
Fact Sheet : Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance - Armenia

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The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs issued the following fact sheet:

Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance*

Fiscal Year (FY) 2007: \$63.79 Million (M) (\$58M FSA, \$5.79M Other)

Estimate FY 2008: \$62.39M (\$58.03M FSA, \$4.36M Other)**

Assistance Goals: United States Government (USG) assistance supports democratic and social reform to enhance regional stability and the development of the infrastructure and institutions necessary to become a free-market, democratic nation. USG assistance also supports the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with Azerbaijan and improved relations with Turkey needed to enhance movement of goods and people throughout the region, and to create a better trade and investment environment.

Areas of Focus (Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance):

Peace and Security (PS): FY 2007: \$12.21M; Est. FY 2008: \$8.72M

* Increase Armenia's ability to control its borders to prevent smuggling;

* Improve the law-enforcement capacity and legal-regulatory structure for Armenian border security and export control;

* Support development of U.S./NATO-interoperable defense institutions and of medical, de-mining, and peacekeeping capabilities.

Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD): FY 2007: \$17.92M; Est. FY 2008: \$21.1M

* Promote democratic principles and institutions in all levels of society;

* Increase public policy cooperation / dialogue between civil society and government;

* Promote free, fair, and participatory elections.

Investing in People (IIP): FY 2007: \$13.98M; Est. FY 08: \$10.9M

* Increase the use of sustainable, high quality health and reproductive care services;

* Increase access to education and health care in rural areas;

* Strengthen Armenia's social protection departments and agencies.

Economic Growth (EG): FY 2007: \$17.49M; Est. FY 2008: \$20.08M

* Address economic imbalances and unemployment in Armenia;

* Encourage and support economic growth in sustainable sectors;

* Develop legal and regulatory reforms to open up the business environment and make the private sector more competitive.

Humanitarian Assistance (HA): FY 2007: \$1.4M; Est. FY 2008: \$1.6M

Relieve suffering of vulnerable populations by providing donated food, clothing, and medicine;

Collaborate with in-country NGOs and local officials to build partnerships between the people of Armenia and the people of the United States.

Recent Successes:

* USG grants to community organizations supported programs that directly benefited over 3,000 citizens and indirectly benefited 82,000 others.

* Completion of 12 small reconstruction projects which improved the quality of life for the institutionalized through structural repair of beneficiary institutions.

* Through a business and association development program, strengthened key industries to help increase tourism by 49% and added 2,146 sustainable IT jobs.

* Supported alternative dispute resolution practices in Armenia, resulting in an increase in the number of businessmen applying to the Arbitration Court.

* Provided upgrades to Armenian law enforcement's computer network thereby improving real-time communication among precincts in Yerevan and the regions.

* Translated and published a book of the decisions issued by the European Court of Human Rights to promote compliance with international standards.

* Trained approximately 50 Armenian prosecutors as part of trial advocacy seminars.
