

*CENTER*  
*FOR*  
*HEALTH SERVICES*  
*RESEARCH*

(CHSR)  
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## **BACKGROUND**

The Center for Health Services Research (CHSR) is an applied research center located within the Department of Public Health at the American University of Armenia (AUA). CHSR was established in 1995 to respond to the research and development needs in the multidisciplinary field of Public Health in Armenia.

The AUA's Department of Public Health is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene & Public Health, and represents an integrated effort to develop local expertise in managing health programs, assessing the health needs of the people of Armenia, and translating that knowledge into improved health by designing, implementing, and evaluating programs to meet those needs.

Currently, the Department of Public Health offers a graduate program that in the first year leads to a Certificate in Public Health and in the second year to the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree.

## **MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**

**C**HSR offers its expertise as a resource to support and facilitate the existing public health infrastructure.

The guiding principles of the center are to:

- ◇ Provide supervised field training for students enrolled in the AUA Public Health Program;
- ◇ Serve as a venue for linkages between the Ministry of Health, donor agencies, and the expertise of the program's faculty;
- ◇ Respond to requests for technical assistance from local Armenian ministries and research institutes;
- ◇ Support programmatic development of health services in conjunction with the Ministries of Health of the region.

### CURRENT PROJECTS OF CHSR

**S**ince its inception, the CHSR has worked on the following projects:

- ◆ Qualitative Evaluation of **Breastfeeding Communications Campaign** in Yerevan (for Wellstart International);
- ◆ **Health Education for Pregnant Women** - cohort study (with Jinishian Memorial Program);
- ◆ Development of **National Health Action Plan** for the Nagorno Karabagh Republic (with the American Red Cross);
- ◆ Pilot **Dental Health and Fluoride Supplementation** Program in Yerevan and Gumri (with Armenian International Dental Association and Jinishian Memorial Program);
- ◆ A study of University Students in Yerevan: **Knowledge and Attitudes of STDs, AIDS, and Condom Use**;

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- ◆ Analysis and Monitoring of Yerevan **Drinking Water** Quality (conducted jointly with AUA Environmental Research and Management Center);
- ◆ Analysis of **World Bank Household Survey** on Primary Health Care Utilization, Access, and Satisfaction;
- ◆ Survey on Availability and Accessibility of **Contraceptives** in Yerevan (with AUA College of Business and Management);
- ◆ Qualitative Study on Polyclinics with Health Care Providers in Yerevan regarding attitudes toward **Reform of Primary Care System** (with Armenian National Institute of Health);
- ◆ Analysis of **Hypertension Data** of 5,000 Residents of Gumri (with the Primary Care Center in Gumri and Armenian Health Alliance).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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