

Situation overview

As of 6 October 2023, 100 632 ethnic Armenians, including women and children, have been displaced from the Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia, leaving behind their homes and almost all belonging. 99.2% percent of the forcibly displaced people transferred to Armenia have already been registered. ▶

Around 58 000 forcibly displaced people from Nagorno-Karabakh have used state-provided accommodation. The rest are staying in a mix of privately rented accommodation or with relatives. The distribution by regions is as follows: Aragatsotn region: 4,093 people, Ararat region: 18,234 people, Armavir region: 8,064 people, Gegharkunik region: 4,919 people, Lori region: 4,487 people, Kotayk region: 22,150 people, Shirak region: 3,598 people, Syunik region: 5540 people, Vayots Dzor region: 2285 people and Tavush region: 3189 people. ▶

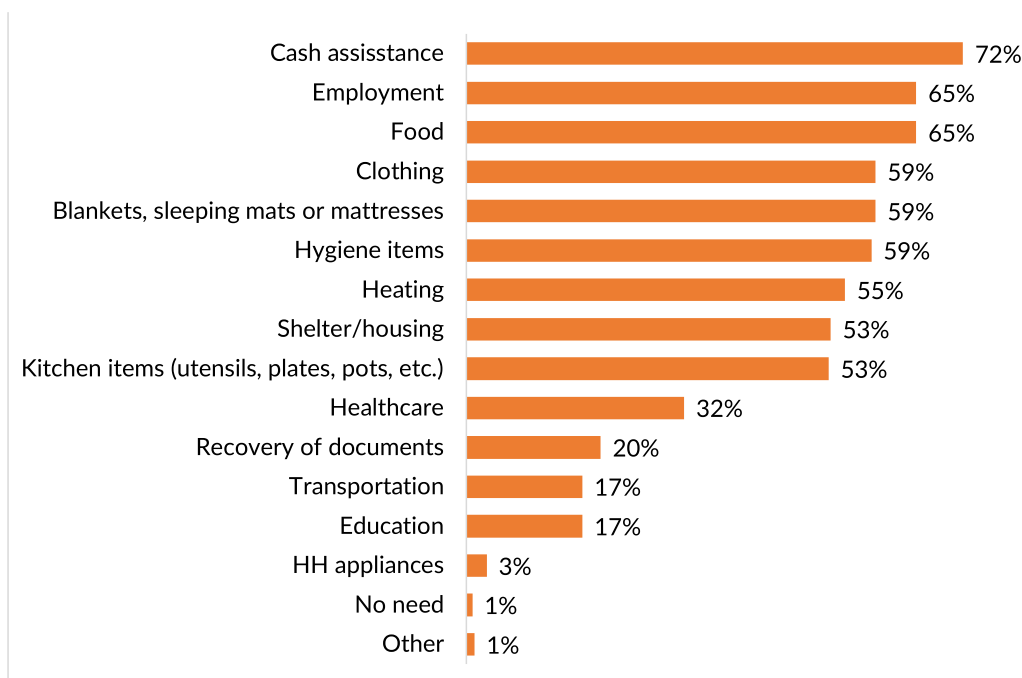
The government is committing to a one of cash distribution of 100,000-AMD (255 USD) and then payments of 50,000 AMD (127 USD) per person for per month for six months. This will be for rent and utilities.

Immediate basic needs

The rapid needs assessment conducted by WV Armenia among 338 displaced people revealed the immediate needs of the respondents. As the *Figure 1* shows, the need for urgent assistance to the displaced people is of critical importance. The most frequently mentioned need is cash assistance (72%). Interestingly it is followed by employment and food (65% each). This indicates, that although people are in desperate need for support, the vast majority of them prefer the future where they will be able to meet their needs by their own income. The qualitative data fully echoes the quantitative findings, thus the most of the displaced families need support with food, clothes, beds, blankets and hygiene items.



Figure 1. What are your primary HH needs, N=338



*This is a living document and will be updated



World Vision's Response

From the very beginning of the crisis and first flow of arrivals of forcibly displaced population, WV Armenia immediately has established Response teams at National and regional levels and the staff is already engaged in relief actions. As described below, WV Armenia supported around 5000 displaced persons. In particular:



1.000
people

received lunchboxes in Goris (Syunik region) and Parakar (Armavir region) humanitarian emergency centers.



600 families
≈ 2.500 people

in Syunik, Gegharkunik and Tavush regions providing food and hygiene packages.



>1.500
people

received first-aid psychological support during the first days after crossing the border to overcome fear and distress.



including **235** children



30
displaced children

enrolled in WV Armenia Day care centres where they can receive psychosocial support and participate in different rehabilitation activities.

This initial support will be followed by more long-term interventions (psychological support, livelihood, winterization, social and economic integration, etc.) for which WVA staff collects data on the urgent needs of displaced people on on-going basis.

Coordination

World Vision Armenia closely coordinates all its activities related with this crisis with Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MLSA).

World Vision Armenia is participating in UN clusters that are activated in response to conflict escalation: Child Protection, Shelter, Early Recovery, and Cash clusters. These involvements signify our commitment to a multi-sectoral approach in addressing the complex challenges posed by crises.

Along with UN agencies, WV Armenia is in constant touch with BHA, USAID, EU, ECHO, as well as with other donor organizations for cooperation and collaboration work on the ground.

Mission10forty, a Danish international NGO, has launched a fundraising campaign to support forcibly displaced people from Nagorno-Karabakh.

At local level our regional offices are in close coordination with local and regional authorities, community social workers, territorial agencies of Unified Social Service, other like-minded organizations.

Plans to scale up

- WV Armenian has established Response teams at National and regional levels,
- At the start of the crisis World Vision made available 100,000 USD of emergency funds to start an operation,
- Further fundraising has started from local and global sources (please refer to "Funding overview" part below),
- WV Armenia continues provision of food and hygiene packages within available limited resources, until the allocation of additional funds to address the basic needs of displaced population,
- WV Armenia has been delegated by the Government to conduct thorough needs assessment of forcibly displaced population together with 2 more local partners (Armenian Red Cross and Mission Armenia NGO).
- In addition, WV Armenia is cooperating with regional and global WV offices to utilize the organization's capacity for our response programs in Armenia.

