

## **Local Governance and decentralization reform (LGDR)**

The Local Governance and Decentralization Reform Activity is implementing within the funding of USAID. The program started on December 1, 2022 and is planned to be completed on November 30, 2027.

The activity goal will be achieved through the below components:

### **Component 1: Training, Capacity Building and Technical Support for Accountable Governance**

Local government actors and institutions are provided with training, capacity building, tools and technical support to strengthen public administration accountability systems and procedures. This includes elected local councils, mayors, and other municipal actors/institutions.

### **Component 2: Citizen Responsive Public Services and Community Development Initiatives**

This component will focus on the ability of local government institutions to effectively plan and deliver citizen responsive public services and community development projects.

### **Component 3: Effectively Respond to and Recover from Unplanned Stressors and Shocks**

This component will help local governments to effectively plan for and respond to unplanned stressors and shocks, e.g., health/pandemics or natural emergencies, conflict, food insecurity, etc.). This is expected to include ensuring that targeted communities develop emergency response and risk reduction policies and procedures in collaboration with designated government agencies.

### **Component 4: Decentralization Policy and Legislative Framework and Decentralization Piloting**

This component is expected to help the Government of Armenia advance its decentralization agenda. This help might include supporting inter-ministerial dialogue, national-subnational dialogue, decentralization research and learning, legislative and policy drafting, piloting/testing decentralization models and decentralization related public outreach and strategic communications.

8 target communities from 5 marzes have been selected during the Project implementation period: Goris and Kapan in Syunik marz, Martuni and Vardenis in Gegharkunik marz, Berd and Noyemberyan in Tavush marz, Metsamor and Talin in Aragatsotn marz.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Local government systems, procedures, tools and capacity for participatory planning, budgeting and managing are strengthened,
- Local government citizen consultative and strategic communication processes are operationalized as mandated by the Law on Local Self-government,
- Local government capacity to effectively manage public services is strengthened,
- Citizen satisfaction with service delivery efforts is improved,
- Emergency disaster risk reduction policies and procedures are developed and tested,

- Displaced and other vulnerable populations are provided with recovery assistance,
- Legislative frameworks, institutional capacities, and partnerships for decentralization are strengthened,
- Opportunities for decentralizing new competencies are explored and piloted.