



‘Locally-led Action for Development of Goris Community’ Program

Goris Press Club (GPC) together with Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) is implementing a program titled ‘Locally-led Action for Development of Goris Community’ (hereinafter the Program) that commenced in March 2023, and will be implemented until February 2026. The Program is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Goris consolidated community is an important communication hub for Armenia and the Syunik region. Goris is relatively far from Yerevan, and it has a potential to become a center for the south of Armenia in terms of civil society, education and culture. Therefore, it is important to invest in the institutional and human capacities of the community to ensure sustainable development and progress. This can be achieved through the establishment of cooperative relations between various community stakeholders and development of collective vision of the community to collaboratively work towards common goals.

The goal of the Program is to increase the resilience of the Goris consolidated community via strengthening the capacity and commitment of the community to lead its development and enhance citizen engagement and oversight in the decision-making process.

Activities of the Program will address three interconnected components: (a) strengthening the regulatory basis of the community; (b) improving the institutional capacities of the community organizations; and (c) developing effective cooperative practice via implementation of projects through exercising the regulations. All three components will target citizen engagement in the decision making and implementation with a special focus on youth engagement and gender equality. The program will develop the human and social capital of the Goris community, and create optimal conditions for cooperation between various actors within the community and beyond. In particular, the program will map and evaluate the community assets and resources; build the capacities of local actors including LG, civil society actors, educational institutions, and the private sector; facilitate a participatory planning process with a focus on the development of a joint vision on the community development; provide local actors with resources to implement community development projects; establish local partnership platforms and advocate for effective decentralization reforms. Special attention will be paid to two contextual topics: the post-consolidation multi-settlement community and the decentralization reform.

The Program promotes inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement that will strengthen accountability, support participatory decision-making, and facilitate learning and exchange, which will eventually develop functional linkages between grass-roots and government at the local level. Organization of annual forums and thematic discussions will increase the local ownership in the community, and thus enhance public participation in and oversight over the decision-making processes.

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