

RISE – Armenia: Rehabilitation, social inclusion and empowerment of the displaced and vulnerable population

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Countries:
Armenia

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Total budget: € 3 000 000

Implementer:
World Vision Armenia Child Protection Foundation (Lead organization), Armenian Association of Social Workers, People in Need NGO



Project description:

The EU-funded "RISE – Armenia: Rehabilitation, Social Inclusion, and Empowerment of the Displaced and Vulnerable Population" project aims to enhance Armenia's social protection systems, with a particular focus on refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh. Led by World Vision Armenia in collaboration with the Armenian Association of Social Workers and People in Need NGO, the project aligns with the priorities of the Republic of Armenia's Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The project addresses critical gaps by developing new social care and rehabilitation services, strengthening regulations, and training social workers to improve case management. Vulnerable populations will directly benefit from expanded social services and need based support programs, including up-skilling, re-skilling and self-employment opportunities. Additionally, the project empowers CSOs through sub-grants and capacity-building initiatives, fostering sustainable, community-driven solutions.

Through public awareness campaigns and media training, the project will promote social integration, ensuring widespread support for inclusion efforts. By integrating, empowering, and protecting vulnerable communities, it will contribute to a stronger, more inclusive social protection system in Armenia.

Expected results:

By the completion of the project, the following key results will be achieved:

1. Enhanced Social Services for Vulnerable Populations

? New social patronage services will support families through home visits, fostering social skills and community integration.

? Social rehabilitation services, including MHPSS, will assist individuals with behavioral challenges.

? Home care services will provide personalized support to elderly individuals, persons with disabilities (PwDs), and those with limited mobility.

? "Small Group Home" model will offer temporary accommodation and care, promoting independent living.

2. Strengthened Social Workforce and CSO Capacities

? 100 social workers will be trained in case management, refugee-specific work, and new service provision through gender- and inclusion-sensitive training, supervision, and an e-learning platform.

? 15–18 CSOs will receive technical capacity building, mentoring, and state accreditation support for social service delivery.