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AZERBAIJAN



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OVERVIEW

Azerbaijan is an oil-exporting, middle-income country that borders the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus Mountains. Located at the crossroads of the Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe, this Muslim-majority country is a secular state with strong traditions of religious tolerance. USAID promotes private sector growth, investment, and employment, focusing on micro, small, and medium enterprises in the non-energy sectors (e.g., agriculture and tourism). In addition, USAID strives to address challenges that make communities vulnerable, including combating trafficking in persons and gender-based violence, improving the emergency healthcare system, addressing climate change, improving gender equality and women's economic empowerment, and supporting government and non-governmental organizations to provide essential public services while increasing citizen participation in public life.

Since 1991, USAID has invested over \$450 million in programs to support Azerbaijanis, including humanitarian relief, the health sector, and economic and governance reform. In addition, the Government of Azerbaijan has contributed more than \$20 million in additional funds to USAID to help achieve economic reform goals for the country.

PRIORITIES

GOVERNANCE

USAID improves the ability of local media practitioners to develop high-quality, engaging, and socially meaningful content and strengthens media literacy among citizens. USAID works through local civil society organizations to support government transparency and inclusiveness and supports state institutions' efforts to increase their public accountability. To combat human trafficking, USAID provides technical and financial support to shelters for victims of trafficking.

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

USAID supports developing a competitive, transparent, and business-friendly environment conducive to job creation, private sector growth, and long-term prosperity. To expand economic partnerships, USAID advances Azerbaijan's economic integration and trade with Europe, supports regional commerce integration opportunities, particularly agricultural market linkages with Western buyers, and eliminates impediments to harmonizing regional trade and transportation. USAID helps Azerbaijan diversify and strengthen its economy by promoting rural agriculture development. Specifically, USAID improves farmer productivity and marketing and contributes to legislative reform to support small businesses. USAID also supports entrepreneurship and employment among women and youth. USAID enhances the capacity of women-led and women-focused business and professional associations in Azerbaijan.

HEALTH

USAID partners with the Ministry of Health, the State Agency for Mandatory Insurance, the Management Union of Medical Territorial Units, and the Azerbaijan Medical University to enhance the resilience of the Azerbaijani healthcare system to prepare for future health crises. USAID supports Emergency Medical Services, builds evidence-based Infection Prevention and Control systems, and strengthens Public Health institutions in Azerbaijan.

KEY RESULTS

- Over 5,200 vulnerable persons benefited from legal aid, including gender-based violence survivors, and families affected by war.
- Over 6,000 doctors and healthcare personnel trained.
- Women's National Business Agenda White Paper established to recommend policy solutions to promote a favorable business environment for women and remove workplace barriers.
- Azerbaijan upgraded to Tier 2 status in the State Department's 2022 Trafficking in Persons Report.