strengthened and access to their services is increased.
2. The implementation, coordination, communication, monitoring and evaluation of the HRAP 2023-2025 is improved and the capacities of the HRAP responsible agencies strengthened.
3. Public awareness on human rights with a particular focus on human rights of the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups is increased.
4. Capacity of the MOJ on human rights, justice and constitutional reforms strengthened and public awareness is raised.
5. Victim-centred support services for survivors of GBV and sexual violence enhanced.
6. Mechanisms and capacities for delivering quality free legal aid to vulnerable population enhanced.