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# CSOs involvement in Achieving the SDGs Post-COVID-19



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# CRRC-Armenia's mission:



...to address national and regional socio-economic and political challenges via high-quality data collection, analysis and enhancement of the research capacity

## CRRC-Armenia in Brief:

- Policy oriented applied (data driven) research in social sciences;
- Capacity building in the South Caucasus;
- Open data culture; Caucasus Barometer (ODA);
- Awareness raising and much more

# Nationalization of Sustainable Development 2030 agenda



## Phases of Nationalization

- Phase 1. Defining Priorities (committees, consultations, SDNC, etc.)
- Phase 2. Integration (with the Country and Sectoral Strategy documents)
- Phase 3. Localization (reflection in regional development plans)
- Phase 4. Monitoring (establishing mechanisms at national and regional levels)
- Phase 5. Result Reporting (VNRs on implementation of SDGs presented at High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development: 2018 and 2020)

**Roadmap was developed and shared in March 2017**

**CSOs were actively engaged by then 😊**

# Working Groups of Interagency Committee to coordinate the SDG 2030 nationalisation process in Armenia



# CRRC-Armenia contributing to SDG monitoring

- **Analytical Report:** *CSO engagement modality in the implementation of SDGs in Armenia: 'No Poverty' and 'Gender Equality' in focus, 2018*
- **Analytical Report and Policy Brief:** *Promote CSO Targeted Participation and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in SDG Agenda 2030 in Armenia, 2019*
- **CPDE Global Day of Action 2019:** *Working Together to Defend Human Rights and Civic Space for a Just and Sustainable World, 2020*
- **Armenia. Case study on Effectiveness in COVID-19 Response**
- **CPDE 2020 National Campaigns on Shrinking Civic Space** (4 video lectures and much more), 2020-2021

# CRRC-Armenia Other Projects: Covid-19 Related

- **Assessment of Coronavirus Awareness and its Effect, online survey, 2020 (to support the Government)**
- **Armenia: Citizens' Perceptions on COVID-19 pandemic, WB, 2020**
- **Mental health of young people under Covid-19, 2020-2021**
- **Monitoring and Assessing Distributional Impact of COVID-19 in Armenia with High Frequency Phone Survey: Follow-up Surveys in 2021, WB (underway)**
- **Community Poverty Reduction "Know How", Covid-19 vulnerability index**

# A Few Findings From the Citizens' Perceptions on COVID-19 Pandemic Project, WB, 2020

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- The coronavirus is currently perceived as the most pressing issue facing the country (36%) followed by unemployment (33%).
- More than half (54%) of respondents stated that their financial situation has worsened due to the pandemic.
- About one third (35%) has either lost a job or received fewer work hours as a result of the virus.
- To make up for lost income, respondents spend less money on food (36%) and other necessities (43%).
- Thirty percent (30%) of respondents believe their economic situation would remain unchanged 12 months from now while twenty-five (25%) believe it would improve.
- One third (33%) believe their economic situation will worsen after one year.

## CRRC-Armenia: Some projects and Impact Areas



**Community Poverty Reduction  
"Know How",  
Multidimensional Poverty  
Measurement**  
**EU**



**Role of School Snacks on School  
Performance of  
Preschool Children in  
Armenia**  
**WFP**



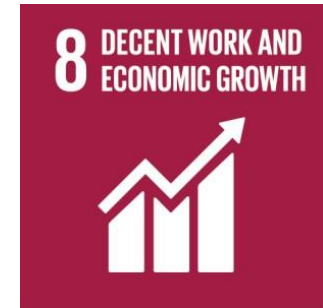
**Outcome Monitoring  
of Sustainable School  
Meal Provision**  
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**Social Protection and  
Safety Nets for  
Enhanced Food  
Security and  
Nutrition**  
**WFP**



**CSO Development  
Program**  
**USAID**  
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**Open Youth Work -  
Empowering Young  
People in Gyumri**  
**EU**



**Causes and  
Consequences of  
Women's Economic  
Inactivity and  
Engagement in the  
Informal Economy**  
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**Women's Labor  
Rights and Economic  
Empowerment in  
Armenia**  
**UN Women**



**Tax Administration  
(TAMP, STAPL)  
Evaluation**  
**WB**  
\* \* \*  
**Tax Perception Survey  
within the Business  
Community**  
**USAID**



# CRRC-Armenia: Some projects and Impact Areas



**Migration and Development:  
Interrelations between  
Public Policies,  
Migration, and  
Development**

**OECD**

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**Elite Dispositions  
Towards Equality And  
Policy**

**Uppsala Univ.**



**Performance  
Evaluation of the  
Territorial and  
Administrative  
Reform of Armenia**

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**Civic Engagement  
in Local Governance**

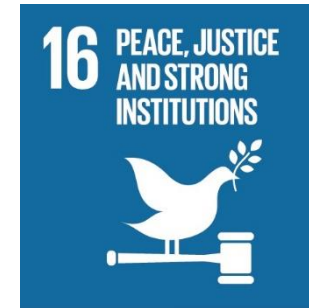
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**USAID**



**Assessment of  
the Effectiveness  
of State  
Environmental  
Subventions**

**EU**



**Access to Justice  
and Human  
Rights in  
Armenia**

**ABA-Roli, USAID**



**Understanding  
Forestry-Poverty-  
Energy Linkages  
in Armenia**

**WB**

# SDG Monitoring Platforms: are Stakeholders Engaged?

## High level political forums and VNRs

However, much depends on how the VNR is Prepared and Communicated!!!

In Armenia it could serve as a better instrument ...

- if the chance for including all relevant stakeholders in the SDG implementation is used properly (**catalyzer**)
- if it is a kick-starter for mapping existing policies and their compatibility with the SDGs, implementation gaps and data availability (**stocktaking**)
- if institutional arrangements made have proved useful for SDG implementation (**coordination**)
- if the chance for integrated policy-making and service delivery is in place (**whole of Government approach**)
- if the areas in which the country requires additional support for implementation are identified and communicated (**support tool**)
- if it serves a **communication tool** between the Government and citizens, civil society, academia, sub-national and local governments etc.

## Open Data

NSC: <https://open-sdg.readthedocs.io/en/latest/case-studies/armenia/>

www.Armstat.am <https://armstat.github.io/sdg-site-armenia/>

Open Government Partnership: <https://www.ogp.am/en/>

# National Statistical Committee and SDGs

## Armenia data for Sustainable Development Goal indicators

Click on each goal, or [search](#), for Armenia statistics for Sustainable Development Goal global indicators.

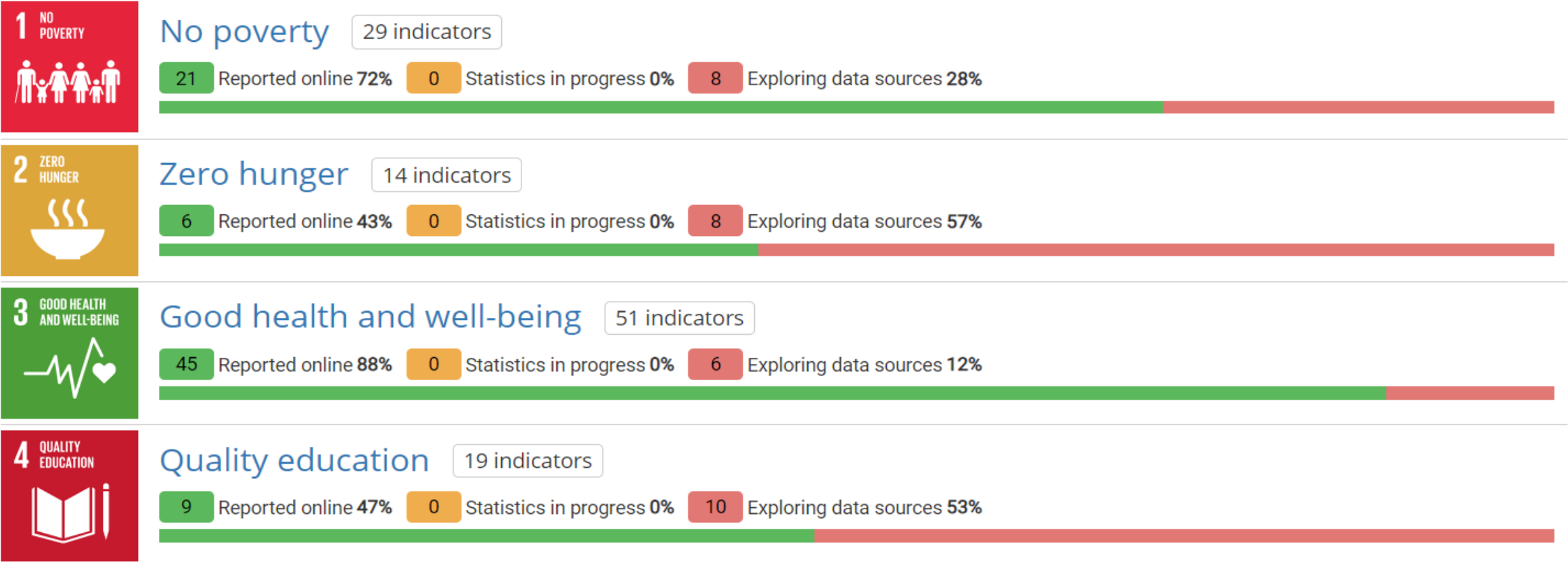


# National Statistical Committee and SDGs: frequency of updates

## Overall Reporting Status 321 indicators



## Status by goal





# Thank you

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