

STRENGTHENING THE C-TIP EFFORTS IN ARMENIA

Armenia's Trafficking Profile

The Republic of Armenia started tracking victims of trafficking in 2004. Over the last three years, there have been 46 reported trafficking cases. Particular attention must be paid to the groups most at risk.

Sex exploitation and trafficking

Women who are not from Armenia working as dancers in nightclubs and LGBTQI+.

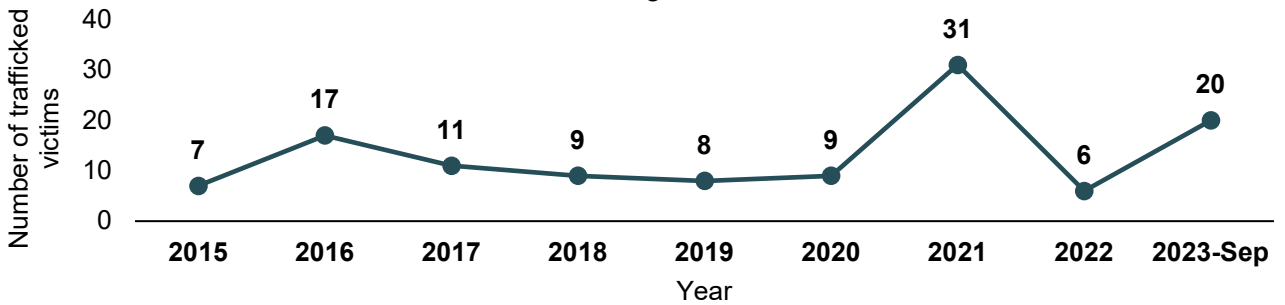


Forced labour and trafficking

Armenian migrants who seek employment in other countries, Armenian women and children who work in agriculture and construction, migrants working in the informal sector and children staying in state.



Number of Human Trafficking Cases in Armenia 2015-2023



Countering Human Trafficking Efforts in the Republic of Armenia

The Republic of Armenia has made tremendous efforts in countering trafficking since 2004 and has produced a three-year National Action Plan to outline interventions across the 3P's: prevention, prosecution, and protection.

Prosecution Interventions in FY21-23

1

Law enforcement has made efforts to improve investigating, prosecuting, and conviction of the defenders. For example, the government adopted an amendment to the Labor Code in October 2022, which included a definition of forced labor.

2

The Police Anti-Trafficking unit was mandated to transfer findings and reports to the investigative committee (2022).

3

Local police units designated one main point of contact for trafficking within their jurisdiction.

4

Anti-trafficking skills building on prosecution was conducted for the police, prosecutors, investigators, migration officers, and municipality staff.

Prosecution Situation in Armenia

	2022	2021	2020
Investigated	8	15	16
Prosecuted	4	8	2
Conviction	2	2	1

Protection Interventions in FY21-23

1 GoAM developed **standardised screening indicators** for human trafficking victims for use during the pre-identification stage. These were indicators for the State Migration Service (2022) and screening indicators for social workers. The procedures to identify child victims among children not enrolled in school were adopted in 2021.

2 **C-TIP stakeholders supported MOLSA to conduct capacity strengthening for first responders** to identify victims. It also included training the C-TIP working group on NAP indicators, first line responders on use of the standardized data collection, and reporting tools for quality TIP data to be collected.

3 **GoAM facilitated provision of social assistance** to the potential trafficked victims during the pre-identification stage which includes temporary shelter, emergency medical services, and psychological services. A one-time monetary compensation was provided to the victims (250,000 Drams) along with access to social, educational, and employment projects. The government also committed to fast tracking the identification of potential victims within a maximum of 10 days.

Protection Situation in Armenia in 2020-2022

	2022	2021	2020
No. of trafficking victims identified	6	31	9
Govt. allocation for protection provided to NGOs (AmD)	28M	40M	40.2M
One-time monetary compensation per victim (AmD)	450,000	250,000	250,000
No. of victims who received one-time monetary compensation	Missing	2	1
No. of victims who received health services	Missing	16	1

Source: MOLSA Division of Anti-Trafficking and Women Issues Reports, 2023

Prevention Interventions in FY21-23

1

NAP implementation: Regular meetings held by the Anti-Trafficking Ministerial Council and the Inter-Agency Working Group against Trafficking in Persons (IWGTP) to monitor progress on the NAP for combating human trafficking and exploitation of persons.

2

Funding allocation: Government allocated between 28-40 million drams per year for prevention efforts and organized awareness campaigns targeting the public, students, and youth.

3

Advocacy efforts: The government funded a website (<http://antitrafficking.am>) that provided news and published anti-trafficking information. GOAM hosted an annual awards ceremony for journalists publishing trafficking stories.

4

Amendment of victim assistance: MOLSA solicited feedback from trafficking survivors and victims on assistance measures in order to amend the 2014 law on victim assistance.

5

Supported improved access to reporting a trafficking case: GoAM has hotlines that are maintained by MOLSA (the NGO funded by the government to provide services to victims) and the Ombudsman office.

Prevention Situation in Armenia

	2022	2021	2020
Anti-trafficking ministerial council meetings	1	0	1
Inter-Agency Working Group against trafficking persons (C-TIP WG Meetings)	6	2	1
Hotline total calls	64	202	Data Missing

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