

**Partnerships for Syunik – Enhanced Community-Based Social Services****Period of implementation:** 01.02.2023 - 31.01.2026**EaP countries:**

Armenia

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People in Need

**Social media account links:****Project website:** [armenia.peopleinneed.net/hy/](https://armenia.peopleinneed.net/hy/)**Project description:**

The program will support the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in the process of implementing sectoral reforms in order to develop a stable social services system in Syunik. The program will contribute to the transition from a system of temporary cash assistance social services by municipalities to a more coordinated and more resilient integrated system, which will lead to sustainable financing of community social services and better serve the needs of the most vulnerable population of the region, contributing to the reduction of poverty, inequality and vulnerability. The program is also aimed at increasing the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) as key actors.

**Expected results:**

Civil Society Organisations have the skills, organizational management practices, and sustainable business models to deliver high-quality, responsive community-based social services:

- Capacity Development of targeted CSOs, focusing on technical social service delivery, community situational analysis, fundraising, networking, and sustainable business models ;
- Technical support to CSOs with social service accreditation process to diversify funding sources and standardize the social services delivery;

Piloting new models of delivery and financing of community-based social services by CSOs including innovative public-private partnerships – FSTP scheme for CSOs and technical support.

- CSOs and local authorities jointly develop a sustainable mechanism for participatory planning and delivery of community-based social services in line with the priorities of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

- Implementation of Participatory Social Service Planning (PSSP) methodology in all 7 target municipalities to establish and/or expand community-level social service coordination mechanisms;