

**UNHCR Representation in the Republic of Armenia  
Campaign to End Statelessness: Action Plan for 2020-2022**

Activities	Target Group	Impact & Performance Indicators	Responsible unit	Timeframe	Budget required (USD)
<b>2020</b>					
<b><i>Cooperation and activities with the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia (the Parliament)</i></b>					
Establish a Working Group (WG) to follow-up on the launch of the handbook in the parliament and organize two meetings to further promote the HB with the focus on topics which are important for ARM (i.e. based on good practices on: (i) establishing procedures to identify undocumented and at risk of statelessness persons and facilitate their documentation and naturalization; (ii) ensuring that any deprivation or loss of nationality does not leave individuals stateless).	Parliamentarians (MPs), Standing Committee on the Human Rights Protection and Public Affairs of the National Assembly	Awareness of MPs on statelessness issues is raised and relevant legislative improvements are supported  <i># of meetings held</i>	Protection, External Relations	August 2020	n/a <sup>1</sup>
In cooperation with the HR Standing Committee of the Parliament, organize a Roundtable on the Law on Aliens and Stateless Persons to discuss ways forward for successful adoption of the Law	Police, MS, MFA, HRDO, Parliamentarians	National legislation on stateless persons is adopted  <i># of Roundtable participants</i>	Protection	October 2020	300
<b><i>Cooperation and joint advocacy with UNFPA on the 2020 National Census</i></b>					
Strengthen co-operation and collaboration with UNFPA during preparations for the 2020 National Census through regular communication and organizing joint advocacy interventions to ensure that statelessness component considered and included into the 2020 National Census.	ARMSTAT, Police, MS, HC for Diaspora Issues, UNFPA	Data collection on stateless persons is improved.  <i># of discussions held</i>	Protection	By the end of 2020	to be discussed with UNFPA and ARMSTAT
<b><i>Mission Armenia (MA) Project on Provision of Assistance in Identification of Persons at Risk of Statelessness</i></b>					
Monitor and provide support and guidance to MA for successful implementation of the project and participate in the Statelessness WG bi-monthly meetings to share UNHCR expertise and develop recommendations on strengthening of the legislation and practice.	MA, Police, civil society, PDO, HRDO, MoJ, MS, local governance bodies	Gaps in the national legislation and practice are identified and closed (including with regard to	Protection, Programme/Project Control	By the end of 2020	11,000

<sup>1</sup> Where “n/a” is inserted, only staff time is required

		birth registration and documentation)  <i># of undocumented and persons at risk of statelessness identified and documented</i>			
Evaluation of MA Project through a Roundtable on the outcomes and findings of the Project and recommendations on amendments to the legislation and practice.	MA, Open Society Foundation, Police, PDO, HRDO, MoJ, local authorities, Civil Registration Agency and MS	Gaps in legislation and practice are identified and closed, including with regard to birth registration and documentation.  <i># of the Roundtable participants</i>	Protection, External Relations	November 2020	1,500
Prepare an Advocacy Paper based on the outcomes and findings of the MA Project and disseminate the document among all relevant partners and counterparts.	MA, Police, HRDO, PDO, MoJ, MS, local authorities, Civil Registration Agency and relevant NGOs	Advocacy Paper is prepared and disseminated.	Protection, External Relations	By the end of 2020	n/a
Based on the Memorandum of Understanding, establish regular exchange of statelessness related information with HRDO, which will increase the engagement and role of HRDO in preventing and reduction of statelessness in Armenia.	HRDO, MA	Awareness of the public is raised on statelessness issues.	Protection	By the end of 2020	n/a
Encourage and support the HRDO with preparation of annual report on statelessness issues.	HRDO	Statelessness issues are reflected in HRDO's annual report.	Protection	September 2020	n/a
Establish regular interactions with the MFA focal point for strengthening MFA's engagement in upcoming ExCom discussions focusing on achievements <i>vis a vis</i> the statelessness related <a href="#">pledges</a> voiced at the HLS last year.	MFA	Statelessness issues are prioritized by the government	Protection, External Relations	August 2020	n/a
<b><i>Promote amendments to the Law on Citizenship</i></b>					
Prepare and deliver formal communication with regard to advocating for the amendments to the Law on Citizenship to prevent risk of statelessness due to renunciation of Armenian citizenship prior obtaining another one (as well as, follow-up through joint letters with MA and WG discussions).	MA, Police, MoJ, Parliament, HRDO	Relevant amendments are adopted.  <i># of discussions held</i>	Protection	July 2020	n/a
<b><i>Reach agreement and support the Government on a mapping study and profiling survey of stateless population</i></b>					

Develop a Concept Note and Terms on Reference (ToR) for the Study on mapping and profiling survey of stateless population to verify data and have an evidence-based assessment for tailored solutions for stateless persons (legacy stateless persons and renounced citizenship).	Police, MFA	Concept Note is prepared and ToR agreed with the relevant authorities	Protection	October 2020	n/a
Organize series of discussion on working level to develop the agreement (establishing a WG which will also agree on roadmap for the mapping).	Police	Awareness of the relevant staff is raised on mapping standards and their importance in finding solutions.	Protection	November 2020	n/a
<b>Publications and information materials</b>					
Translation and publication of materials on #IBelong campaign and guidelines to be used in support of UNHCR and partners advocacy interventions.	Police, HRDO, PDO, MoJ, Parliament, Media, MFA, MS and NGOs	<i># of documents translated and published</i>	Protection, External Relations	By the end of 2020	2,500
Preparation of public information materials under the #IBelong campaign, namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a series of human interest stories (texts, photos and videos) on stateless/undocumented persons in ARM;</li> <li>2. development of Armenian subtitles for relevant video spots/PSAs produced by UNHCR HQ and/or other COs;</li> <li>3. photo exhibition using the photo series;</li> <li>4. wall calendar with the photo series;</li> <li>5. visibility items (e.g. USB flash cards, pens, folders, notebooks).</li> </ol>	Media, civil society, parliamentarians, NGOs, Police, MS, UNICEF, UNFPA	<i># of visibility items prepared;</i> <i># of stories prepared/translated.</i>  Awareness of the relevant stakeholders is raised on #IBelong campaign.	External Relations	By the end of 2020	6,500
<b>European Convention on Nationality</b>					
Promote European Convention on Nationality by finalization and dissemination of the research paper.	MFA, Police, MoJ, CoE, HRDO, Parliamentarians, relevant NGOs	Research paper is finalized and disseminated.	Protection	August 2020	n/a
<b>2021-2022</b>					
Follow-up on the developments with regard to the government's plan for possible transition of OVIR to new MOI/Home Affairs and engage in discussions with relevant authorities for expanding cooperation on statelessness front.	Police, MS, MoJ, Police Academy	New efficient structure in charge of stateless persons is developed.	Protection	By the end of 2021	Subject to discussion with Police Academy

Monitor implementation of the agreement with the Government on mapping and profiling survey of stateless population to verify data and have an evidence-based assessment for tailored solutions for stateless persons (legacy stateless persons and renounced citizenship).	Police, MFA	Relevant agreement is reached and implemented.	Protection	2021 - 2022	Subject to discussion with Police
Support the Government with capacitation of staff and implementation of SDP in fair, effective and efficient manner, including development of an information leaflet explaining SDP to the applicants for statelessness status.	Police	<i># of SDP staff are trained</i> Information leaflet on SDP is developed.	Protection	2021 - 2022	Subject to discussion with Police
Support the Government with development of a strategy and action plan on identification of undocumented and stateless persons.	Police, Parliament, MoJ	Relevant national strategy and action plan are adopted.	Protection	2021 - 2022	n/a

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