

ACTION PLAN FOR 2020-2022 DERIVING FROM NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Objective: A minimum growth of 10% in the number of criminal proceedings initiated for domestic violence and submitted for examination in a court of law.

- *Baseline data: 378 cases of domestic violence were examined during 10 months of 2019, of which 95 cases led to the initiation of criminal proceedings (with 22 cases submitted for examination in a court of law and 73 cases dismissed); the initiation of criminal proceedings based on existing materials was rejected for 283 cases. 585 cases of domestic violence were examined during 10 months of 2019, of which 113 cases led to the initiation of criminal proceedings (with 21 submitted for examination in a court of law and 92 dismissed); initiation of criminal proceedings based on existing materials was rejected in 472 cases.*

Task: Reducing the mortality rate and enhancing protection levels for target groups.

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity (entities)	Co-implementing body (bodies)	Deadline	Funding
1	To conduct a training (courses) on the right to life in compliance with international standards, including for commanding officers of the armed forces, military police personnel, investigators, prosecutors, judges, lawyers, and correctional facility staff	1. Training given to 18% of commanding officers 2. The subject entitled <i>Human Rights in the Armed Forces</i> introduced in the curricula of the Qualification Enhancement Center for Officers (QECO) and Commanding Headquarters Faculty (CHF) of the Vazgen Sargsyan Military University	Fatalities in the armed forces decreased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		Training given to 17% of military police personnel	Fatalities in the armed forces decreased along with human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal cases initiated in relation to such fatalities	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Police Academy of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 8% of investigators	Human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal cases initiated in relation to fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 4% of prosecutors	Fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities decreased along with human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal cases initiated in relation to such fatalities	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		

		Training given to 41% of judges	Human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal cases initiated in relation to fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Commission on Educational Matters of the General Assembly of Judges Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 25% of correctional facilities personnel	Fatalities in correctional facilities decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
2	To raise awareness of the right to life among military conscripts, military personnel, and imprisoned persons	1. Posters regarding human rights (right to life, the prohibition of tortures) exhibited in 60% of military bases and military conscription offices 1.1 Fifteen awareness-building activities dedicated to the right to life conducted in the military bases and military conscription offices 1.2 At least 3 sets of informational materials on human rights and legal	Fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities decreased	1. Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		<p>remedies developed and disseminated in military bases and military conscription offices</p> <p>1.3 At least 3 video recordings dedicated to human rights in the armed forces developed and disseminated through the mass media</p> <p>2. Posters regarding human rights (right to life, the prohibition of tortures) exhibited in 100% of correctional facilities</p> <p>2.1 At least 10 sets of informational materials on human rights and legal remedies developed and disseminated in correctional facilities</p> <p>2.2 At least 3 video recordings dedicated to human rights in correctional facilities developed and disseminated through the mass media</p>		2. Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia			
3	To enhance the climate of tolerance and mutual respect in the armed forces	<p>1. Research conducted to look into the causes of demonstrations of intolerance in the military forces, its contributing factors, and coping methods</p> <p>2. Classes by psychologists organized in 30% of military bases</p>	Fatalities caused by practices contrary to codebooks in the armed forces decreased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>	Regularly in 2020-2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

4	To establish criteria for prompt and transparent investigation of fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities	Regulatory instruments (guidelines) for prompt and transparent investigation of fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities with reference to deadlines for investigatory and judicial activities, procedures, legal successors/representatives of survivors and general public notification periods established	Human rights violations during pretrial proceedings of criminal cases initiated for fatalities in the armed forces and correctional facilities decreased	With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia Police of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	First half of 2022	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
5	To criminalize the domestic violence and the violence against women in accordance with international standards	The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Penal Code submitted to the National Assembly	The scope of survivors of domestic violence who enjoy efficient criminal and legal protection increased due to the adoption of the bill Rulings to dismiss the institution of criminal proceedings for domestic violence or to discontinue them due to the absence of substantive grounds contrary to international standards decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia Police of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
6	To establish legislation on procedural guarantees of remedy for survivors of domestic violence and violence against women in accordance with international standards	1. An analysis conducted to look into the compliance of the Code of Criminal Procedure with international standards	Rulings to dismiss the institution of criminal proceedings for domestic violence or to discontinue them due to the absence of substantive grounds	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		2. The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure submitted to the National Assembly	and/or procedural guarantees contrary to international standards decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill		With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia Police of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
7	Training was offered on the subject of domestic violence and violence against women in line with international standards including to police officers, investigators, prosecutors, judges and medical personnel, representatives of educational institutions, and the staff of support centers for victims of domestic violence	Training given to 10% of police officers	Fatalities resulting from domestic violence and violence against women have decreased along with human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal proceedings initiated for such cases	Police of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
Training given to 23% of investigators		Human rights violations occurring during the investigation of criminal cases initiated for domestic violence and violence against women decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia			
Training given to 11% of prosecutors		Human rights violations during the pretrial proceedings for criminal cases initiated for domestic violence and violence against women decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia			

		Training given to 61% of judges	Human rights violations during the judicial examination of criminal cases initiated for domestic violence and violence against women decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Commission on Educational Matters of the General Assembly of Judges		
		Training given to 90% of staff members in support centers for victims of domestic violence	Incidence of domestic violence and violence against women decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
		Training given to 30% of the representatives of educational institutions	Incidence of domestic violence and violence against children decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
		Training given to 5% of the healthcare staff	The response quality to victims of domestic violence improved	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
8	1. To create support centers and shelters for survivors of domestic violence 2. Enhancement of services for survivors of domestic violence and their dependents, if necessary	1. Eleven support centers and two shelters created for survivors of domestic violence 2. Services established under the law provided to 1,800 persons	Fatalities resulting from domestic violence decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2020 Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
9	To adopt an action plan to fight domestic violence	A governmental decree on approving the action plan to fight domestic violence passed	Incidents of domestic violence and violence against women leading to death decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Police of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget

					<p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>		
10	To adopt an action plan to fight violence against the elderly (persons of retirement age)	A governmental decree on approving the action plan to fight violence against the elderly (persons of retirement age) passed	Incidents of violence against the elderly leading to death decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Second half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget
11	To examine fatalities and health damage resulting from non-traditional medical practices	<p>1. To conduct a study on judicial procedures and applicable international practices regarding private medical or pharmaceutical practices without state registration, registration or special licensing</p> <p>2. To formulate recommendations based on the results of the study conducted</p>	The policymaker is aware of the problems existing in the field	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

Prohibition of tortures

Objective: A minimum growth of 5% in criminal proceedings initiated for torture and submitted for examination in a court of law.

- *Baseline data: In 2018, criminal proceedings were initiated or submitted for examination for 98 cases of ill-treatment by the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia, police or correctional facilities personnel (Article 309(2), Article 309.1 of the Penal Code of the Republic of Armenia), of which 3 criminal cases were filed for trial with indictment against 4 persons, 57 cases were dismissed, 16 cases were withdrawn due to unknown identity, 4 cases were forwarded to reporting investigative authorities, and 18 cases were joined with other criminal proceedings. In the first half of 2019, criminal proceedings were initiated or submitted for examination for 80 cases, of which 4 criminal cases were filed for trial with indictment against 7 persons, 39 cases were dismissed, 7 cases were withdrawn due to unknown identity, 3 cases were forwarded to reporting investigative authorities, 5 cases were joined with other criminal proceedings, and pretrial criminal proceedings continue in 22 cases.*

Task: Reduce torture and ill-treatment rates through efficient investigation

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
12	To install video and audio recording equipment in police and military police stations of the Republic of Armenia	1. Video cameras installed in 12 police stations of the Republic of Armenia	Incidents involving torture, cruel or degrading treatment decreased in police stations of the Republic of Armenia; video and audio recordings were used as evidence in criminal proceedings initiated for such incidents Violations of rights enjoyed by parties to criminal trials during pretrial criminal proceedings decreased along with incidents of obtaining evidence in violation of regulations for investigative and procedural practices	Police of the Republic of Armenia		1. Second half of 2020 2. First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
		2. Video cameras installed in 22 police stations of the Republic of Armenia					
		3. 8 video cameras placed in each of 13 military police stations, 3 detachments, and 1 military base	Incidents involving torture, cruel or degrading treatment have decreased in military police stations of the Republic of Armenia; video and audio	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2021	

			<p>recordings were used as evidence in criminal proceedings initiated for such incidents</p> <p>Violations of rights enjoyed by parties to criminal trials during pretrial criminal proceedings decreased along with incidents of obtaining evidence in violation of regulations on investigative and procedural practices</p>				
13	To procure affordable vehicles for transportation of arrested and detained persons (including persons with special needs and disabilities) in compliance with international standards	Forty-four vehicles for transportation of imprisoned persons (including persons with special needs and disabilities) procured	Incidents of ill-treatment of arrested and detained persons	Police of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
14	To establish legislation on applying the statute of limitations for cases of torture	The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Penal Code submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Decisions to dismiss or to discontinue criminal proceedings for cases of domestic violence decreased after the bill was adopted	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget
15	To develop guidelines for interpreting and applying the terms "severe physical pain" and "mental suffering" in compliance with international standards	1. Studies conducted on definitions of the terms "severe physical pain" and "mental suffering" in the context of torture	Incidence of torture decreased along with decisions to dismiss or to discontinue criminal proceedings for such incidents	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the General Prosecutor's</p>	First half of 2021	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

		<p>2. The Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia adopted guidelines for law enforcers on interpretation and application of these terms</p> <p>3. These guidelines are used for classes at the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p>			<p>Office of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>		
16	To renovate cells in correctional facilities in compliance with international norms	<p>1. To examine the conditions of cells in correctional facilities</p> <p>2. At least 25 cells in correctional facilities have been renovated</p>	Detention conditions for imprisoned inmates improved; the risks of inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons reduced	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
17	Special cells for inmates with suicidal tendencies have been equipped in correctional facilities	Special cells have been equipped in at least 2 correctional facilities	Suicides in correctional facilities decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2021	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
18	To put in place a mechanism for anonymous reporting of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Mechanisms set up in the armed forces for anonymous reporting of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment in armed forces decreased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	First half of 2022	State budget
		Mechanisms put in place in correctional facilities for anonymous reporting	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the		

		of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	in correctional facilities decreased		Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Mechanisms put in place in mental health institutions for anonymous reporting of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment in mental health institutions decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Mechanisms put in place in childcare institutions for anonymous reporting of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment in childcare institutions decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
19	To ensure that victims of torture have effective implementation mechanisms to exercise their rights to psychological, social and legal services	The rules and procedures for victims of torture to exercise their rights to psychological, social and legal services improved and efficiently applied	Victims of torture and other ill-treatment receive rehabilitation services from the state including medical, psychological, social and legal services Guarantees of legal remedies for victims of torture provided	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2020	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
20	To increase the number of rooms for asylum seekers	The number of rooms for asylum seekers increased by a hundred	Incidence of inhuman or degrading treatment towards asylum-seekers decreased	Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia	Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2020	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
21	To improve the conditions of cells intended for imprisoned persons in courts in compliance with international standards	The conditions of at least 3 cells intended for imprisoned persons in courts have been improved in compliance with international standards	Incidence of inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
22	To pass legislation regulating appropriate conditions for holding imprisoned persons in court cells by accurately defining the roles of bailiffs and accompanying police detachments in this respect	To conduct the study in order to reveal deficiencies existing in this area, including to provide them with food and medical care, to preserve their health, and	Incidence of inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Judicial Department of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		to ensure their safety in the court building The bill submitted to the National Assembly for consideration			Police of the Republic of Armenia		
23	To staff the Special Investigation Service with field agents	An operative intelligence unit created within the Special Investigation Service and has been staffed with at least 3 field agents	The efficiency of investigating criminal cases improved by eliminating the need to assign agents from other investigative entities	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
24	To raise awareness of the rights of persons with mental health problems	1. Posters regarding human rights exhibited in 100% of mental health institutions 2. At least 2 sets of informational materials on human rights and legal remedies developed and disseminated in mental health institutions 3. 1 video recording dedicated to human rights in mental health institutions were developed and disseminated through the mass media 4. One awareness-raising campaign on the rights of persons with mental health problems conducted	Incidence of inhuman or degrading treatment and towards persons with mental health problems and violations of their other rights have decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	1. First half of 2021 2. Second half of 2021 3. Second half of 2022 4. First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
25	To pass legislation banning corporal punishment of a child	The bills submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	The adoption of the bill led to decreased incidence of violence against children	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

					Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
26	Training was given on torture, inhuman or degrading treatment in accordance with international standards, including for police officers, military police officers, investigators, prosecutors, judges, mental health institution staff members and childcare institution staff members, correctional facility staff members, and medical personnel	Training given to 21% of police officers	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons and persons held in custody in police stations of the Republic of Armenia decreased	Police of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
		Training given to 35% of military police officers	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards persons held in custody in military police stations of the Republic of Armenia decreased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 51% of investigators	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons and other participants of criminal trials decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		

		Training given to 7% of prosecutors	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons and other participants of criminal trials decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>		
		Training given to 10% of judges	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons and other participants of criminal trials decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Commission on Educational Matters of the General Assembly of Judges</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>		
		Training given to 15% of staff members in mental health institutions	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards persons held in mental health institutions decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>		
		Training given to 50% of staff members in childcare institutions	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards children held in childcare institutions decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		

					Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 25% of officers in correctional facilities	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons and other participants of criminal trials decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		
		Training given to 25% of medical staff employed in correctional facilities	Incidence of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment towards imprisoned persons decreased; the number of detected incidents of torture and ill-treatment risen	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR		

Right to a fair trial

Objective: Decrease in the number of complaints filed to the ECHR for violations of the right to a fair trial.

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Task: Decrease of defendants' human rights violations and number of complaints

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
27	To ensure video and audio recording of investigative and procedural actions	Audio and video recording equipment is available in 85 subdivisions of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia	Violations of rights enjoyed by parties to criminal trials during pretrial criminal proceedings decreased along with incidents of obtaining	With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		Audio and video recording equipment is available at the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia	evidence in violation of regulations on investigative and procedural practices	With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	
28	To equip investigation units for identification and confrontation purposes so that participants of investigative procedures are placed outside of mutual visual contact	In 10 subdivisions of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia, rooms have been set up for identification and confrontation purposes so that participants of investigative procedures are placed outside of mutual visual contact	During identification and confrontation, violations of rights of identifying and identified persons respectively and the rights of confronted (interrogated) persons decreased	With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2021	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
		In 2 subdivisions of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia, rooms have been set up for identification and confrontation purposes so that participants of investigative procedures are placed outside of mutual visual contact		With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	
29	To establish legislation setting forth clear standards for the use of bail as an alternative measure of pretrial restraint	The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure submitted to the National Assembly	The use of detention as a pretrial measure of restraint and the discretionary use of bail decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	First half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget
30	To establish legislation on the procedure of explanatory deposition	The bills submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Human rights violations during explanatory depositions decreased as a result of the adoption of these bills	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Police of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

					With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
31	To review the legal regulations for detention procedures	The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure submitted to the National Assembly	Human rights violations during detention procedures decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Police of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget
32	To establish legislation on the concept of "reporting a crime" by specifying the requirements for the contents of such reporting	The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure has been submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Violations of crime victims' rights and the number of rulings to dismiss the institution of criminal proceedings contrary to international standards decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget
33	To establish legislation enhancing criminal and legal coverage for persons engaging in human rights protection activities	1. A study of international practices conducted with reference to international standards and best practices of criminal and legal coverage for persons engaging in human rights protection activities 2. Based on the results of this study, the bill introducing changes and amendments into the Penal Code has been submitted to the National Assembly for consideration; or relevant guidelines have been approved	Violations of rights of persons engaged in human rights protection activities decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	The Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law

34	To conduct training on the right to a fair trial in compliance with international standards, including for police officers, military police officers, investigators, prosecutors, and judges	Training given to 21% of police officers	Violations of the right to a fair trial by the police of the Republic of Armenia during the pretrial criminal proceedings decreased	Police of the Republic of Armenia		Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
		Training given to 30% of military police officers	Violations of the right to a fair trial by the military police of the Republic of Armenia during the pretrial criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia			
		Training given to 11% of investigators of the Special Investigations Service	Violations of the right to a fair trial during the pretrial criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Armenia		
		Training given to 25% of prosecutors	Violations of the right to a fair trial during the pretrial criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia		
		Training given to 41% of judges	Violations of the right to a fair trial during criminal, civil and administrative proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		

					With the consent of the Commission on Educational Matters of the General Assembly of Judges		
35	To improve legislative regulations concerning the notification to appear before an examining authority	<p>1. A study has been conducted on attachment procedures to look into their compliance with international standards and best practices</p> <p>2. The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure has been submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Human rights violations related to the notification to appear before an examining authority decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Second half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
36	To improve legislative regulation for a legal and procedural measure of attachment of property	<p>1. A study has been conducted on attachment procedures to look into their compliance with international standards and best practices</p> <p>2. The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Code of Criminal Procedure has been submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Human rights violations stemming from the attachment of property decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
37	To improve legislative grounds and standards for the conduct of intelligence operations and the use of information so obtained in compliance with international standards	<p>1. A study dedicated to the Law on Intelligence Operations has been conducted to look into its compliance with international standards</p> <p>The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Intelligence Operations</p>	Human rights violations during intelligence operations decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Police of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

		has been submitted to the National Assembly for consideration					
38	Improve personal data protection mechanisms	<p>1. To conduct a study into existing deficiencies of personal data processing from the perspective of best international practices</p> <p>2. To submit recommendations to the staff of the Prime Minister based on the results of this study</p>	The conditions for personal data protection improved	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget

Equality of rights, non-discrimination

Objective: Increased number of complaints filed with the Council on Equal Rights.

- *Baseline data: 0*

Task: Existence of legal mechanisms aimed at ensuring the quality of rights

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
39	To establish legislation defining the concept and types of discrimination, protection avenues, and mechanisms, as well as guarantees for establishing and operating an entity to deal with issues of equal rights in compliance with international standards	The bill of the Law on Equality of Rights submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Human rights violations based on any ground decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget
40	Training was given on equality of rights and non-discrimination	Training given to 14% of police officers	Incidence of discrimination during	Police of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget

			investigations for criminal proceedings and in police stations of the Republic of Armenia decreased		Defender of the Republic of Armenia		Other sources not prohibited by law
	Training given to 8% of investigators		Incidence of discrimination during investigations for criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
	Training given to 11% of prosecutors		Incidence of discrimination during investigations for criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
	Training given to 62% of judges		Incidence of discrimination during investigations for criminal proceedings decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
	Training given to 5% of medical staff members		Incidence of discrimination in healthcare decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
	Training given to 50% of social workers		Incidence of discrimination in social work decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		
	Training given to 10% of education staff members		Incidence of discrimination in education decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		

41	To raise awareness on equality of rights and prohibition of discrimination on any grounds	<p>1. At least 3 sets of informational materials on equality of rights and non-discrimination including on legal remedies developed and disseminated</p> <p>2. At least 3 video recordings dedicated to the equality of rights and non-discrimination developed and disseminated through the mass media</p> <p>3. At least 5 awareness-raising campaigns dedicated to the equality of rights and nondiscrimination conducted</p>	Incidence of discrimination decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Regularly in 2020-2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
42	To define responsibility for hate speech in compliance with international norms	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the international standards and best practices related to the responsibility for hate speech (including online)</p> <p>2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into legal instrument(s) submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Demonstrations of hate speech and violations of rights of specific groups decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
43	Activities aimed at the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the 2006 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Enhancing new opportunities for efficient protection of the rights and legitimate interests of persons with disabilities	Incidence of discrimination against persons with disabilities decreased due to the ratification of the convention	Ministry of foreign affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

44	To raise awareness of hate speech	<p>1. 5 sets of informational materials on hate speech developed and disseminated</p> <p>2. At least 3 video recordings dedicated to the prohibition of hate speech developed and disseminated through the mass media</p> <p>3. At least 2 awareness-raising campaigns dedicated to hate speech conducted</p>	Demonstrations of hate speech and violations of rights of specific groups decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR</p>	Regularly in 2020-2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
45	To establish legislation on the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and guarantees of their social inclusion	<p>The bill of the Law on Persons with Disabilities of the Republic of Armenia submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p> <p>The bill of the Law on the Assessment of a Person's Functionality submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Discrimination against persons with disabilities decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia</p>	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2020	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
46	To establish legislation on rules to provide medical assistance and care to persons with disabilities	An order by the Minister of Health issued to establish legislation on rules to provide medical assistance and care to persons with disabilities	Incidence of discrimination against persons with disabilities during the provision of medical assistance and care decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
47	Ensure the involvement of persons with disabilities including persons with mental health problems in decision-making that affects them	1. A study conducted to look into existing legal deficiencies in the field	Incidence of discrimination against persons with disabilities including	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget

		and the means to overcome them 2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Civil Code submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	persons with mental health problems stemming from lack of participation in decision-making that affects them decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill		With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia		Other sources not prohibited by law
48	To promote the engagement of women in the armed forces	1. This study conducted to look into the motives behind enlistment, continued service and demobilization of women in the armed forces 2. A position to deal with promotion and protection of the rights of female military personnel assigned 3. 5 video recordings dedicated to service of female military personnel in the armed forces developed and disseminated through the mass media	Number of the female military personnel in the armed forces increased	Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

Right to health

Objective: To enhance the most efficient mechanisms and methods to exercise the right to health

Task: Creation of the required infrastructure to exercise the right to health and improved level of quality healthcare and public awareness

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected impact	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
49	To raise the public awareness on medical services guaranteed by the state	1. The list of medical services guaranteed by the state posted in 150 medical institutions	Violations of the rights to medical assistance and care guaranteed by the state decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the Yerevan City Council Ministry of Territorial Administration and	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget

					Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia		Other sources not prohibited by law
50	To increase the number of institutions offering psychiatric and rehabilitation services to children	<p>1. 1 in-patient mental health department for children founded</p> <p>2. 1 support center offering rehabilitation services to children founded</p>	Violations of the children's right to mental health have decreased, and the accessibility of rehabilitation medical assistance increased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia		<p>1. First half of 2022</p> <p>2. Second half of 2020</p>	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
51	To raise public awareness of the palliative medical assistance and care	Public awareness-raising activities conducted along with campaigns on palliative medical assistance and care through the mass media and informational materials	The population is aware of the palliative medical assistance and care and the related rights; there has been an increase in the number of requests for palliative medical assistance and care from patients in need of palliative care.	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
52	To conduct ongoing educational programs for medical personnel and students on palliative medical assistance and care as well as on pain syndrome management	<p>1. Educational programs and training on palliative medical assistance and care and pain syndrome management available and offered on an ongoing basis in medical and educational institutions</p> <p>2. Educational programs and training on palliative medical assistance and care and pain syndrome management available and offered on an ongoing basis in medical and educational institutions</p> <p>3. All necessary modern clinical guidelines on pain</p>	Violations of the rights of patients related to the provision of palliative medical assistance and care, prescription of medication containing psychotropic substances decreased	<p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia</p>		First half of 2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

		syndrome management developed, adopted and disseminated in medical institutions and among medical professionals					
53	To ensure proper medical assistance and care for imprisoned inmates suffering from hepatitis C	A sufficient amount of pan-genotypic medication procured for imprisoned inmates and persons suffering from hepatitis C	The number of imprisoned inmates suffering from hepatitis C decreased.	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
54	To raise awareness of the right to healthcare and medical assistance (including sexual and reproductive health) including for persons with disabilities as well as inmates of correctional facilities and persons placed in mental health institutions	<p>1. Posters on the rights to healthcare and medical assistance exhibited in 90% of medical institutions and correctional facilities</p> <p>2. At least 1 set of informational materials on the rights to healthcare and medical assistance including for visually impaired persons, inmates of correctional institutions and persons placed in mental health institutions developed and disseminated</p> <p>3. At least 1 set of informational materials on the rights to healthcare and medical assistance including for hearing impaired persons,</p>	Violations of the right to health decreased; early preventions of diseases increased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

		<p>inmates of correctional institutions and persons placed in mental health institutions developed and disseminated through the mass media</p> <p>4. One awareness-building campaign (a single campaign according to dates) conducted on the rights to healthcare and medical assistance</p>					
55	To conduct training on specifics of the medical assistance and care for persons with disabilities	5% of the medical staff members in operating medical institutions	Incidence of inappropriate medical assistance and care provided to persons with disabilities decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Regularly in 2020-2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
<p>Freedom of assembly</p> <p>Objective: Decrease in the number of complaints filed to the ECHR for violations of the freedom of assembly</p> <p>Task: To adopt necessary legal reforms by reducing the number of complaints and violations at the hands of the police while taking the measures during assemblies</p>							
Item No.	Action	Expected immediate result	Expected impact	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
56	To introduce changes in the Law on Freedom of Assembly in compliance with international norms	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the compliance of the Law Freedom of Assembly with international standards</p> <p>2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Freedom of Assembly submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	<p>The adoption of the bill has reduced violations of the rights of those participating in assemblies including the use of disproportionate force against them</p> <p>Violations of the rights of the representatives of the mass media covering</p>	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

			the assemblies reduced				
57	To organize training on the international standards of the freedom of assembly	Training given to 24% of police officers	Violations of the rights of the participants of assemblies by the police of the Republic of Armenia decreased	Police of the Republic of Armenia		Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
58	To establish legislation on the terms and conditions for the activities of the police of the Republic of Armenia in compliance with international standards	To establish legislation on the terms and conditions for the activities of the police of the Republic of Armenia related to the assemblies in compliance with international standards	Violations of the rights of the participants of assemblies by the police decreased	Police of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law

Right to education

Objective: To maintain universal access to general education for all

Task: Reduction of dropouts, ensuring the right to education for persons with disabilities and improvement of school curricula

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
59	To introduce subjects discussing human rights in general education schools in the context of new curricula standards based on the Democracy Culture Capacities framework developed by the Council of Europe	1. A course on human rights developed for general education institutions 2. Training given to 60% of persons teaching human rights 3. A legal instrument adopted to incorporate the course on human rights into the general education curriculum	Violations of the rights of persons of school age decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
60	To establish legislation on enhancing the mechanisms to exercise the right to education for identification and registration of children dropped out of school	Ordinance by the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia issued to regulate the identification	The number of children dropped out of the education system decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget

		and registration of children dropped out of school and their engagement in education			With the consent of the Yerevan City Council		Other sources not prohibited by law
61	A strategy and an action plan to ensure inclusive education have been adopted for all educational levels	<p>Training given to 40% of teachers with new training modules</p> <p>Newly constructed educational institutions have a universal architectural design / 10% of general education institutions adapted to a universal architectural design</p> <p>A mechanism for data collection and monitoring of inclusive education put in place</p>	Violations of the right to education for persons with special education needs decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Yerevan City Council</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Second half of 2020	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
62	To establish legislation defining the principles of academic performance in compliance with international principles	<p>1. To incorporate the term "academic good conduct" into the law on higher education and science of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>2. The authorized body in the area of higher education and science developed and approved sample regulations on academic good conduct for institutions of higher education</p> <p>3. Institutions of higher education of the Republic of Armenia developed and published the rules of academic good conduct</p>	Violations of the rules of academic good conduct and the right to education in higher education institutions decreased	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
Freedom of expressing an opinion							

Objective: According to the World Press Freedom Index¹, the Republic of Armenia has improved its position by at least 5 spots.

- *Baseline data: In 2019, the Republic of Armenia holds the 61st position among 180 countries.*

Task: Decrease in the number of complaints filed for restrictions on the freedom of speech

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
63	To establish legislation with the requirement to reveal real owners of the organizations registered in the Republic of Armenia and operating in the mass media as well as to publish information regarding them	The bill submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	The adoption of the bill led to fewer restrictions on the exercise of human rights and of the right to information for the mass media outlets and fewer violations of the person's right to unbiased and quality information	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the National Commission on Television and Radio of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
64	To review the restrictions on licensing and broadcasting procedures for the media outlets	The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Television and Radio submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	The adoption of the bill led to fewer restrictions on the right to collect and disseminate information for the media outlets and to fewer rejections of licensing applications	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the National Commission on Television and Radio of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
65	To conduct training on the human right to receive information with reference to domestic legislation and international standards	Training given to all officers of public bodies responsible for providing information	Violations of the right to receive information decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
66	To sign the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents	The convention signed	The ratification of the convention led to international mechanisms of access to information in place	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget

¹<https://www.panorama.am/en/news/2019/04/18/Armenia-World-Press-Freedom-Index/2102510>

67	To amend the Law on Conscience and Religious Organizations	The bill submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	<p>The adoption of the bill laid the groundwork to enhance the legislative guarantees for the freedom of conscience and religion</p> <p>The law adopted in 1991 is aligned with the constitutional regulations and international commitments assumed by the country</p>	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2022	No funding is required from the State Budget

Right to property

Objective: Decrease in the number of complaints filed to the ECHR for violations of the right to property

- **Task:** Decrease in the number of violations and complaints filed in relation to the right to property

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
68	To introduce changes into the Law on Alienation for Public and State Needs in compliance with international standards	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the compliance of the Law on Alienation for Public and State Needs from the perspective of international standards</p> <p>2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Alienation for Public and State Needs submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	The adoption of the bill led to a decrease in violations of the right to property resulting from the alienation of property for public and state needs; people given fair compensation for violations of the right to property	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia in the ECHR	<p>1. Second half of 2021</p> <p>2. First half of 2022</p>	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

Right to employment

Objective: Increase in the number of complaints filed with the labor inspectorate

- *Baseline data: 0*

Task: Creation of an efficient institutional and legal framework for the protection of labor rights

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
69	To raise the awareness of labor rights including their protection mechanisms	<p>1. At least 1 set of informational materials on labor rights developed and disseminated</p> <p>2. 1 video recording dedicated to labor rights developed and disseminated through the mass media</p>	Violations of human labor rights decreased in public and private sectors	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	<p>With the consent of the Council of Public Television and Radio Company of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
70	To establish legislation on simplified procedures for the regulation of labor relations in compliance with international standards	<p>1. A study conducted to look into the compliance of the Labor Code of the Republic of Armenia with international commitments and standards</p> <p>2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Labor Code submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Violations of labor rights of persons decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2020	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
71.	To establish legislation introducing a holistic and efficient public control system to ensure compliance with the requirements of the labor legislation	The draft of the legal instrument submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Violations of labor rights of persons decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Health and labor inspection authority	Second half of 2020	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

72	To adopt the National Program for Work Safety and Health Protection in compliance with international standards and commitments	A governmental decree passed to approve the program	Violations of labor rights of persons due to the absence of a healthy and safe working environment decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Health and Labor Inspectorate Confederation of Trade Unions Union of Employers	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
73.	To pass legislation defining the methodology of risk-based controls by the Health and Labor Inspectorate and the general description of risk determination standards as well as the checklist with control questions	The legislative instrument on approving the methodology of risk-based controls by the Health and Labor Inspectorate and the general description of risk determination standards as well as the checklist with control questions adopted	Violations of labor rights of persons decreased	Inspection Bodies' Coordination Bureau	Health and Labor Inspectorate Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
74.	To pass improved legislation on the toolset for the activities of professional associations (trade unions)	The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Trade Unions submitted to the National Assembly for consideration	Violations of labor rights of persons decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Health and Labor Inspectorate Confederation of Trade Unions Union of Employers	First half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law

Right to Social Security and minimal living conditions

Objective: A minimum of 3% of poverty reduction

- *Baseline data: the assessed poverty level in 2017 was 25.7%*

Task: Improving the access to social services for the socially disadvantaged and the reduction of the number of families living in poverty

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
75	To increase state-paid pensions	The average pension increased by 10%	Progressive growth of the average old-age pension versus inflation ensured	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia		2020-2022	State budget

76	To provide legislation setting forth the procedure, conditions and mechanisms for the assistance to young families and families with children	The bill(s) to introduce legislative changes submitted to the National Assembly for consideration; governmental decree(s) passed	The passage of legislative acts led to an increase in marriage and birth rate; the social situation of young families and families with children improved	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law
77	Implementation of a system aimed at creating a sustainable income for disadvantaged families	The system put in place, its implementation started, and training given	Disadvantaged families overcome poverty	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2021	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
78	Development and implementation of a subsystem based on online applications to recalculate pensions for working pensioners	The subsystem to recalculate pensions for working pensioners put in operation	The application for the recalculation of the pension for a working pensioner may be filed online	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia		Second half of 2020	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law

Rights of the child

Objective: Decrease in the number of crimes against children by a minimum of 5%

- *Baseline data: in 2018, 317 criminal proceedings were filed for crimes against children and were investigated by the bodies of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia and its subdivisions compared to 265 criminal cases in the previous year. 76 criminal cases out of 317 were of sexual nature. In 2019, the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia pursued criminal proceedings for 209 cases, of which 51 were of sexual nature.*

Task: Prevention and elimination of violence against children, trafficking and other crimes related to children

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
79	To introduce changes into the Law on the Rights of the Child of the Republic of Armenia by defining the main concepts and the procedures for the establishment of the National Commission on Protection of the Rights of the Child	1. A study dedicated to the Law on the Rights of the Child conducted to look into its compliance with international standards; best international practices for	Violations of the rights of the child decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Police of the Republic of Armenia Yerevan City Council	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

		<p>the protection of the rights of the child examined</p> <p>2. The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on the Rights of the Child submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>			<p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>		Other sources not prohibited by law
80	To adopt legislation setting forth the protection of the right of the child in the criminal justice system in compliance with international standards	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the compliance of the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure with international standards (the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Council of Europe Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, also known as “the Lanzarote Convention”)</p> <p>2. The bill to introduce changes and amendments into the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p> <p>3. The ratification package for the Lanzarote Convention submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	Violations of the rights of the child in criminal proceedings along with cases of sexual abuse against children decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the General Prosecutor’s Office of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2022	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
81	To improve child adoption procedures	<p>1. A study conducted to look into child adoption procedures</p> <p>2. Legal child adoption mechanisms reviewed along with the procedure</p>	Illegal adoptions children decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	First half of 2021	No funding is required from the State Budget

		and conditions for issuing opinions 3. The drafts of legislative acts submitted to the National Assembly for consideration					Other sources not prohibited by law
82	To raise awareness of the rights of the child	1. Posters on the rights of the child exhibited in childcare and educational institutions 2. At least 3 sets of informational materials on the rights of the child including on legal remedies developed and disseminated 3. At least 3 video recordings dedicated to the rights of the child developed and disseminated through the mass media 4. At least 3 awareness-raising campaigns dedicated to the rights of the child conducted	Violations of the rights of the child decreased	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia Police of the Republic of Armenia With the consent of the Yerevan City Council With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia	Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
83	To establish a single statistical system for registration of issues related to the rights of the child	A governmental decree establishing the procedure for registration of issues related to the rights of the child passed	Holistic statistical data the problems related to the rights of the child is available; violations of the rights of the child decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia	Second half of 2020	No funding is required from the State Budget Other sources not prohibited by law

84	To pass legislation setting forth the principles and procedures for the establishment of child custody and welfare agencies in compliance with international standards	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the international standards and best practices for child custody and welfare agencies</p> <p>2. The bill to regulate the activities of child custody and welfare agencies submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p> <p>3. A governmental decree passed to approve the legislative act (guideline) regulating the activities of child custody and welfare agencies</p>	Violations of the rights of the child decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Yerevan City Council</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	First half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
85	To establish legislation on procedures securing a child's right to visit his/her parent as part of legal enforcement proceedings	<p>1. An analysis conducted to look into the compliance of the legal enforcement proceedings for a parent's child visiting rights with international standards and best practices</p> <p>2. An order by the Ministry of Justice issued to approve the procedure securing the child's right to visit his/her parent as part of the legal enforcement proceedings</p>	Violations of the rights of the child to communicate with and be raised by a parent decreased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Second half of 2021	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>

86	To improve the sanitary conditions in general education, elementary institutions, as well as in childcare and protection institutions have improved	<p>1. A study conducted to look into the compliance of the legislation on the sanitary conditions in educational, childcare and protection institutions for children with international standards</p> <p>2. Changes introduced in the legislative acts defining the sanitary conditions</p> <p>3. Sanitary conditions in educational, childcare and protection institutions for children improved</p>	Violations of the child's right to leave in a safe environment and the right to health decreased	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia	<p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Police of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the Yerevan City Council</p> <p>Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>With the consent of the staff of the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia</p>	Regularly in 2020-2022	<p>State budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
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Freedom of economic activity

Objective: Improving the rating of the Republic of Armenia in *Doing Business* by at least 3 spots.

- *Baseline data: the rating of the Republic of Armenia in Doing Business list is 47.*

Task: Awareness raising for businesses; simplification of administrative procedures for operating a business

Item No.	Action	Expected output	Expected outcome	Responsible entity	Coordinating body	Deadline	Funding
87	To raise awareness of the customs regulations within the Eurasian Economic Union	1. Posters on regulations within the Eurasian Economic Union, namely import and export	Human rights violations during the transportation of goods across the	State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia		Regularly in 2020-2022	State budget

		<p>regulations exhibited in customs offices</p> <p>2. 3 sets of informational materials on customs regulations within the Eurasian Economic Union developed and disseminated</p> <p>3. At least 3 video recordings dedicated to customs regulations within the Eurasian Economic Union developed and disseminated through the mass media</p>	<p>customs borders decreased</p>				<p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
88	<p>To establish legislation improving the toolset (powers) for the activities of the State Commission for the Protection of Economic Competition</p>	<p>The bill introducing changes and amendments into the Law on Protection of Economic Competition submitted to the National Assembly for consideration</p>	<p>Violations of the rights of business operators caused by unfair economic competition have decreased as a result of the adoption of the bill; the number of new businesses increased</p> <p>Liability mechanisms with proportionate and discretionary predictable standards established as a result of the adoption of the bill</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia</p>	<p>With the consent of the State Commission for the Protection of Economic Competition</p> <p>Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia</p>	<p>Second half of 2020</p>	<p>No funding is required from the State Budget</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
<p>Strategic communication</p>							

89	To develop a communication plan for the 2020-2022 National Strategy for Human Rights Protection and its derivative Action Plan	The legislative instrument to approve the communication plan for the 2020-2022 National Strategy for Human Rights Protection and its derivative Action Plan adopted	The number of information/coverage items, communications, and reports on the 2020-2022 National Strategy for Human Rights Protection and its derivative Action Plan increased	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia		First half of 2020	State budget Other sources not prohibited by law
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