



ARMENIA



U.S. assistance to Armenia supports democratic, economic, and social and health reforms designed to promote regional stability, while also complementing U.S. diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve the long-running conflict with Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh and reopen the closed borders with Azerbaijan and Turkey.

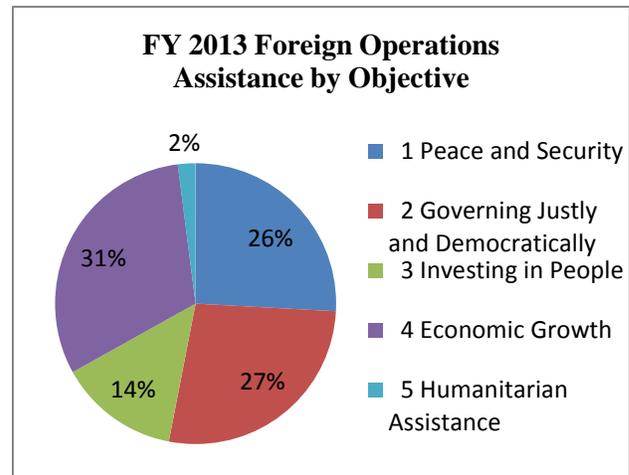
Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Armenia:

Develop Armenia's Ability to be a Constructive and Peaceful Regional Neighbor

- U.S. assistance funds safety enhancements for Armenia's nuclear power plant, including severe-accident mitigation guidelines and emergency shutdown procedures. The United States also provides research and grants to non-governmental organizations for conflict mitigation, and funds international visitor exchanges to promote mutual understanding between neighboring countries.
- The U.S. government provides training to Armenia's security forces to increase their professionalism and build their capacity to be interoperable with NATO forces and other international peacekeeping operations.
- U.S. assistance supports research and grants, including to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), for conflict mitigation projects; international visitor exchanges to promote mutual understanding between neighboring countries; and the prevention of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Increase Armenia's Private Sector Competitiveness and Economic Stability

- U.S. assistance supports the development of value chains, improved access to affordable credit, enhanced workforce skills, and more rapid business formation. U.S. technical assistance also seeks to improve tax policy formulation and administration, including more efficient taxpayer services to reduce the tax compliance burden for individuals and businesses.
- U.S. experts are supporting improvements to customs valuation and classification, and are helping the government to develop a regulatory public procurement framework in line with international standards.



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	37,129	27,564	25,740
Economic Support Fund	27,026	20,700	20,700
Foreign Military Financing	2,564	2,700	1,700
Global Health Programs - USAID	2,386	0	0
International Military Education and Training	680	600	600
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	3,009	2,824	1,700
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	1,464	740	1,040

- The United States is assisting Armenia to strengthen its policies and practices in animal health and food safety, ensuring that they are science-based and meet international standards.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	37,129	27,564	25,740
Peace and Security	9,605	8,834	7,291
Governing Justly and Democratically	10,097	7,949	8,424
Investing in People	5,133	2,000	1,725
Economic Growth	11,536	8,781	8,300
Humanitarian Assistance	758	0	0

Improve Armenia’s Democratic and Rule of Law Capacities

- U.S. technical assistance supports decentralization reforms and improved local-government operations and transparency, including assistance to Armenia’s National Assembly to strengthen its capacity for outreach, policy analysis, legislative drafting, and government oversight, and to strengthen the capacity of selected public-sector entities to serve as independent, transparent and democratic institutions.
- U.S. assistance is strengthening the ability of civil society consortiums to advocate on behalf of citizens’ interests, meaningfully contribute to public policymaking, and monitor the implementation of reforms. Additionally, U.S. technical assistance to nongovernmental organizations and independent media is improving the professionalism and quality of journalism.
- U.S. technical assistance to the law enforcement sector includes training and equipment to law enforcement agencies, such as the police, specialized units, and institutions that deal with transnational crime, corruption, and narcotics trafficking; training and assistance to modernize police procedures, address domestic violence, and encourage harmonious relationships between police officers, juveniles, and the community; and technical training and equipment to improve the management of prisons and develop a probation service.
- The U.S. government provides training for judges, prosecutors, police, border guards, and others to increase awareness of the problem of trafficking in persons, better identify and assist victims, and detect and prosecute traffickers in order to strengthen the GOAM’s response to trafficking in persons.

Enhance Armenia’s Health and Social Services

- U.S. assistance is focused on supporting pension reform implementation and integrated social services system development, following the passage of new pension legislation that introduces a multi-pillar system. U.S. technical assistance is being provided to ensure the legislation is implemented smoothly and make the new system fully operational. Efforts include increasing the private sector’s capacity to develop adequate and affordable social protection models and social safety nets.
- U.S. technical assistance supports the integration of persons with disabilities into the labor market, supports services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence. USAID will build upon past accomplishments and focus its efforts on supporting pension reform implementation; strengthening Armenia’s social protection systems; and addressing key constraints in provision of integrated social services. Additional U.S. assistance programs will focus on integrating persons with disabilities into the labor market; providing services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence; and increasing the private sector’s capacity to develop adequate and affordable social protection models and social safety nets.

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<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ace> [U.S. Embassy Website](#) www.foreignassistance.gov [Millennium Challenge Corporation](#)

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