

Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in Armenia

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Country Introduction

- ▶ Location
- ❖ Geographical region: Western Asia, Asia
- ❖ SDG region: SDG Northern Africa and Western Asia
- ❖ Land Locked Developing Countries

- ▶ Population: 3,015, 400
- ▶ Land area: 29,743 km²
- ▶ GDP per capita: 8500\$



Overall status of SDG 6 achievement

Drinking water

82 %

of the population in Armenia uses a safely managed drinking water service (SDG indicator 6.1.1, 2022)

Sanitation

11 %

of the population in Armenia uses a safely managed sanitation service (SDG indicator 6.2.1 a, 2022)

Hygiene

94 %

of the population in Armenia has a handwashing facility with soap and water available at home (SDG indicator 6.2.1b, 2022)

Wastewater

1 %

of domestic wastewater in Armenia is safely treated (SDG indicator 6.3.1, 2022)

Water quality

of monitored water bodies in Armenia has good ambient water quality (SDG indicator 6.3.2, 2023)

Efficiency

4 \$/m³

is the value added from the use of water by people and the economy in Armenia (SDG indicator 6.4.1, 2021)

Water stress

60 %

of the renewable water resources in Armenia is being withdrawn, after taking into account environmental flow requirements (SDG indicator 6.4.2, 2021)

Water management

46 %

is the degree of implementation of integrated water resources management in Armenia (SDG indicator 6.5.1, 2023)

Transboundary

10 %

of transboundary basin area has an operational arrangement for water cooperation (SDG indicator 6.5.2, 2023)

Ecosystems

33 %

of the water basins in Armenia is experiencing rapid changes in the area covered by surface waters (SDG 6 indicator 6.6.1, 2020)

Cooperation

24 m\$

is the amount of water- and sanitation-related official development assistance received by Armenia in 2022 (SDG indicator 6.a.1)

Participation

is the number of sub-sectors (out of 6) with a high level of participation by communities in Armenia (SDG indicator 6.b.1, 2021)

Achievements, key water and sanitation-related challenges

- ▶ The RA Government has taken a phased and cautious approach to PPP reforms
- ▶ Significant improvements in the water supply and sanitation sector's operational performance, service quality and financial condition
- ▶ Currently, water supply and sanitation services in Armenia are leased to "Veolia Djur" CJSC under a 15-year Lease Contract that ends in 2031

Potential impact in the aspect of how many people may benefit

- ▶ World Bank program concept for off -grid areas in Armenia
- ❖ rehabilitation and/or upgrading of existing rural water supply and sanitation systems and new infrastructure to support the expansion of piped and wastewater treatment services in targeted rural areas, and
- ❖ support for safely managed rural water supply and sanitation services in targeted areas, including sectoral policies and strategies and strengthening governance capacity at the national and local levels.

National agencies in Armenia involved in SDG 6 achievement

- ▶ Water Committee of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure /national coordinator/
- ▶ Ministry of Environment /national coordinator /
- ▶ Ministry of Health
- ▶ Ministry of Economy
- ▶ Ministry of Finance
- ▶ Public Services Regulatory Commission
- ▶ Statistical Committee has overall responsibility for monitoring reports of SDG indicators

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

Most important target(s) and indicator(s)

- ▶ Ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for off-grid areas / Target 6.1/
- ▶ Adequate sanitation /Target 6. 2/
- ▶ Proper wastewater treatment /Target 6.3/

By addressing the challenges of water supply, sanitation and wastewater treatment, Armenia can ensure sustainable development and better health outcomes for our population. This approach not only aligns with global sustainability goals but it is also stipulated in the strategic documents of the country.

Reflections on SDG-PSS and its online course

- ▶ The course content and the prior knowledge of SDG-PSS provided clear instructions on how to navigate through tool's main features.
- ▶ The online course equips users with the knowledge and skills to effectively navigate utilize the SDG-PSS tool.
- ▶ If the course systematically will cover data entry, analysis, visualization and reporting functionalities, it is likely to be highly effective.
- ▶ Interactive elements, such as practical exercises and case studies can significantly enhance understanding and retention.

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

- ▶ Most relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context
 - ❖ Capacity Assessment is a particular critical component
 - ❖ Capacity building ensures that local institutions and personnel are equipped to plan, implement, monitor and sustain development initiatives independently over long term.
 - ❖ Strengthening capacity helps improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public services, leading to better resources management, service delivery and overall government.
 - ❖ A strong capacity support other SDG-PSS components such as policy implementation, financial management, gender mainstreaming, DRR and maintaining integrity.
 - ▶ Least relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context
- Gender Mainstreaming might be perceived as less immediate in comparison to other components.

Sustainable Development interrelated elements

Social integration

1. Elimination of poverty
2. Elimination of hunger
3. Healthy life and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
7. Affordable and clean energy
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions

Economic growth

8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation, infrastructure
10. Reducing inequality

Environment Protection

6. Clean water and sanitary conditions
13. Climate action
14. Life under water

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