

Small Holders and Family Farms Main Issues ARMENIA

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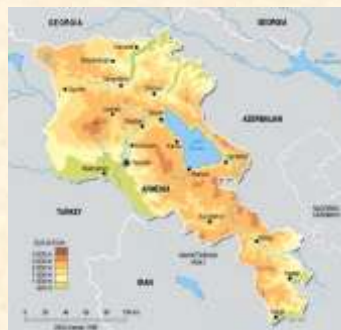
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Armenia: Basic Facts

- **Territory:** 2,97m Ha
- **Arable land:** 0.45m Ha
- **Permanent crops:** 0.03m Ha
- **Grasslands:** 0.12m Ha
- **Pastures:** 1.05m Ha
- **Cultivated land area:** 16.78%
- **Population:** 3.017million
- **Rural population:** 36.5%
- **GDP per capita:** \$3,504.8



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Armenia: Basic Facts

- Structure of production by gross agricultural output: **97.2% small holders**
- Average holding size: **1.4Ha**
- Agriculture Share in GDP: **18%**

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Who Are Small Holders (Family Farms)?

No official definition

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Small Holders: Main Issues

- Small land plots, fragmented
- Low level of mechanization, dilapidated infrastructure
- High share of manual labour →
- High production costs
- Lack of post-harvest infrastructure
- Limited markets
- Inefficiencies in value chains

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Main Issues

- Weaknesses of the extension system,
- Limited access to the new technologies
- High cost of finance, absence of ag insurance system
- Low resilience to climate change (will be more visible in upcoming years)

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Main Issues: Policy Level

- Lack of policy framework for rural development, functions scattered among Ministries
- Lack of reliable agricultural statistics (currently addressed)
- Lack of incentives for cooperation
- Efficiency/Food security

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What to do:

- Land consolidation
- Modernization of farming systems
- Training for farmers and technical personnel (agronomists, extension)
- VET system upgrade

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What we do:

- Some state support programs provided
- New Law on Cooperatives will be adopted in 2015
- Agricultural census recently conducted
- Various state and donor supported programs for cooperative development
- Ag. Insurance system pilot will be launched in 2015?
- But this is not enough!

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THANK YOU!

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