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The Programme is part of the EC Food Security Thematic Programme to improve food security for the poorest and the most vulnerable.

The Programme aims at improving food security by enhancing the capacity of national institutions to generate, analyse and communicate high quality food security information for better policies and programmes.

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The Programme in Armenia works with the Government to reduce food insecurity and poverty by improving the quality and exchange of information across institutions. It also promotes the use of evidence-based analyses and assessments.

Poverty is a main cause of food insecurity. In spite of impressive progress in the last decade, 28 percent of the population was living in poverty in 2008 and the global economic crisis has reversed positive trends.

The Programme is implemented together with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), the National Statistical Service (NSS) and the Armstatehydromet (Armenia State Hydrometeorological and Monitoring Service), in cooperation with relevant partners' initiatives.



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MAIN PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

Improving food security indicators

FAO provides expertise to improve the quality and use of indicators produced by the National Statistical Service (NSS).

Improving agro-meteorological forecasts

FAO assists the Armstatehydromet in improving the methodology used to produce forecasts and communicate these to decentralized support centres.

Establishing a food security information management system

The workstation will help improve the management and exchange of food security information among governmental institutions, including the MoA, NSS and Armstatehydromet.

Supporting evidence-based analyses

FAO assists in the preparation of analyses and assessments that are critical for evidence-based policy making and programme planning.



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