

Water and Agriculture Integrated Development for Armenia (WAIDA)**Duration:** 01.04.2026 - 31.03.2034**Countries:**
Armenia**EU contribution:** € 12 456 000**Total budget:** € 117 660 000**Implementer:**
AFD**Project description:**

The integrated development of the water and agriculture sectors is key to support Armenia towards enhanced food sovereignty, resilience and livelihood of rural populations, in a context of high climate and geopolitical vulnerabilities. In the past years, under investments and deteriorated infrastructures, gaps in legislation and low institutional capacities at central and local level have highly affected water supply and sanitation, irrigation services and have contributed to the rural and agrarian crisis, in addition to the impacts of climate change.

AFD and World Bank together with the EU contribution join forces to promote efficient and sustainable water management and services as well as to develop a climate-resilient, more productive agriculture in order to address these major bottlenecks, following the request from the Government of Armenia for an ambitious and transformational program. The project will include investments to rehabilitate and modernize strategic water infrastructures in the country, institutional support and capacity building of key actors involved in the water sector, land management and agriculture development at central and local level, with a dedicated focus on the strategic Syunik region.

The WAIDA programme gathers two pillars:

Pillar 1 - WISE – Water and Irrigation Services Enhancement (nationwide - covering various regions of Armenia but not Syunik) – co-financed through sovereign loans of WB, AFD and EU delegated funds and;

Pillar 2 - LITDS - Land and Irrigation for Territorial Development in Syunik (local-based targeting exclusively Syunik)

Expected results:

Output 1- Policy and regulatory framework are upgraded

Output 2 - Improved irrigation and drainage facilities in line with climate proofing

Output 3 - Employment directly supported

Output 4 - Improved performance of supported businesses

Output 5 - Improved deforestation-free and climate-smart ecosystem-based agricultural / livestock / fishing / forest management practices

Output 6 - Increased sustainable agricultural/livestock/fish farming production capacity