

Success Story	Project & implementing partner	Hyperlink
<b>Week of 19-24 April</b>		
<p>Video message of the EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin outlining the EU's support to Armenia on COVID-19. 6000 gloves, 2300 medical masks, 700 medical shoe covers, 700 respirators, 300 coveralls, 250 safety goggles, 50 medical face shields, 10 boxes of disinfection tablets, 70 litres of sanitizing gel and 5 non-contact infrared thermometers were provided to the Human Rights Defender's Office to facilitate safe and uninterrupted work of the institution and interaction with citizens during the COVID19 crisis</p>		<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
<p>The EU Delegation to Armenia launched a Call for Proposals for "Civil Society Organisations as Actors of Governance and Development" with a total €3 million budget, open until 15 May.</p> <p>The aim is to support non-governmental actors contribute to social change and inclusive, sustainable development in Armenia focusing on solutions addressing the causes and effects of poverty and inequality, building community resilience to shocks including <a href="#">COVID-19</a>, strengthening the rights of young people and their empowerment, involvement in public affairs and sustainable, green development.</p>	<p>"Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Armenia" project, implemented by the UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.</p>	<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
<p>The EU Delegation to Armenia launched a Call for Proposals "Human Rights and Democracy Promotion through Civil Society in Armenia" with a total €1.6 million budget, open until 25 May.</p>		<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>

Partly in response to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, this Call will also contribute to generate debate, increase awareness of COVID-19 impacts and consequences for the Armenian society and institutions i.e. social protection and labour rights –social and economic rights- dimensions, emergency preparedness, etc.

The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to support civil society in promoting and protecting human rights, access to justice, labour rights, civic participation and wider democratic reform in Armenia, particularly for more vulnerable population groups.

#### Week of 27 April - 1 May

The European Union supports those most in need during the [COVID-19](#) crisis!

The EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin monitored the final packaging of humanitarian aid -food, hygiene products and stationary, for 1000 families with children in Lori region in partnership with [Children of Armenia Fund \(COAF\)](#).

During the coming days the EU will deliver humanitarian packages to over 3000 vulnerable families in Lori, Shirak and Tavush, working closely with local and regional authorities.

The European Union continues supporting the most vulnerable households with elderly people, people with disabilities and large families in the regions of Armenia, in response to the [COVID-19](#) outbreak.

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Armenian Red Cross Society

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This time the EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin visited the Armenian Red Cross Society's warehouse to dispatch humanitarian aid packages comprising food and hygiene supplies. Right from the warehouse, the humanitarian aid packages will be delivered to 1485 elderly from Shirak region in close partnership with the [Armenian Red Cross Society](#), as well as local and regional authorities.

In the times of [Covid-19](#) outbreak, the EU under its [#EU4Business](#) Initiative is helping entrepreneurs withstand and recover from the crisis.

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The EBRD and [#EU4Business](#) have initiated a project aimed at the digital transformation of SMEs in Armenia. A series of training “Developing business through digitalization” aims at supporting SMEs in their efforts of addressing the COVID-19 challenges.

#### Week of 4 - 8 May

With the support of the European Union, 1000 households in need from Tavush region are receiving humanitarian aid comprising food and hygiene items in the frames the fight against COVID-19 crisis. The World Vision Armenia joined efforts with Tavush regional administration to select families for which the need is especially acute, such as vulnerable and multi-child families, lonely elderly people and people with disabilities.

World Vision Armenia

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## Week of 11 - 15 May

Arevshat Garibyan, a young entrepreneur from Armenia, received support to set up his food processing business from the EU4Youth project. During the coronavirus epidemic, Arevshat's business was able to adjust to new staff safety requirements, and has managed to keep production running.

In spite of lockdown, EU4Youth continues working to support new start-ups in Armenia. Nine Armenian start-ups supported by EU4Youth are receiving online advice to help them get their businesses up and running despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The European Union stands by Armenian farmers during COVID-19!

The European Union and the Austrian Development Agency provided motorised agricultural equipment to communities of Shirak region in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

With the support of the new equipment provided by the European Union, 15 rural settlements of Sarapat and Amasia communities will now have the opportunity to expand their farming production volumes and be self-sufficient. The equipment provided to the most vulnerable producers in the communities will be used by rotation. This is part of the European Union's immediate assistance to Armenia in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 crisis in the agricultural sector.

EU4Youth - Employability and stability in Armenia, Belarus and Ukraine project implemented by SOS Children's Villages and partner organisations

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EU4Youth – SAY YES Skills for Jobs project implemented by World Vision D and partner organisations

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The "EU Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia" project (EU-GAIA), co-funded and implemented by the Austrian Development Agency, partially implemented by the UNDP, in close cooperation with the RA Ministry of Economy.

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A European Union-funded Armenian 3D printing company “AugmentAR” has now produced over 4,000 masks and glasses and donated them to 50 hospitals around the country.

The success has clearly inspired the company and its employees. They are now working on designing files to print out artificial respiration devices.

[An SME platform for Business Development and Innovation](#), supported by the European Union, continues to support business development during the COVID19 crisis.

Despite the state of emergency, the platform has managed to provide several dozen online consultations in the sphere of:

- State programs of neutralizing the economic consequences of the Covid-19,
- Anti-Crisis management of enterprises,
- Agricultural support programs.

EU supports a series of free online trainings on “Business Development through Digitalization”, which were designed as an urgent response to COVID19 situation to help the SMEs transform the business based on current needs. The trainings were funded by the European Union under the EU4Business initiative.

From 23 April to 7 May: 5 workshops with almost 1,000 SME participants, 20 professional panellists shared their experience and knowledge, 5 local startups introduced their relevant solutions to the SMEs.

EU4Business initiative through the Advice for Small Businesses program. The implementing partner is the EBRD.

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EU4Sevan: SME platform for Business Development and Innovation.

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The implementing partners are Sevan Municipality and Gegharkunik Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

EU4Business initiative within the “Program for the Digital Transformation of Small and Medium Enterprises in Armenia”, implemented by the EBRD.

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Lithuanian Air Force aircraft carrying medical supplies, provided by [Lithuania](#) to support Armenia in its fight against [Covid-19](#), landed in Yerevan on 14 May 2020.

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### Week of 16-22 May

The European Union continues providing immediate assistance to Armenian farmers during this difficult socio-economic period of #COVID19 pandemic. This time we are in Tavush region.

The European Union and the Austrian Development Agency have donated high-quality motoblocks with accessories within the framework of the EU-GAIA project. Thanks to the new machinery, the residents will be able to grow fruits and vegetables starting already this year.

Compared to the tractor, the motoblock is a much more efficient and resource-saving agricultural machinery, the multifunctional capacity of which is less harmful to nature. With this immediate action, border families will be self-sufficient.

With the help of the Tavush regional administration, the most vulnerable farmers in the border areas have been selected, for whom the new equipment will create an opportunity for a stable income. The selected residents are from the following 6 border rural settlements: Aygehovit, Nerkin Karmiraghbyur, Chinari, Berkaber, Baghanis and Voskepar.

The "EU Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia" project (EU-GAIA), co-funded and implemented by the Austrian Development Agency.

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We wish everyone a bountiful harvest and increased food security.

### Week of 25-29 May

The European Union continues immediate actions to support the vulnerable farmers of Armenia to overcome the severe socio-economic consequences of the coronavirus crisis. In total 30 high-quality motoblocks have been donated in the Northern regions of Armenia and as our final destination, we have reached Lori to deliver motoblocks to the 41 vulnerable producers from 13 rural settlements.

The agricultural machinery was provided in close cooperation with the Lori Regional Administration within the framework of the [EU-GAIA](#) project.

In response to [COVID-19](#) outbreak, the European Union provides a total of €456,500 to support the agricultural sector. The measures are aimed at immediately supporting the most vulnerable farmers and producers in the current situation in the target regions of the project.

The "EU Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia" project (EU-GAIA), co-funded and implemented by the Austrian Development Agency

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### Week of 1-5 June

The European Union and Armenia have been cooperating in various areas for many years. It is important for the EU to stand by Armenia and its citizens and continue to support during these difficult times of COVID-19 crisis.

RRM projects:

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Children of Armenia Fund, Armenian Red Cross Society and World Vision Armenia

With the support of the European Union, Children of Armenia Fund, Armenian Red Cross Society and World Vision Armenia, in close cooperation with local and regional authorities delivered humanitarian aid packages to more than 3000 vulnerable households in Lori, Tavush and Shirak regions.

In May, the Government of Bulgaria made a decision on providing humanitarian assistance to Armenia in the form of medical supplies to support in fight against [COVID-19](#). On 3 June, the Ambassador of Bulgaria to Armenia Maria Pavlova-Tsotsorkova, on behalf of the Government of Bulgaria conveyed to the First Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Armenia Anahit Avanesyan 500 medical supply kits from Bulgaria (protective coveralls, medical face shields and goggles).

We are united in the fight against the [#COVID19](#) crisis, as together we are stronger.

*Remark: Reportage on the support*

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## Week of 15-22

### June

As a result the [COVID-19](#) pandemic and emergency situation, children had to transit into distance education. While it may be an interesting experience for some children, for the others who have neither tablets nor access to the internet, it may become a real challenge. It is crucial for the European Union and Save the Children to ensure the fulfilment of each child's right to education and exactly with this objective, the EU and [Save the Children Armenia](#) have joined efforts!

“Access to Education for All during the Covid19 Emergency Situation” project implemented by Save the Children Armenia Country Office.

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Today, EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin and Country Team Leader of the Save the Children in Armenia Astghik Movsisyan handed 370 tablets to RA Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Arayik Harutyunyan to support organisation of distance education for the students from Lori, Tavush and Shirak regions. Besides the equipment, children will be provided with four-month internet cards, as well as awareness materials, such as application user guides and online safety tips.

The EU will continue supporting its partner Armenia to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic, as we are [Stronger Together!](#)  
[Team Europe](#) in action!

The European Union and Sweden join efforts with Lithuania to support Armenia to mitigate the effects of the [COVID-19](#) pandemic and its consequences!

The Lithuanian medical team comprised of medical workers and experts has already arrived in Armenia. The medical team brought also medical equipment and supplies. The team will work alongside their Armenian colleagues to fight the virus for 14 days. EU Ambassador Andrea Wiktorin, Lithuanian Ambassador Inga Stanytė-Toločkienė, Swedish Charge d' Affairs a.i. Birger Karlson together with RA Deputy Foreign Minister Avet Adonts and First Deputy Minister of Health Anahit Avanesyan went to the airport to personally greet the arriving team and wish them good luck in their invaluable mission.

This is a true European solidarity in action and only by acting and delivering together we will overcome this crisis. More is yet to come. We are [Stronger Together!](#)

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Lithuania and Sweden

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In total 19,650 kg of high quality legumes seeds - "Elita" class peas, lentils, chickpeas and soybeans - were provided by [UNDP in Armenia](#) to 218 farmers in Lori, Shirak and Tavush regions of Armenia in the framework of the Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia (EU-GAIA) project, funded by the [EU](#) and the [Austrian Development Agency](#). This support is part of the European Union's immediate assistance to Armenia in mitigating the negative effects of the [COVID-19](#) pandemic in the agricultural sector.

Premium grade seeds, enough to sow 110 hectares, will enable the development of local legumes production, ensuring a local supply of highly nutritious products, rather than relying on imports. Additionally, farmers will be able to collect the seeds from this year's harvest for future use. Thanks to this program, farmers will also receive a full professional advice on cultivation in order to ensure productive harvest.

Some of the types of grains are new to the local farmers, and their cultivation under professional advice will create profound knowledge in the beneficiary regions. It should also be noted that legumes cultivation is an important part of green agriculture, as it naturally enriches the soil with valuable macro and micro elements.

JuLiAna Company apart from woolen clothes, started to produce masks and medical special uniforms in response to [COVID-19](#). Currently the company sews uniforms for the medical staff of of Amasia community.

JuLiAna Company was established with the support of [EU](#) as part of the "EU4Shirak: Wool for Jobs" project.

We are very proud of the work done by [Aregak Bakery and Cafe](#), established with the support of the European Union. It is the first inclusive bakery and cafe in Gyumri, which celebrates the capabilities of young people with

The "EU Green Agriculture Initiative in Armenia" project (EU-GAIA), co-funded and implemented by the Austrian Development Agency.

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"EU4Shirak: Wool for Jobs" project implanted by People in Need Armenia.

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*REMARK: "Our Daily Bread" campaign is*

disabilities and which has become the favourite place of many locals and visitors.

Within "Our Daily Bread" campaign, they have been baking and delivering bread to the most disadvantaged in their community, thus supporting them in these challenging times of [COVID-19](#). "First Inclusive Bakery and Coffee Shop in Gyumri" project, co-financed by the European Union, the Austrian Development Cooperation, and Caritas Austria, and implemented by the Emili Aregak Centre of Armenian Caritas.

WHO with the EU support held another meeting of the health sector dedicated to policy guidance on the role of primary health care in the context of COVID-19. This topic is of utmost interest at the moment since PHC facilities in Armenia have started to play a major role in COVID-19 response. It was also requested by health sector participating agencies as they're largely involved in supporting PHC in urban and rural areas.

*not implemented with the EU support. This is an example of an EU-funded project action on its own.*

WHO Armenia

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### Support rendered after 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2020

- [The EU funded #EU4Environment and Armenia met virtually to discuss progress in implementing #GreenEconomy](#)
- [EU4Business webinar on Digital Transformation of SMEs](#)
- [Lithuanian team: "Your medical workers are the true heroes of this story"](#)
- [Italy together with the European Union have joined efforts with Armenia to fight against #COVID19 pandemic.](#)
- [High quality legume seeds were provided to 218 farmers in Lori, Shirak and Tavush regions of Armenia](#)
- [10 000 #COVID19 tests reach Armenia thanks to the European Union and World Health Organisation](#)

- [Support measures the EU offers to small and medium enterprises in Armenia to withstand the crisis](#)
- [The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs is providing EUR 200k to Armenia](#)
- [Germany together with the European Union have joined efforts to support Armenia in the fight against the #COVID19 pandemic](#)
- [Statement by Team Europe to learn more about the ongoing and future support to Armenia](#)
- [Highlights on the support of the EU, iMember States, European and Regional International Financial Institutions to Armenia as #TeamEurope](#)
- [The European Union and WHO continue their support to Armenia with essential supplies for #COVID19 frontline](#)
- [Check out the reportage of the Public TV on the shipment of 28 000 medical gowns and 20 000 N95 medical respirators for healthcare workers to Armenia](#)