The Role of the Third Sector in the Structure of Social Protection in Armenia

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Poverty in Armenia

Source: RA National Statistical Service, 2013

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The Public Policy

Social Protection

Social Insurance

Social Assistance

Programs

- State social assistance program
- Social security program
- Social protection program
- State social insurance program
- Employment program
- A system of allowances

Social protection in Armenia is administered by the Ministry of Labor and Social Issues of RA (MLSI)
Integrated Social Services System Structure in Armenia
Starting from 2007 the RA Government delegates rendering of social services to non-governmental organizations, by partial reimbursement of their expenses. Particularly, financial support from the state budget is provided to the non-governmental organization “Mission Armenia”, which renders social care and social maintenance services to lonely older persons and persons with disabilities both at home and at day care centers or older persons’ houses in the city of Yerevan and regions of Armenia.
“Mission Armenia” NGO
Spread of Activities in Armenia

HEADQUARTER
YEREVAN

Gegharkunik region
- Tshambarak
- Sevan FP
- Gavar

Kotayk region
- Hrazdan FP
- Charentsavan

Shirak region
- Gyumri FP
- Artik
- Shengavit FP

Gavar
- Shengavit
- Ajapnyak

Yerevan

Syuniq region
- Nor Nork FP
- Nor Nork
- Kanaker-Zeytun
- Avan Arinj FP

Ararat region
- Avan Arinj
- Avan
- Shengavit

Lori region
- Artashat FP
- Masis
- Tashir
- Vanadzor PF
- Alaverdi
- Spitak

Martuni

Ararat
- Ararat
Providing a comprehensive set of community-based services to over 8,000 beneficiaries in 22 cities/towns in 8 regions of RA
Services in Day Care Centers, Disability Resource Centers, Soup Kitchens

- Psycho-social services
- Primary health services
- Vocational trainings
- Nutrition services
- Physical and mental activities
- Arranging leisure time and cultural events
- Legal consulting
- Clubs
Home Social and Health Services

- Psycho-social services
- Primary health services
- Home Care
- The communal-household services
Multifunctional Center for Social Services “Nrneni”

Elderly Care Home “Artsvabuyn”
“Mission Armenia” Current Projects

- **“Strengthening the Livelihoods and Voice of the Poor and Vulnerable Persons in Armenia”** (2013-2016)
  - **Donors:** The World Bank, The Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF)
  - **Goals:** Promote self-reliance and empowerment among over 4,000 vulnerable and disabled persons, Support social and health care services at the community level, and empower people with disabilities by improving their ability to advocate for themselves

- **Support to Social Sector Reforms Program** (2014-2019)
  - **Consortium:** NGO Mission Armenia as the lead organization, Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development (local NGO), Child Development Foundation (local NGO) and Counterpart International (US-based NGO), supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
  - **Goal:** Promote an improved and sustained social protection system in Armenia that is responsive to citizen needs
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