



## World Vision Armenia

World Vision first came to Armenia with emergency aid for the victims of the devastating December 1988 earthquake that hit the northern regions of the country. Within the first few months of the response, nearly US\$3 million in medical supplies and relief was delivered. Since then, World Vision's projects have transitioned beyond meeting the demands of crisis situations to supporting and promoting the positive development of communities.

Today, World Vision Armenia (WVA) programming is focusing on: child protection, early childhood, economic development and youth empowerment. It also helps communities to reflect on gender roles and parenting seeking to aspire change and make a positive influence on prevention of violence and prenatal sex selection. World Vision Armenia 148 staff members work in 14 geographical regions of six marzes and the capital city Yerevan, serving more than 200 communities.

## Key Achievements



Over the past two years World Vision Armenia programming resulted in direct and indirect benefit for about 117, 000 vulnerable children. Advocacy efforts impacted 350,000 vulnerable children living in Armenia of whom 190,000 live in the WVA programme area.

## Child Protection



Protection of children against abuse, exploitation and violence through system strengthening is the core of WV Armenia.

After more than 6 years of advocacy by WV Armenia together with partners, the new Law on Local Government Bodies is adopted by the Government of Armenia in February 2017. This law provides for obligatory position of community social worker as part of the Local Government Bodies.

One of the biggest achievements are related to the change World Vision Armenia brought to the lives of the most vulnerable children. According to the independent experts, 89.9% out of 1031 most vulnerable households with children have improvement in vulnerability status thanks to World Vision's direct involvement.

## Early Childhood

More than 1200 Early Childhood Development (ECD) Providers are capacitated by World Vision Armenia, 70-80% of whom have improved the quality of their ECD services as evaluated by independent subject matter experts.

## Youth Empowerment

Within Youth Empowerment programme IMPACT and SKYE clubs 1500 youngsters and 150 volunteer leaders meet together each week to take part in social actions through identifying community problems, brainstorming, planning and implement community service and social enterprise projects. A total of 158 community projects are completed, reaching around 100,000 community members. Out of 129 surveyed youth 41% said that they had found new job, changed their job or started a business as a result of participation in the SKYE clubs.

## Economic Development

World Vision's Economic Development programmes focus on Local Value Chain Development (LVCD) model, having an ultimate goal of increasing producers' income. Each invested one US Dollar brought two-dollar additional income to the communities engaged in World Vision's economic development interventions, comprising around 700.000 USD income.

