

# Local social impacts

## Current situation

The local population in the Amulsar project area includes approximately 6,600 people.

Rural areas in Armenia, including around Amulsar, have been experiencing out-migration in recent years as people look for work opportunities.

## What are the potential impacts and issues?

- Local employment generation at Amulsar could trigger a shift away from traditional livelihoods, leading to a loss of cultural identity.
- Employment opportunities (direct and indirect) associated with the project may encourage people to move into the area, potentially expanding the size of some communities and increasing demand for goods and services. This can cause social challenges.
- Increased demand for goods and services (including housing) has the potential to generate localised inflation.



## What will Lydian do to manage these potential impacts and issues?

- Through prioritising local recruitment, the project will minimise the risk of significant in-migration but hopes to reverse out-migration by local residents.
- Community development programmes supporting the agricultural sector and development of small and medium scale businesses will be implemented by Lydian.
- The company will monitor and manage inflationary pressures and will work with community administrators to assist in planning for population growth.

## What potential impacts might remain?

- Even with these measures in place, it is likely that the villages will experience some transition away from traditional livelihoods.
- It is also likely that some level of in-migration will occur.