



U.S. ASSISTANCE to ARMENIA on COVID-19

USG investments in Armenia prior to the pandemic enhanced the Government of Armenia's (GOAM) ability to respond to COVID-19:



\$106 million

USAID's \$106 million investment in and partnership with Armenia's health sector has improved access to quality healthcare by extending free primary health care and maternity services to citizens, strengthening the Ministry of Health, upgrading provider skills, and equipping and renovating two-thirds of Armenia's neediest rural health facilities.



U.S. Department of Defense strengthened Armenia's capacity to ensure biosafety and biosecurity for its population, through its support for Nork Infectious Disease Hospital and AVAN laboratory, the primary COVID-19 testing center in Armenia; and



Bolstered the Ministry of Emergency Services' response capacity through renovation of fire and rescue stations and provision of equipment and professional training for staff.



USAID support enhanced the Armenian Government's strategic communication systems through the provision of technical assistance and new equipment.

Since the state of emergency was declared, the U.S. adapted its assistance to enable Armenian partners to respond to COVID-19, redirecting and increasing funding by \$6.6 million through:

\$700,000 in immediate in-kind assistance to GOAM partners, including:

- Computers for the Rescue Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations;
- Crisis communications support to ensure messages from Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Economy reach all Armenians;
- Surge staffing and computers for the Armenian Unified Information Center;
- Hospital beds, decontamination sprayers, and x-ray machines for hospitals and municipalities;
- Provision of basic necessities and food items to support the Shirak Marz administration's distribution to 1,000 elderly and vulnerable families;
- Amplification of GOAM COVID messaging and fundraising through the "Let's Do Something!" campaign;
- Provision of teleconferencing equipment for GOAM to work remotely; and
- Provision of 2,000 COVID-19 tests, equipment, and test-related consumable goods to the Armenian Nuclear Regulatory Agency.



\$2.7 million

to strengthen laboratory capacity, improve management of severe cases, and support community level preparedness planning, risk communication, and health and hygiene promotion.



\$1.2 million

to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 through small grants to businesses and support for economic activities at the community level.



\$1.8 million

for community-based social work and data-driven case management to support the most vulnerable children and their families in the COVID-19 aftermath.



\$200,000

to civil society and independent media organizations for COVID-19 response, reporting, and oversight

The United States Government will continue to support Armenia at both the national and local level in its recovery from COVID-19 through existing and new programs:

To provide economic support, including in agriculture, agribusiness, and tourism;

To the GOAM, including through boosting support for strategic communications and for local governance service provision and infrastructure; and

To support Armenia's most vulnerable populations.