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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

**USA** United States of America

MOJ Ministry of Justice

SJC Supreme Judicial Council

**GRECO** Group of States against Corruption

**EU** European Union

**CE** Council of Europe

Mass Media Mass Media

**CPC** Corruption Prevention Commission

**ACC** Anti-Corruption Committee

RA Republic of Armenia

**GDP** Gross Domestic Product

MTEF Medium-Term Expenditure Framework

HRD Human Rights Defender

mln million

bln billion

**CC** Constitutional Court

**EDRC** Economic Development and Research Center

LSG Local Self Government

OECD Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

IC Investigative Committee

**CSARA** Civil Status Acts Registration Agency

CSO Civil Society Organization

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## **General Overview**

- The 2024 Annual Budget Law of the Republic of Armenia involves – AMD 2,723.6 bln revenues, AMD 3,206.5 bln expenditures and a deficit equaling to AMD 482.9 bln, or 25.9%, 30.5% and 4.6% of the GDP respectively.
- Expenditures in the Justice Sector are represented in the Annual Budget Law by programmes of justice and judicial activity, which are coordinated by the RA Ministry of Justice and other state bodies, which include: the RA Constitutional Court, the Supreme Judicial Council, the RA Prosecutor's Office, the RA Anti-Corruption Committee, the RA Investigative Committee, the Corruption Prevention Commission and the Staff of the Human Rights Defender
- Allocations to the Justice Sector Pogrammes in 2024 will amount to AMD 75.4 billion, which exceeds the level of the previous year by more than AMD 3 billion or 4.2 %.
- Allocations to the Justice Sector Pogrammes in 2024 will amount to 7,0 % of GDP, which is lower by 0.1 percentage points compared to the previous year.

The policies implemented during the period of the medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF) are aimed at the following:

# In the sphere of JUDICIAL and LEGAL reforms:

• E-justice, transitional justice toolkit, the directions of democratic institutions (in particular, the constitutional and electoral) and judicial system reforms, criminal, civil and civil proceedings, administrative and administrative proceedings, bankruptcy, alternative dispute resolution methods, advocacy, enforcement, notary and other areas of general development of the justice system.

# In the sphere of ANTI-CORRUPTION policy:

• Preventing corruption and strengthening integrity systems; improving legal and institutional mechanisms for combating corruption; improving anti-corruption education and public awareness structures; facilitating state - business administration; improving the anti-corruption monitoring and evaluation system.

## In the sphere of HUMAN RIGHTS:

• Effective protection of human rights; raising public awareness of human rights; dissemination of knowledge about legal remedies.

#### In the field of PENITENTIARY and PROBATION services:

• Optimization and modernization of penitentiary institutions; improving conditions of detention for minors, female convicts and persons with disabilities; improving health care, restorative and re-socialization services in penitentiary institutions; capacity building of probation service and application of new alternative measures.

- The share of Justice Sector Budget Expenditures in Total Budget Expenditures in 2024 is projected to total to 2.4%, compared to average annual 2.6% during 2019-2023
- The average growth rate of funding for the Justice Sector in 2020-2024 is 10.7%, which is by 4 percentage points lower than the level of average growth rate of the Annual Budget Expenditures for the same period.
- High growth rates of sector financing volumes were recorded in 2021-2023. In particular, in 2023, almost all government agencies in the sector recorded the highest level of increases in funding volumes.
- The state policy of Justice Sector in 2024 will be implemented through 16 budget programmes. The Ministry of Justice coordinates 7 of these programmes. The Prosecutor's Office coordinates 3 programmes. And the remaining 6 sectoral responsible bodies will implement one programme each.
- 30.7 % of the budget of sectoral programmes or AMD 23.2 bin is allocated to the implementation of the programmes implemented by the RA Ministry of Justice.

- SJC, IC and the Prosecutor's Office are in the following positions in terms of financing volumes with 25.4%, 23.2% and 13.4% shares according to the expenditures in the sector respectively.
- The RA Anti-Corruption Committee has the largest increase in funding by 39.4% in 2024. The Investigative Committee of the RA follows with a growth rate of 12.8%.
- The largest programme implemented in the sector is the "Providing and Implementation the Activities of Judiciary" programme of the SJC to which 25.4 % of the sector's expenditures or AMD 19.2 bln is allocated. The latter increased by 12.8 % compared to the last year. The programme emphasizes reducing the workload of judges, as well as improving the quality of examination of cases, reducing the time of examination of cases, and thereby improving citizens' access to justice.
- The programme "Investigative Services" implemented by the RA IC and the programme "Penitentiary Services" implemented by the RA MoJ are in the second and third places in terms of funding, with funding volumes of AMD 17.5 bln and AMD 13.8 bln respectively.
- The "Providing and Implementation the Activities of Judiciary" programme of SJC is also the first in terms of absolute growth in funding, with the increase of budget by about AMD 2.2 bln, or 12.8 % in 2024. The second is the programme "Investigative Services" of the RA IC with the increase in funding by about AMD 2 bln, or 12.8 %. The next is the programme "Ensuring the Detection and Investigation of Corruption Crimes" of the ACC with the increase in funding by about AMD 1 bln, or 39.7 %.

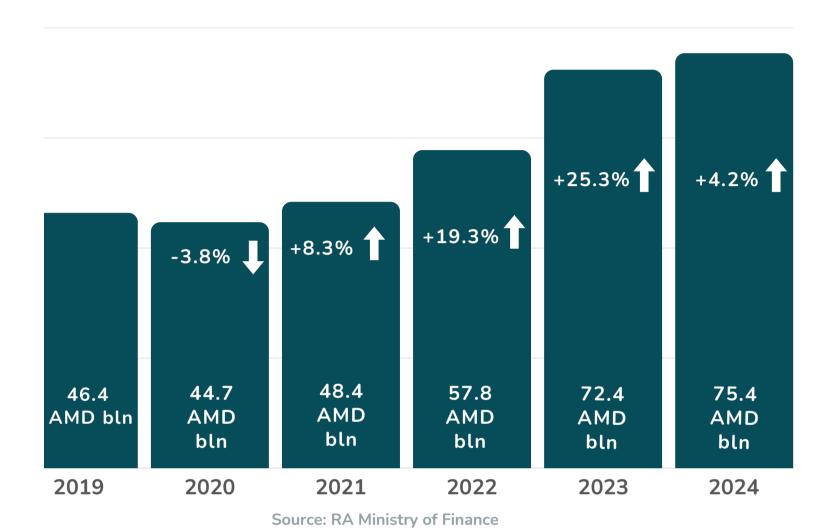
- The number of convicted and persons in custody in 2024 will be 3,000 people. The expenditures for penitentiary services per beneficiary is AMD 345.7 thousand per month, which is about AMD 8 thousand compared with the last year.
- The number of probation beneficiaries will increase by about 36.4 % and reach 7.500 people. Annual expenditures per beneficiary will amount to approximately AMD 104 thousand, which is 28.2% less than last year.
- Increase in the amount of 60 % to the official salary of judges of the first instance courts of general jurisdiction and specialized courts, as well as 55 % increase to the official salary of judges of the Civil Court of Appeals, the Criminal Court of Appeals and the Administrative Court of Appeals has been established.
- The average workload of investigators will decrease by an average of 43 proceedings, amounting to 261 compared to 304 of the last year.

- The Prosecutor's Office will continue to target the recovery of property damages caused to the state and the confiscation of property of illicit origin.
- The HRD staff will strive to maintain and reaffirm the highest internationally prestigious status "A" awarded to Armenia by the Independent Commission of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.
- Efforts in the area of corruption prevention will be aimed at gradually improving the 2023 level of the Corruption Perceptions Index (47 points).



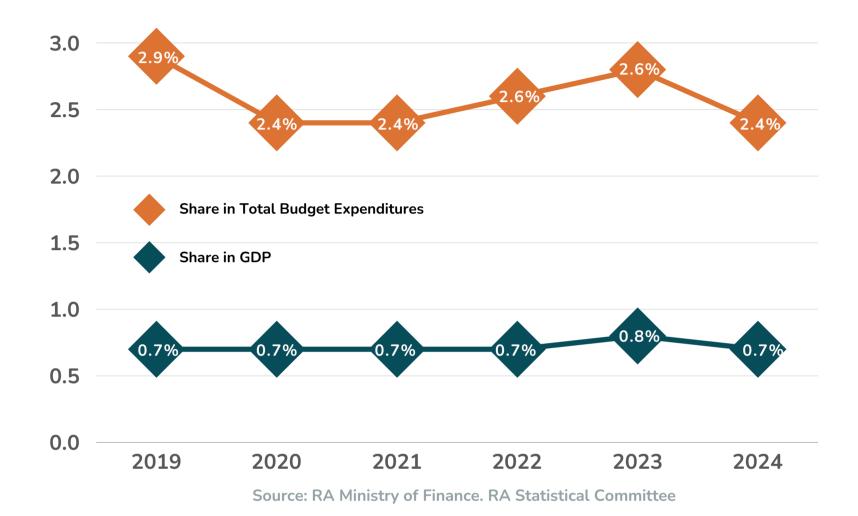
### JUSTICE SECTOR BUDGET

Justice sector budget and its annual growth (%) in 2019-2024



- The Justice sector budget is the sum of the budget expenditures of all programmes implemented in this sector.
- AMD 75.4 bln is allocated for the implementation of programmes in the Justice Sector in 2024, this exceeds expenditures of the previous year by AMD 3 bln or 4.2 %.
- In 2024, the volume of funding of the Justice Sector will exceed the level of 2019 by more than 1.6 times.

# Justice sector budget share in Total Budget Expenditures and GDP, 2019-2024, percentage



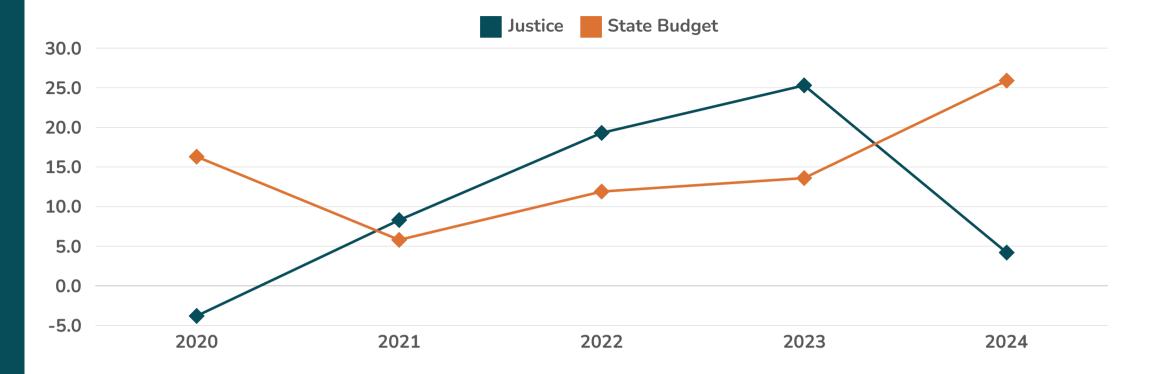
- The share of Justice sector budget expenditures in the Total budget expenditures in 2024 is 2.4 % compared to the level of 2.8 % in 2023 and the average annual of 2.6 % for 2019-2023.
- The share of Justice sector budget in GDP in 2024 is equal to 0.7 %, decreasing by 0.1 percentage points compared with the last year. The share of Justice sector budget/GDP share is stable, with average level of 0.72 % for 2019-2023.

# **GROWTH OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR BUDGET**

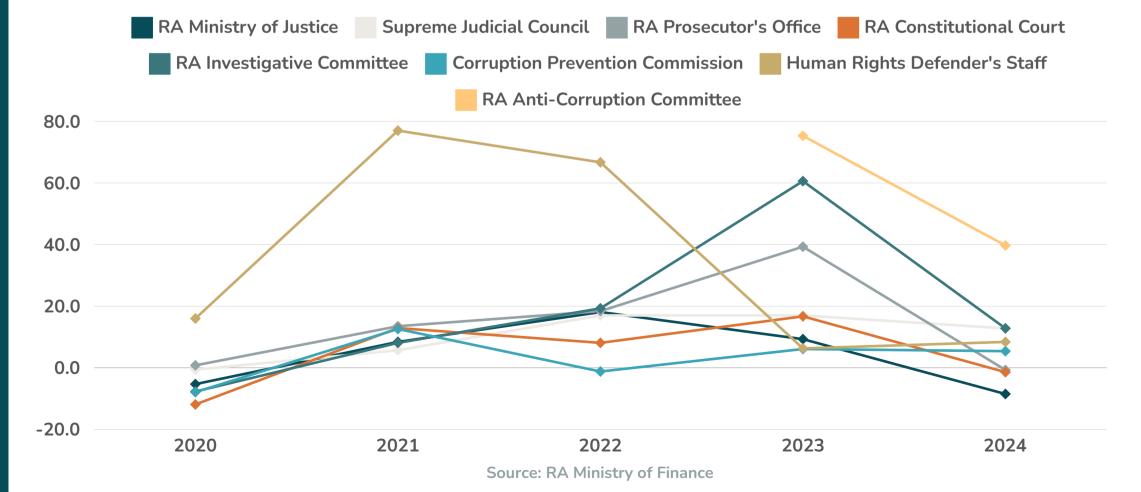
- The growth of Justice sector budget expenditures during 2020-2024 is unstable. The average growth rate during 2020-2024 was 10.7 %, which is a decrease by 4 percentage points compared with the average growth rate of the Total Budget expenditures in the same period.
- High growth rates of financing volumes in the sector were recorded in 2021-2023. It should be noted that during this period, the increase in funding for the Justice Sector was ahead of the growth in Total Budget expenditures.
- The highest growth rates of funding were recorded in 2023, both for the total sector allocations as well as for individual sectoral bodies. Perhaps the only exception is the HRD Staff.



#### Dynamics of growth of state budget and justice sector budget expenditures in 2020-2024, %

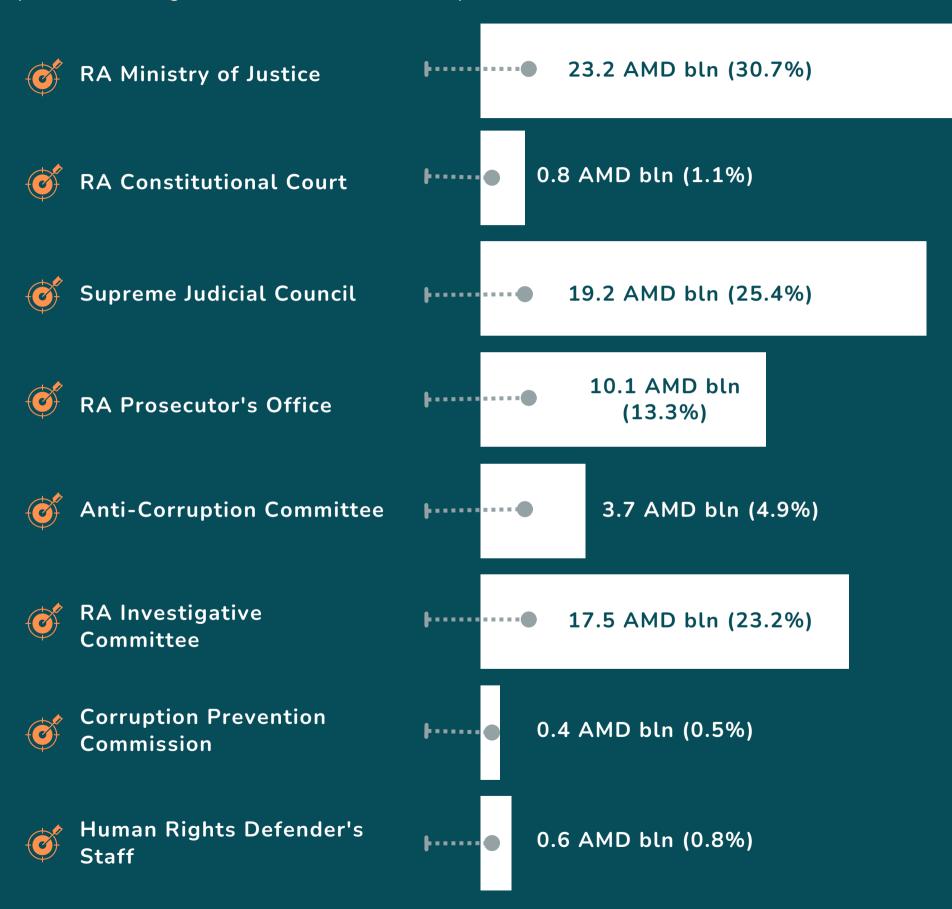


# Increase in budget expenditures of state bodies in the Justice Sector in 2020-2024, %



# JUSTICE BUDGET BY ADMINISTRATIVE CLASSIFICATION

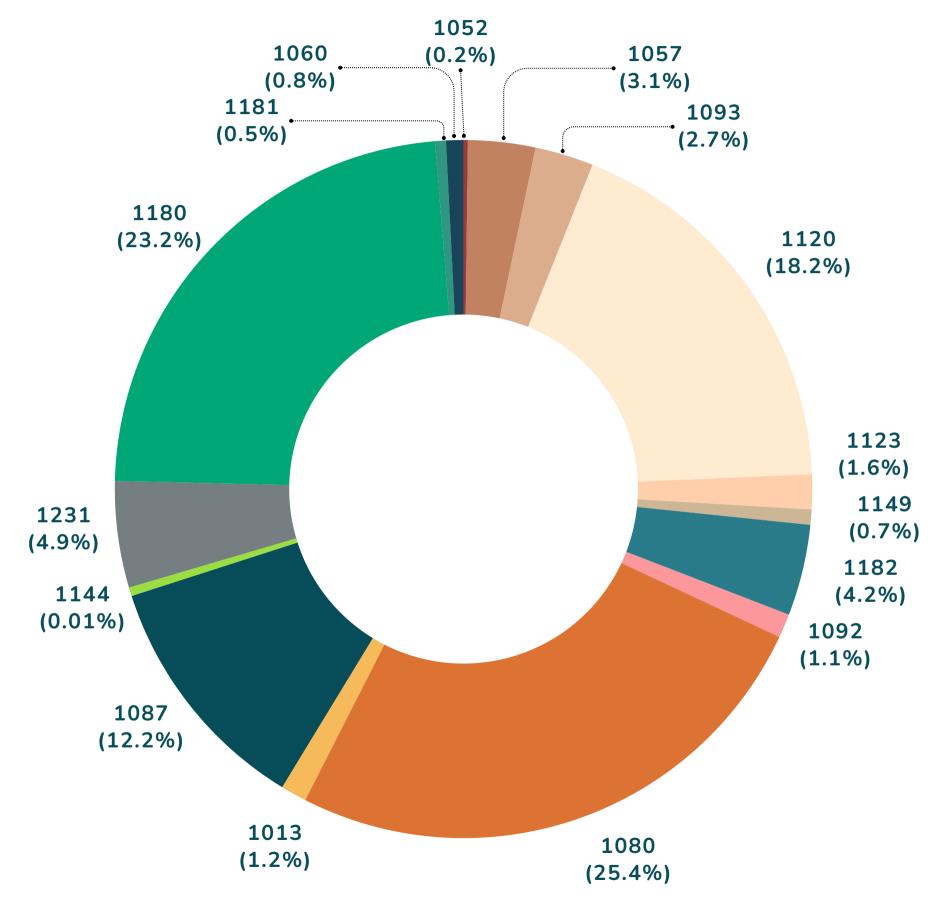
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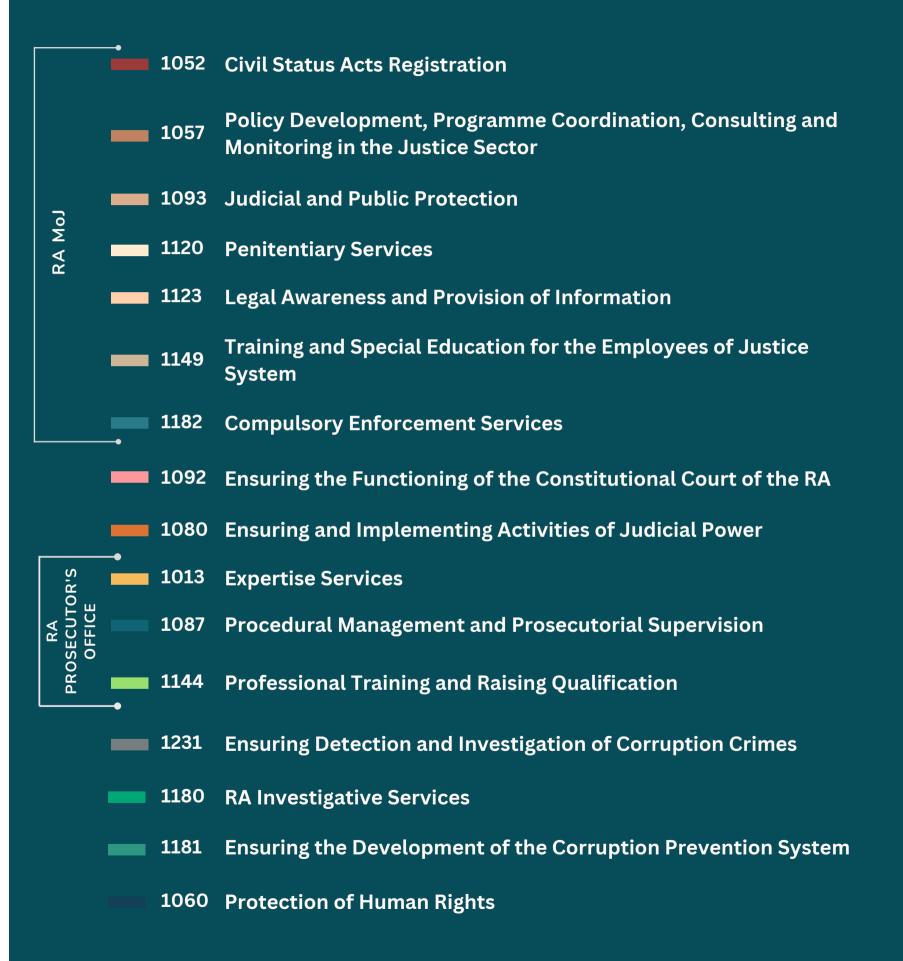


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# PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE OF JUSTICE BUDGET

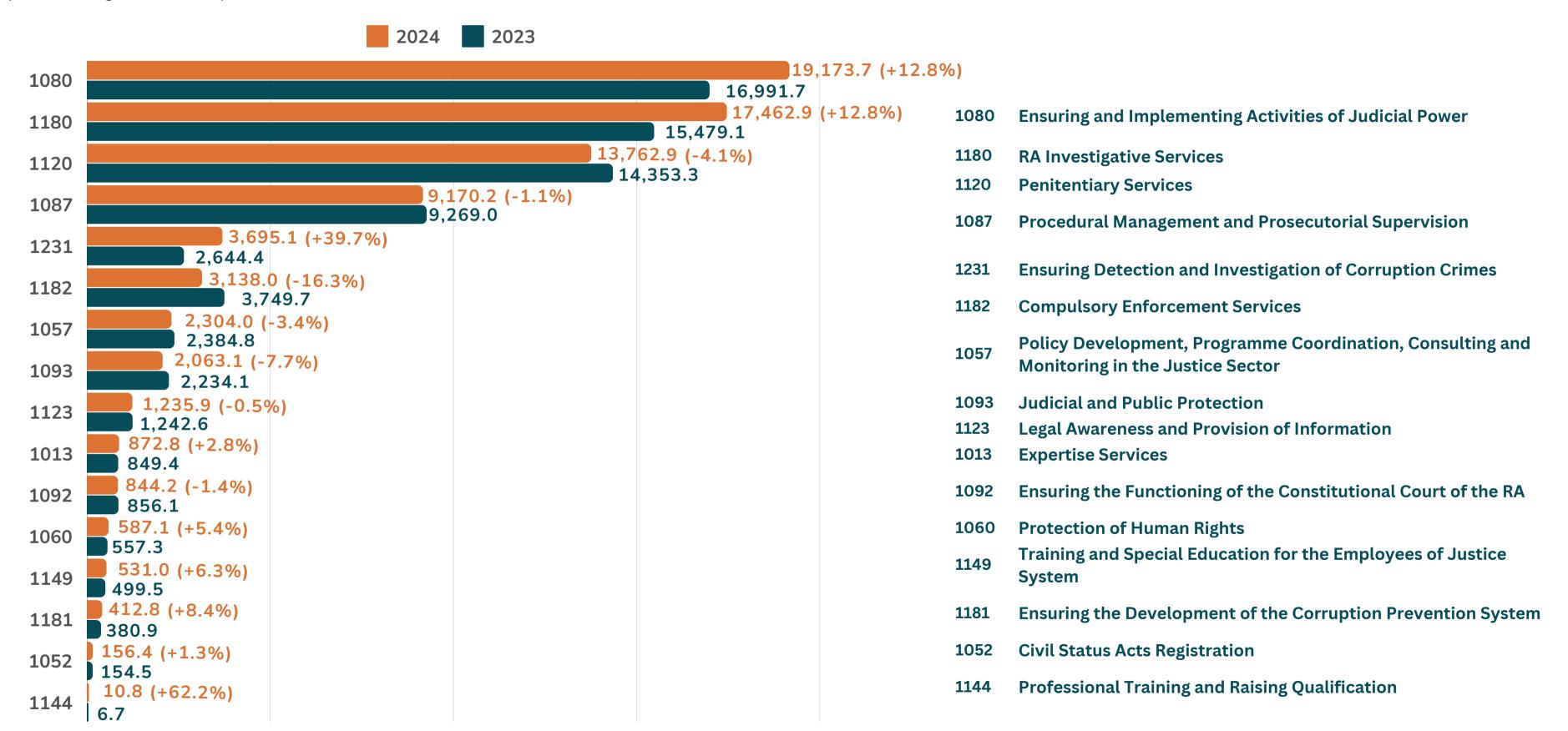
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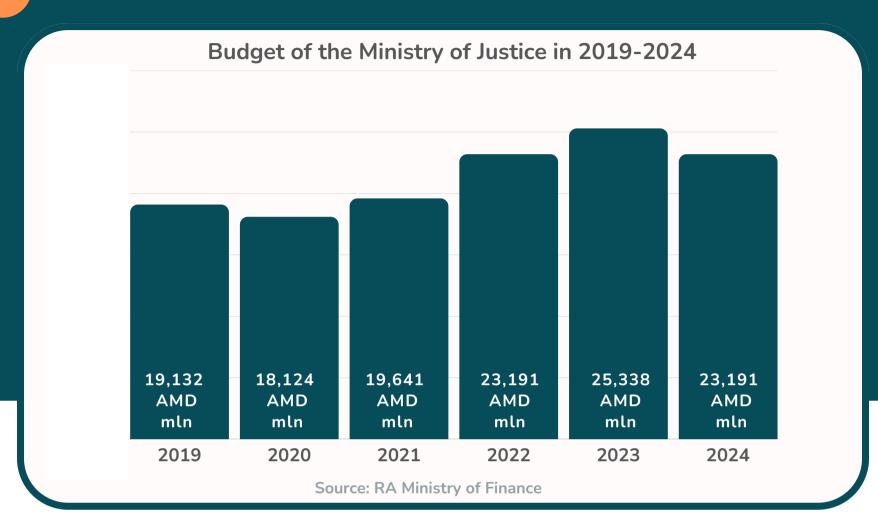


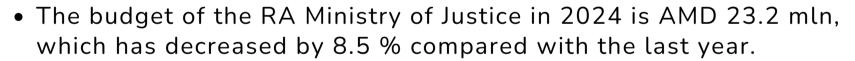
### JUSTICE BUDGET BY PORGRAMMES

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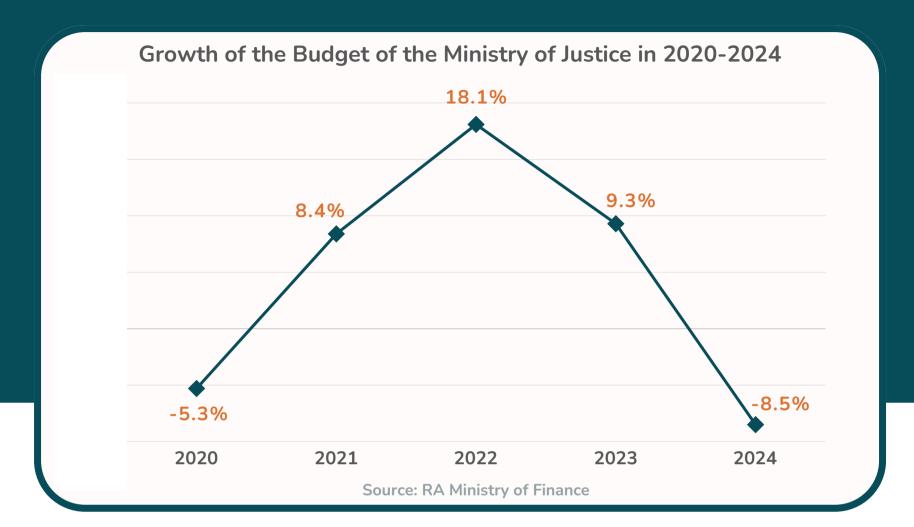


# **BUDGET OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**





- The MoJ attaches importance to the development of alternative methods of dispute resolution. For this purpose, the Arbitration Center was launched in Armenia in 2023. The establishment of the center will contribute both: to reduce the burden of the judicial system and to improve the investment climate. AMD 445.4 will be allocated in 2024 to ensure the operation of the arbitration center
- In the area of e-justice, it is planned to implement and modernize various electronic platforms, as well as to continue and complete current projects.



- The "E-Court" and "E-Justice" unified management systems will be introduced and launched. The latter will ensure the synchronous operation of all systems in the coordination sphere of the Ministry of Justice of the RA, as well as the process of digitization of national and judicial archives.
- Work on creating a unified "E-Notary" system has started. This will provide the citizens opportunity to conduct remote transactions without visiting notary offices and presenting the necessary certificates and other documents in person.
- Digitalization of the state register of legal entities will be ensured, at the same time the scope of digitalization will be expanded as well, encompassing both the existing functions of the registry agency, and also the digitalization of all functions related to the creation and management of business.

# **BUDGET PROGRAMMES OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

Programme Code	Programme		2024 AMD mln	2024 share	2024/2023 %
1020	Penitentiary Services	14,353	13,763	59.3	-4.1
1057	Policy Development, Programme Coordination, Consulting and Monitoring in the Justice Sector	2,385	2,304	9.9	-3.4
1093	1093 Judicial and Public Protection		2,063	8.9	-7.6
1123	Legal Awareness and Provision of Information	1,243	1,236	5.3	-0.5
1149	Training and Special Education for the Employees of Justice System	500	531	2.3	6.3
1052	Civil Status Acts Registration	154	156	0.7	1.3
1182	Compulsory Enforcement Services	3,750	3,138	13.5	-16.3
1228	Anti-Corruption Policy Development, Programme Coordination and Monitoring	719	-	-	-
Ministry of Justice		25,338	23,191	100	-8.5

- The "Electronic Mediation" system, through which mediation process will be carried out entirely in digital format, will be introduced.
- It is planned to modernize the Electronic Registration system of Civil Acts Registration Services (e-civil), in particular, to increase the scope of services provided through the electronic platform (www.justice.e-gov. am).

- The largest among the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Justice is the "Penitentiary Services" programme, with an allocation of AMD 13.8 bln, which makes 59.3 % of the budget of the MoJ. The next in terms of financing volumes is the budget of "Compulsory Enforcement Services" programme, with a budget of AMD 3.1 bln, or 13.5 % share.
- Target direction of the "Penitentiary Services" programme in 2024 is optimization of penitentiary institutions and effective distribution and allocation of the saved funds to improve the detention conditions of persons deprived of their liberty.
- Development of capabilities and human resources of the probation service, the use of electronic management tools in the probation system and the full implementation of the E-probation electronic management system are emphasized as well.
- Implementation of comprehensive reforms aimed at increasing the efficiency of enforcement actions, ensuring the protection of legitimate interests of participants in enforcement proceedings, balancing, and introduction of mechanisms to respond quickly and effectively to their problems and needs, is emphasized in the field of Compulsory Enforcement Services.
- The actions to be implemented will be aimed at a comprehensive review of the legislation on enforcement proceedings, digitalization of compulsory enforcement proceedings, and ensuring effective communication between citizens and law enforcement officers.

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### PENITENTIARY SERVICES

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Providing necessary conditions for execution of punishment and correction of convicts

#### OUTCOME

Employment and rights protection of convicts

- The budget of the "Penitentiary Services Programme" will decrease by 4.1% compared to 2023 and will amount to AMD 13.8 bln.
- 90.4 % of the programme budget will be allocated to penitentiary services, and 5.7 % to probation services.
- Number of convicts and detained persons in 2024 will be 3,000 people. Expenditures for penitentiary services per beneficiary are AMD 345.7 thousand per month, which exceeds the level of the previous year by about AMD 8 thousand.
- AMD 22 mil will be allocated to provide the penitentiary service with 2 special-purpose vehicles.
- Number of beneficiaries under probation will increase by about 36.4 % and amount to 7,500 people. Annual expenditures per beneficiary will be about AMD 104 thousand, which is lower by 28.2% compared with the last year.
- AMD 139.5 mil will be allocated to purchase special-purpose electronic equipment for the probation service; 150 pieces of equipment will be purchased.

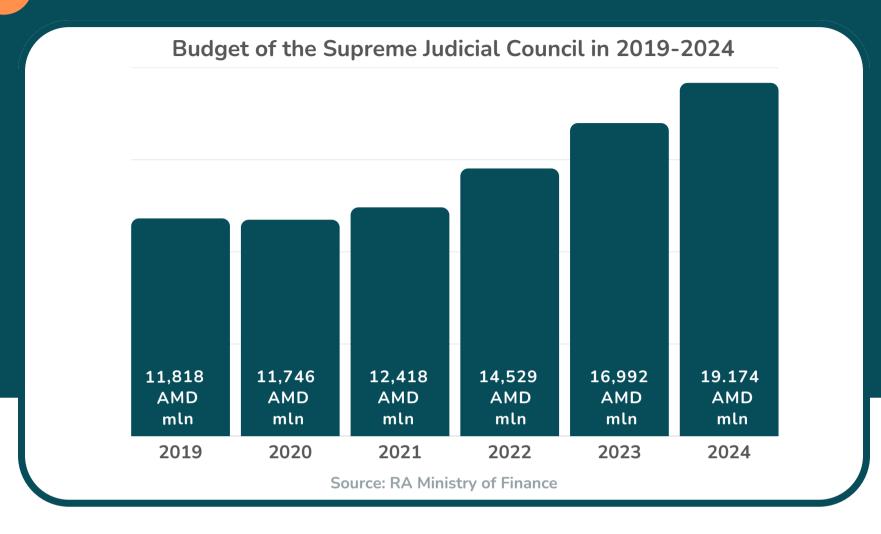
Code	Programme/measure	2023 AMD mln	2024 AMD mln	2024 share	2024/2023
1120	Penitentiary Services	14,353	13,763	100.0	-4.1
11001	Penitentiary Services	12,044	12,446	90.4	3.3
11002	Probation Services	701	778	5.7	10.9
11004	Providing medication to detainees held in prisons	33	-	-	-
11005	Implementation of aesthetic education and educational programmes for offenders.	203	175	1.3	-13.8
11007	Proper medical assistance and maintenance services for detainees and convicts held in the penitentiary institution of MoJ	318	-	-	-
31001	Capacity development of the Probation Service of the RA MoJ and provision of technical equipment	547	140	1.0	-74.5
31002	Capacity development of the Penitentiary Service of the RA MoJ and provision of technical equipment	28	35	0.3	21.6
31003	Improving building conditions of penitentiary institutions	103	168	1.2	63.7
31004	Optimization of penitentiary institutions, meeting building conditions	275	-	-	-
31005	Providing accessible conditions in penitentiary institutions for persons with disabilities deprived of their liberty	15	-	-	-
31006	Improving the provision of Penitentiary Service with transportation means	-	22	0.2	-
31007	Improving the provision of the Probation Service of the RA MoJ with transportation means	85	-	-	-

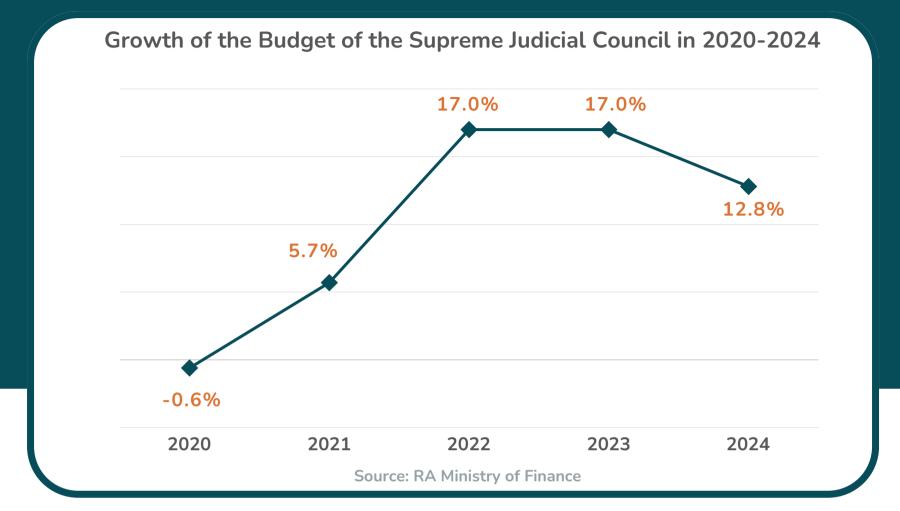


# SELECTED OUTCOME INDICATORS OF THE MOJ BUDGET PROGRAMMES

	Baseline level	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Reducing the number of reoffending among the offenders, %	10		20					
Providing employment for prisoners and convicts, %	28		40					
Creating of conditions in penitentiary institutions that fully comply with international standards for serving sentences, number	10							70
Re-equipping the penitentiary institutions with modern engineering and technical security and safety systems, %	75							100
Number of applications of house arrest and administrative control measures with electronic surveillance devices	0	200						
Reducing the workload of courts, %					20			
Raising the level of legal awareness among the public, %	5			30				
Creation of digital archive, %	0			90				
Expanding the application of notification methods and toolkits in the scope of compulsory enforcement proceedings	-	30						
Reduction of the average period for the execution of compulsory enforcement actions, %	-	40						
The share of completed compulsory enforcement proceedings in relation to total number of enforcement proceedings, %	29.2			32				

# BUDGET OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL





- About AMD 19.2 bln is allocated to the budget of the Supreme Judicial Council in 2024, which represents an increase by 12.8% compared to the previous year.
- The SJC is implementing the "Providing and Implementation the Activities of Judiciary" programme, which is aimed to guarantee the independence of the Judicial Power, ensure its normal functioning, and provide the right to judicial protection.
- The SJC emphasizes reducing the workload of judges, as well as improving the quality of examination of cases, reducing the time of examination of cases, and thereby improving citizens' access to justice.
- 25 budgetary measures are being implemented within the framework of the programme; they are aimed at ensuring the operation of the SJC and 19 courts, training and capacity building, improving building conditions and technical equipment, and providing them with means of transportation.
- The growth of budget expenditures mainly is due to the increase in the amount of 60 % to the official salary of judges of the first instance courts of general jurisdiction and specialized courts, as well as a 55 % increase to the official salary of judges of the Civil Court of Appeal, the Criminal Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court of Appeal.



# ENSURING AND IMPLEMENTING FUNCTIONING OF JUDICIAL POWER

# **OBJECTIVE**

Guaranteeing the independence of judiciary, ensuring its normal functioning and the right to judicial protection.

# OUTCOME

Increasing the efficiency of functioning of judiciary and ensuring the right to judicial protection.

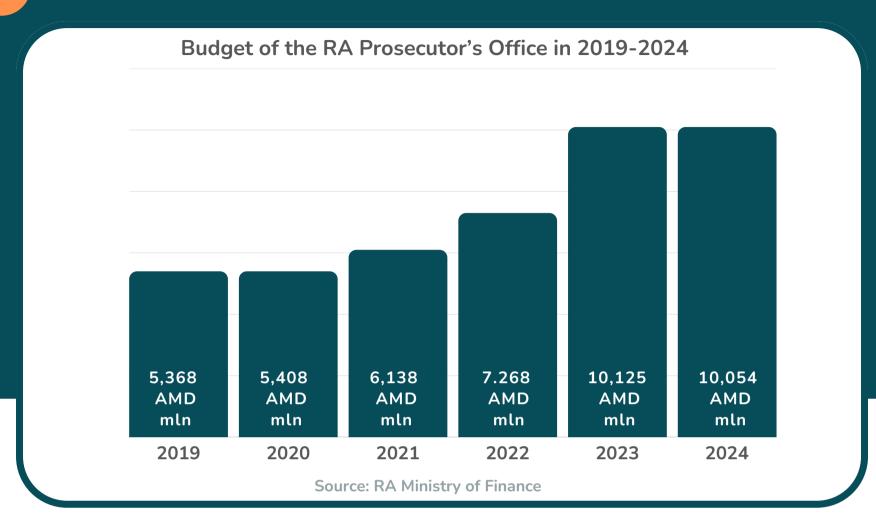
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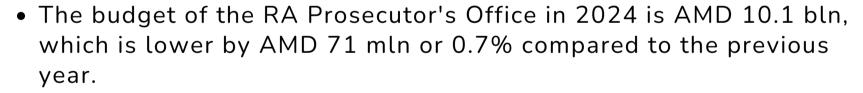
The independence of the judiciary from influence by other branches of government, individuals, or companies, as defined by the World Economic Forum (WEF), will improve to the level of 6.3 in 2025, compared to the level of 3.3 in 2022.

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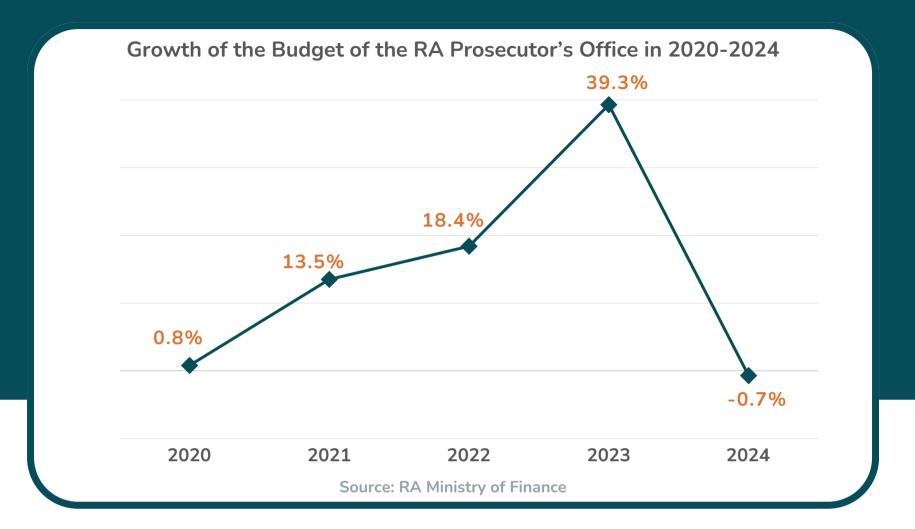
Code	Programme/measure		2023 AMD mln	2024 AMD mln	2024 share	2024/2023 %
1080	Ensu	ring and implementing functioning of JP	16,991.7	19,173.7	100.0	12.8
11001		Supreme Judicial Council	3,835.7	3,891.0	20.3	1.4
11002		RA Court of Cassation	1,229.4	1,296.3	6.8	5.4
11003		RA Civil Court of Appeal	773.1	725.8	3.8	-6.1
11004		RA Criminal Court of Appeal	867.3	802.1	4.2	-7.5
11005		RA Administrative Court of Appeal	447.4	496.5	2.6	11.0
11006		RA Administrative Court	803.2	926.0	4.8	15.3
11008		FICGJ of Aragatsotn Marz of the RA	321.5	382.6	2.0	19.0
11009	<u>_</u>	FICGJ of Ararat and Vayots Dzor Marz of the RA	541.7	576.0	3.0	6.3
11010	atio	FICGJ of Armavir Marz of the RA	458.3	461.0	2.4	0.6
11011	per	FICGJ of Gegharkunik Marz of the RA	411.3	491.0	2.6	19.4
11012	o Je	FICGJ of Lori Marz of the RA	567.9	603.8	3.1	6.3
11013	rma	FICGJ of Kotayk Marz of the RA	484.0	527.8	2.8	9.0
11014	no	FICGJ of Shirak Marz of the RA	540.4	594.2	3.1	10.0
11015	ring	FICGJ of Syunik Marz of the RA	384.7	482.7	2.5	25.5
11016	ınsı	FICGJ of Tavush Marz of the RA	352.1	373.6	1.9	6.1
11017	щ	Bankruptcy Court of the RA	591.3	702.6	3.7	18.8
11019		Anti-Corruption Court	554.4	564.5	2.9	1.8
11020		Anti-Corruption Court of Appeal	-	456.4	2.4	-
11022		Civil Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of the city of Yerevan	818.5	1,676.6	8.7	104.8
11023		Criminal Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of the city of Yerevan	1,075.8	1,668.6	8.7	55.1
31001	Impro	oving the technical equipment of the SJC	432.0	647.3	3.4	49.8
31003	Improving the provision of the SJC with vehicles		-	20.0	0.1	-
11018	Reserve Fund of the SJC and the Courts of the RA		256.9	376.0	2.0	46.3
11021	Traini	ng services	2.3	5.9	0.03	158.6
31002	2 Improving the building conditions of SJC and the courts			425.5	2.2	158.8

# **BUDGET OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**



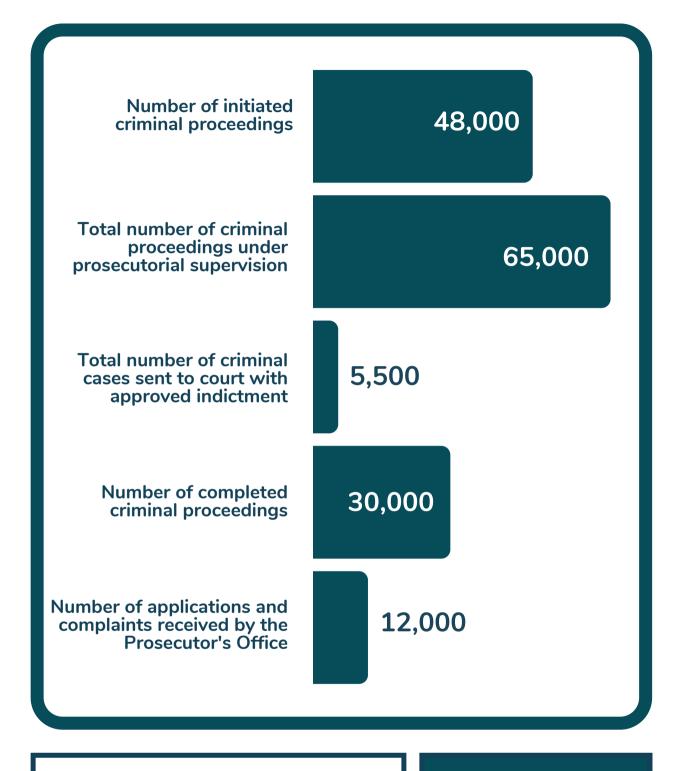


- Despite the projected decrease in the budget of the RA Prosecutor's Office in 2024, yet it exceeds the level of the previous year by about 1.9 times.
- Three programmes are implemented by the Prosecutor's Office. 91.2% of the Prosecutor's Office budget is allocated to the implementation of the "Procedural Management and Prosecutorial Supervision" programme; 8.7% of the budget is allocated to the "Expertise Services" programme; and 0.1% is allocated to the "Professional Training and Qualification Raising" programme.



- The decrease in budget expenditures is due to a 1.1% reduction in the funding volume of the "Procedural Management and Prosecutorial Supervision" programme. The objective of this programme is to combat crime in the RA, prevent and reduce crime cases, and ensure a comprehensive, complete and objective investigation of all crime cases.
- The outcome of the "Procedural Management and Prosecutor's Supervision" programme is to increase the effectiveness of protection of human rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of a person in the RA, as well as to increase the effectiveness of crime prevention.

# BUDGET PROGRAMMES OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



The amount of compensation for damages caused to the state and communities as a result of functions carried out in the sphere of protecting state interests

120 AMD mln

Code	Programme		2024 AMD mln	2024 share	2024/2023
RA Prosecutor's Office		10,125.1	10,053.8	100.0	-0.7
1013	Expertise services	849.4	872.8	8.7	2.8
1087	Procedural management and prosecutorial supervision	9,269.0	9,170.2	91.2	-1.1
1144	Professional training and raising qualification	6.7	10.8	0.1	62.2

Source: RA Ministry of Finance

#### OOTCOME

# Improving the crime rate reduction indicators, facilitating the detection of crimes, identifying perpetrators and bringing them to criminal responsibility. Recovery of property damages caused to the state, confiscation of property of illicit origin

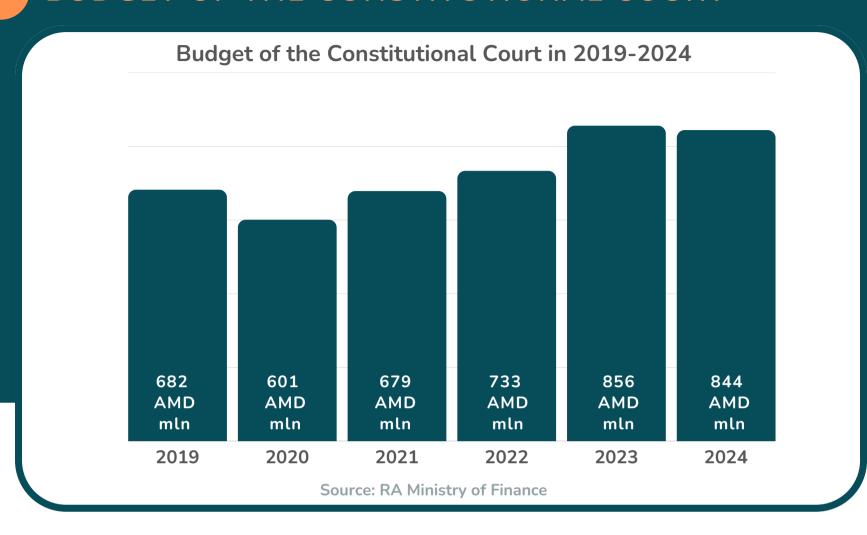
Ensuring the rule of law in the field of effectiveness of pre-trial proceedings, application of penalties and coercive measures, prevention of corruption phenomena

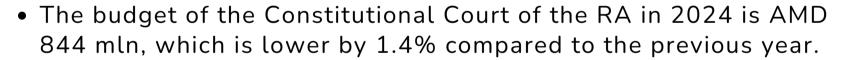
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#### **INDICATOR**

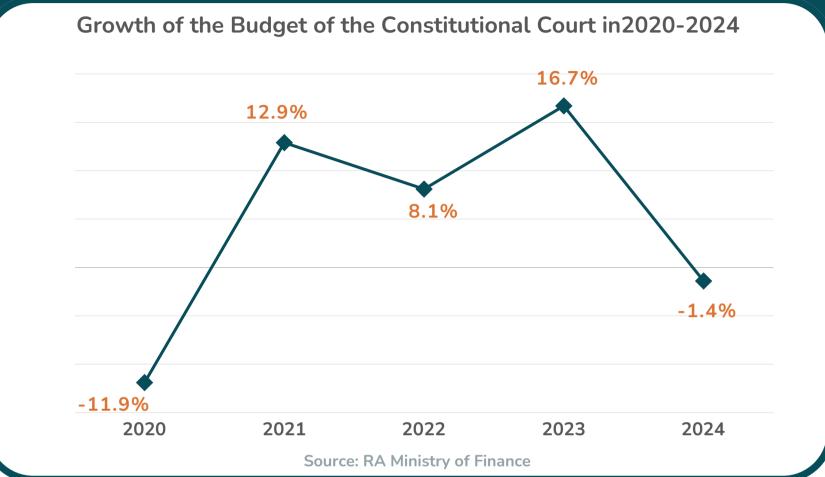
- The overall crime rate and the share of grave and particularly grave crimes in it tend to decrease, while the crime detection rate has increased
- During the criminal proceedings, the right to full and complete disclosure of circumstances, as guaranteed by the norms of domestic and international law is ensured
- Corruption practices in the judicial system are excluded
- Restoration of damages caused to the state and communities, provision of a mechanism for confiscation of property of illicit origin and return of property funds to the state budget

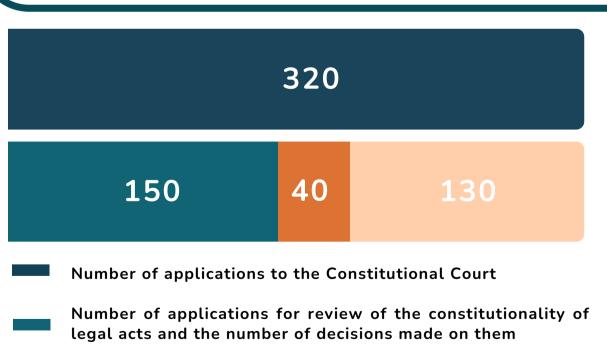
# **BUDGET OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**





- The Constitutional Court implements one budget programme the "Ensuring the functioning of the Constitutional Court of the RA".
- The project goal is to implement constitutional justice in the RA and ensure the supremacy of the constitution.
- The outcome of the programme is to ensure constitutionality and the rights of citizens and organizations in the RA.





Number of applications to verify the compliance of obligations assumed under international treaties with the Constitution

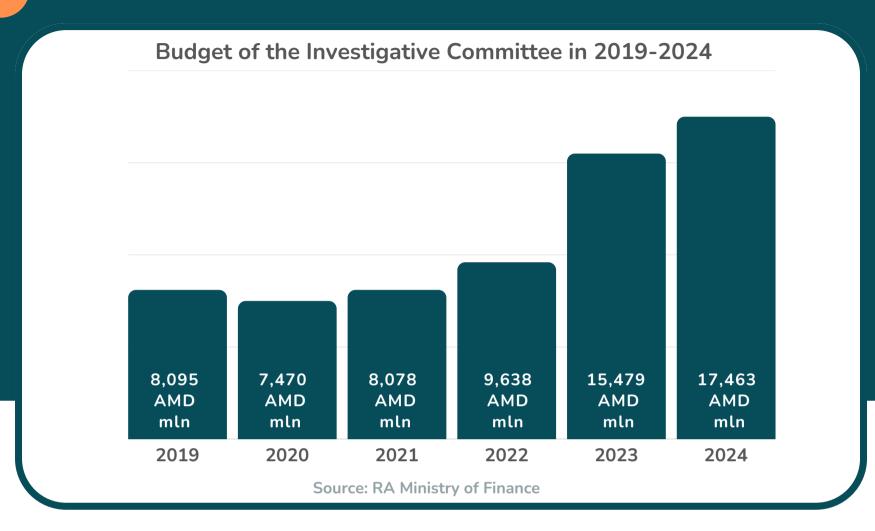
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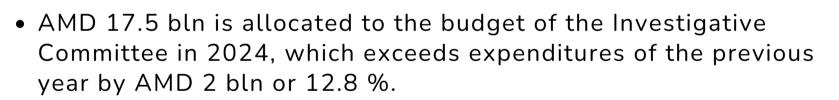
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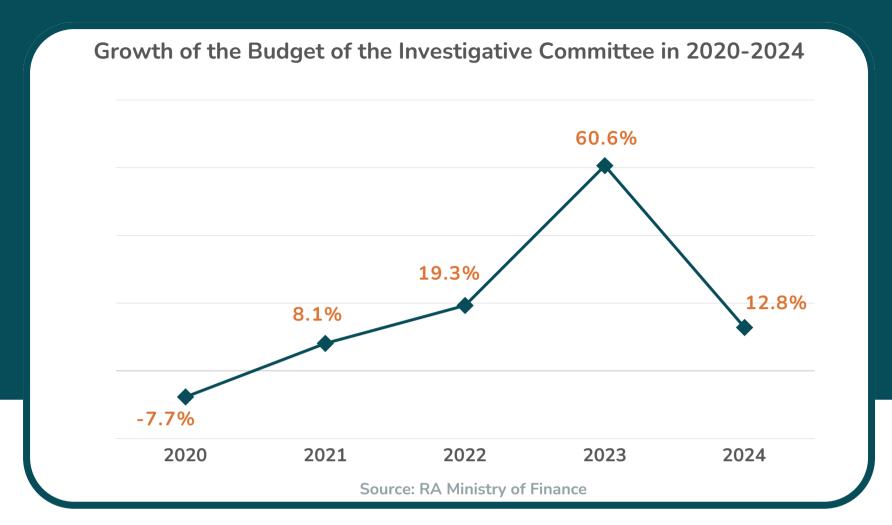
Number of visits to the official website and Facebook page of the CC

# **BUDGET OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE**





- The Investigative Committee implements one budget programme the "RA Investigative Services".
- The programme aims to ensure the implementation of objective and effective preliminary investigations of crimes.
- The outcome of the programme is the effective investigation of crimes and the reduction of time limits of preliminary investigation.



- 96.4% of the programme budget will be allocated to the criminal proceedings implementation services
- AMD 200 mln will be allocated to purchase of 11 new vehicles for the IC.
- AMD 22.1 mln will be allocated for training of the IC staff, as well as for organizing the training of specialists.
- AMD 41.9 mln will be allocated to provide scholarships for students undergoing professional training.

# Key Performance Indicators of the RA Investigative Services Budget Programme

# Outcome indicator of the programme:

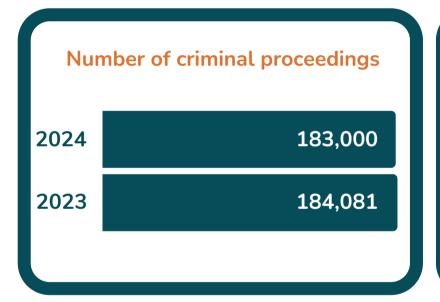
• The "share of ongoing criminal proceedings in the total volume of proceedings" is defined as the final outcome indicator of the programme. The baseline level of the indicator is 71%. It is planned to increase it to 88 percent by 2026.

Share of ongoing criminal proceedings in the total volume of proceedings



#### Selected output indicators:

- It is projected that the number of criminal proceedings will decrease by 1,081 in 2024, compared to 2023, and amount to 183 thousand.
- The average workload of investigators will decrease by an average of 43 proceedings, amounting to 261 compared to 304 in the previous year.
- The number of participants undergoing training will increase sharply, by approximately 1.6 times. 785 employees will participate in training in 2024, instead of 495 trainees last year.
- The average scholarship for participants receiving scholarships will amount to AMD 349,440, increasing by 4.8%.



Number of terminated criminal

proceedings

24,000

24,944

2024

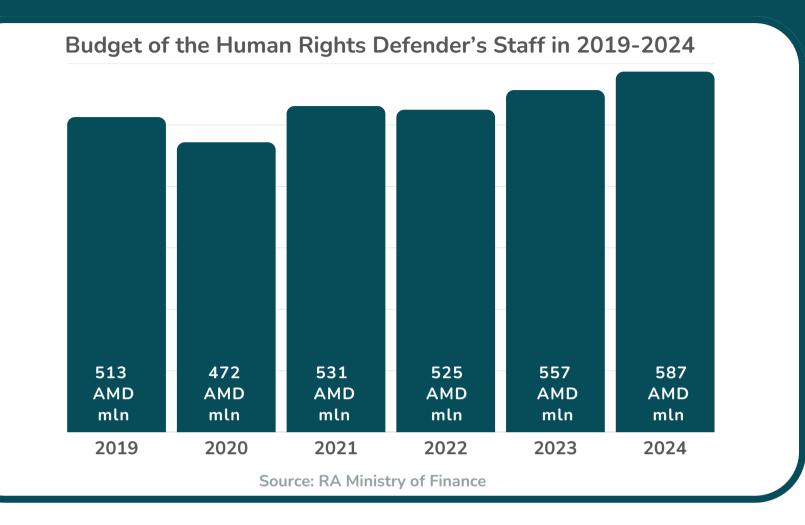
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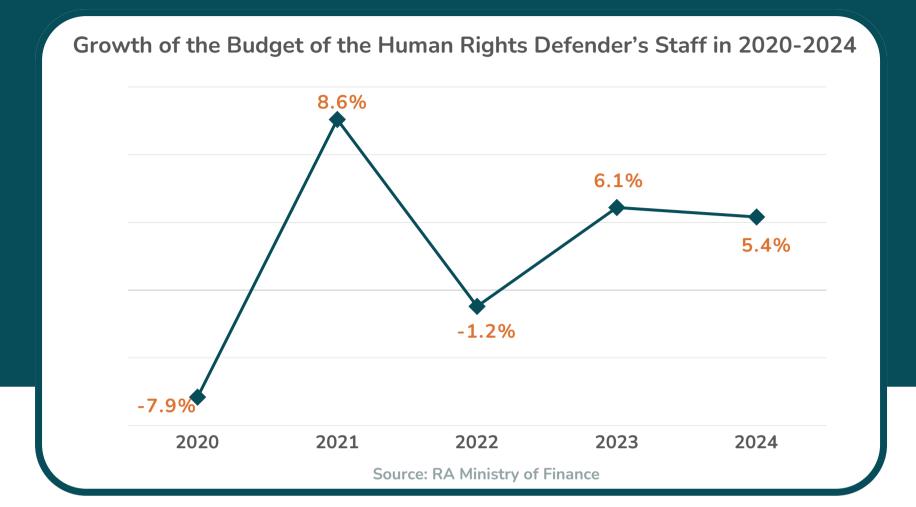






# BUDGET OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER'S STAFF

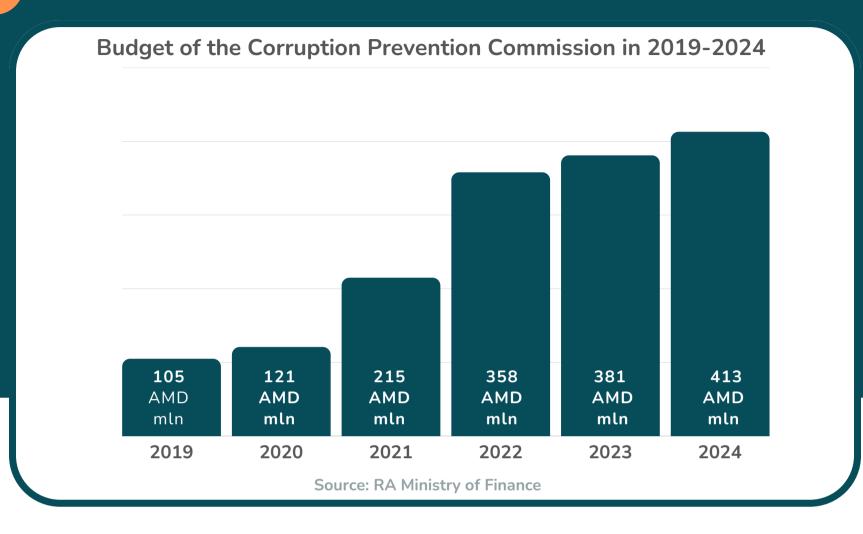


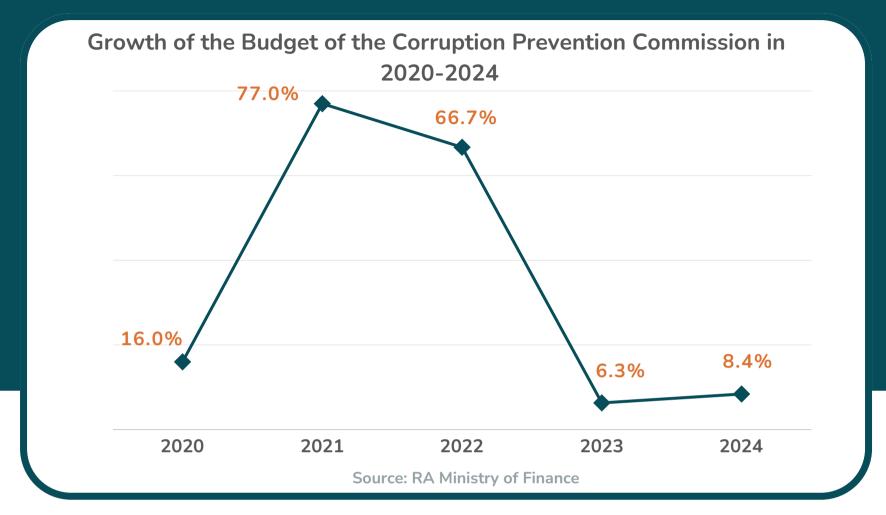


- AMD 587.1 mln is allocated to the budget of the Staff of the Human Rights Defender in 2024, which exceeds the level of the last year by about AMD 30 mln or 5.4%.
- The Human Rights Defender's staff is implementing the "Protection of Human Rights" budget programme.
- The programme is aimed at the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- The outcome of the programme is the restoration of violated rights and freedoms in the RA, and the improvement of related normative legal acts.

- The outcome indicator of the programme is the accreditation status awarded to the national human rights institutions by the Independent Commission of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.
- The Staff of the Human Rights Defender of Armenian has been accredited with the highest international prestigious "A" status. The target level of the indicator is the maintenance and re-establishment of the granted status.
- The status granted to national human rights institutions by the Independent Commission of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions is reviewed every 5 years.

# **BUDGET OF THE CORRUPTION PREVENTION COMMISSION**





- AMD 413 mln is allocated to the budget of the Corruption Prevention Commission in 2024, which exceeds the level of the last year by about AMD 32 mln or 8.4%.
- The CPC is implementing the "Ensuring the Development of the Corruption Prevention System" budget programme.
- The programme is aimed at contributing to the development of the corruption prevention system and increasing public trust in public institutions.
- The outcome of the programme is the improvement of transparency and publicity of the activities of high-ranking officials.

- 93.5 % of the programme budget will be allocated to the development of Corruption Prevention and Integrity System.
- About AMD 26.9 mln or 6.5 % of the programme budget will be allocated to the development of programmes and implementation of measures aimed at increasing educational and public awareness level on issues related to the fight against corruption.

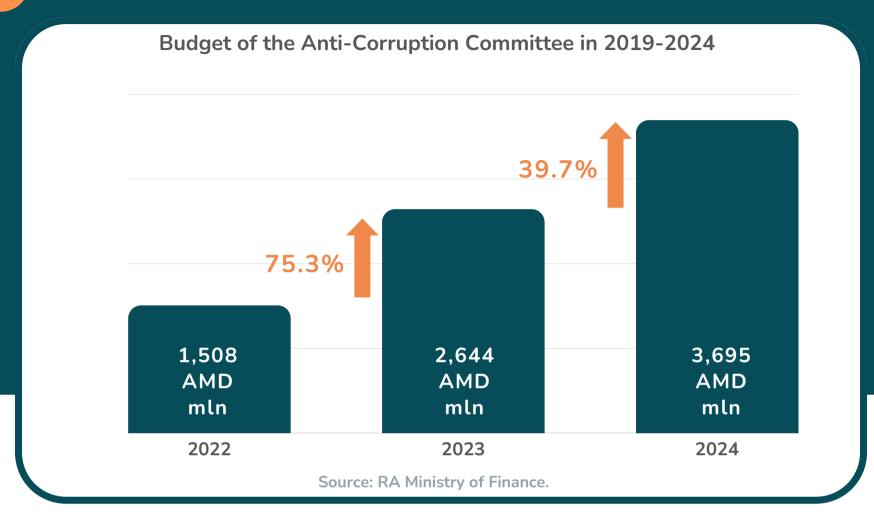
# Ensuring the Development of the Corruption Prevention System Programme

- It is planned to review the existing structures of rules of conduct in central and local government bodies in 2024, as well as to introduce corruption risk management (CRM) systems, new mechanisms for anti-corruption expertise of draft legislative acts, improve the mechanisms for monitoring the financial activities of parties, and strengthen the capacities of institutional bodies for the prevention of corruption.
- Business integrity and business rights protection mechanisms will be introduced and improved; the statebusiness administration will be simplified.
- Subject programmes for the implementation in public education and higher education systems will be developed, trainings for teachers, parents of school-age children, CSOs, media representatives and civil servants will be organized, videos related to the corruption prevention and integrity will be prepared and broadcast, etc.
- Continuous anti-corruption education will be introduced through the kindergarten-school-university educational chain, public awareness mechanisms will be improved and these measures will instill a negative attitude towards corruption.

#### **Outcome Indicators are:**

- Gradual improvement of the 2023 level of the Corruption Perceptions Index (47 points).
- Improvement of the rating by the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). Armenia was rated as "partially compliant". It is planned to achieve a "fully compliant" rating in 2024.
- Maintaining the rating by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). In 2023, OECD rated Armenia as "Fully Compliant".

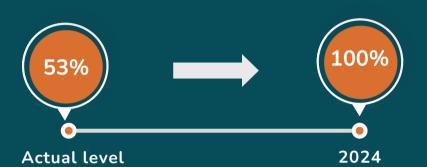
# **BUDGET OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE**



- AMD 3.7 bln is allocated to the budget of the Anti-Corruption Committee in 2024, which exceeds the level of the last year by more than AMD 1 bln or 39.7 %.
- The ACC is implementing the "Ensuring Detection and Investigation of Corruption Crimes" budget programme.
- The objective of the programme is to conduct investigation and operational intelligence activities of the criminal cases assigned to the Anti-Corruption Committee of the RA under the Criminal Procedure Code of the RA.
- The outcome of the programme is the implementation of effective operational-intelligence activities, investigations and preliminary investigation within a reasonable timeframe.

#### Outcomet indicator of the programme

Persons involved as defendants in criminal proceedings initiated for corruption crimes: of which held accountable



2,200

Total number of criminal proceedings examined in the proceedings

1,720

Number of the initiated criminal proceedings, assigned to the Anti-Corruption Committee of the RA under the Criminal Procedure Code of the RA



Number of applications and complaints

1,900

Number of detected corruption crimes

450

Appeal against the actions and decisions of an employee of the RA Anti-Corruption Committee



- 1. Percentage of cases where the complaint was upheld (including overturned decisions) as a result of appealing the actions and decisions of the ACC employee to the prosecutor
- 2. Percentage of decisions to dismiss the complaint as a result of a judicial appeal of the actions and decisions of an ACC employee through the court proceedings



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