



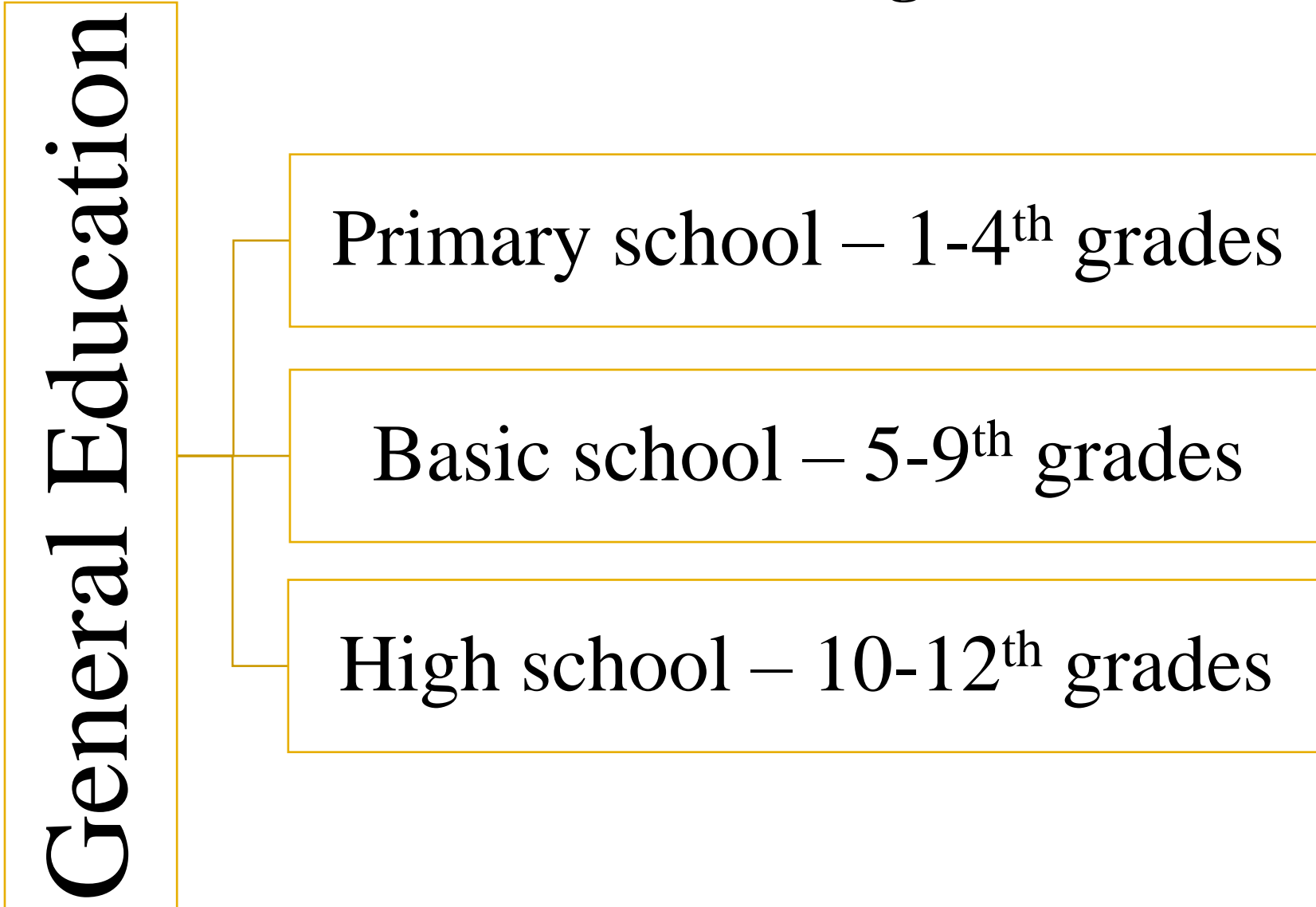
# **Quality Education for All: Adapting School Networks for Equitable Access**

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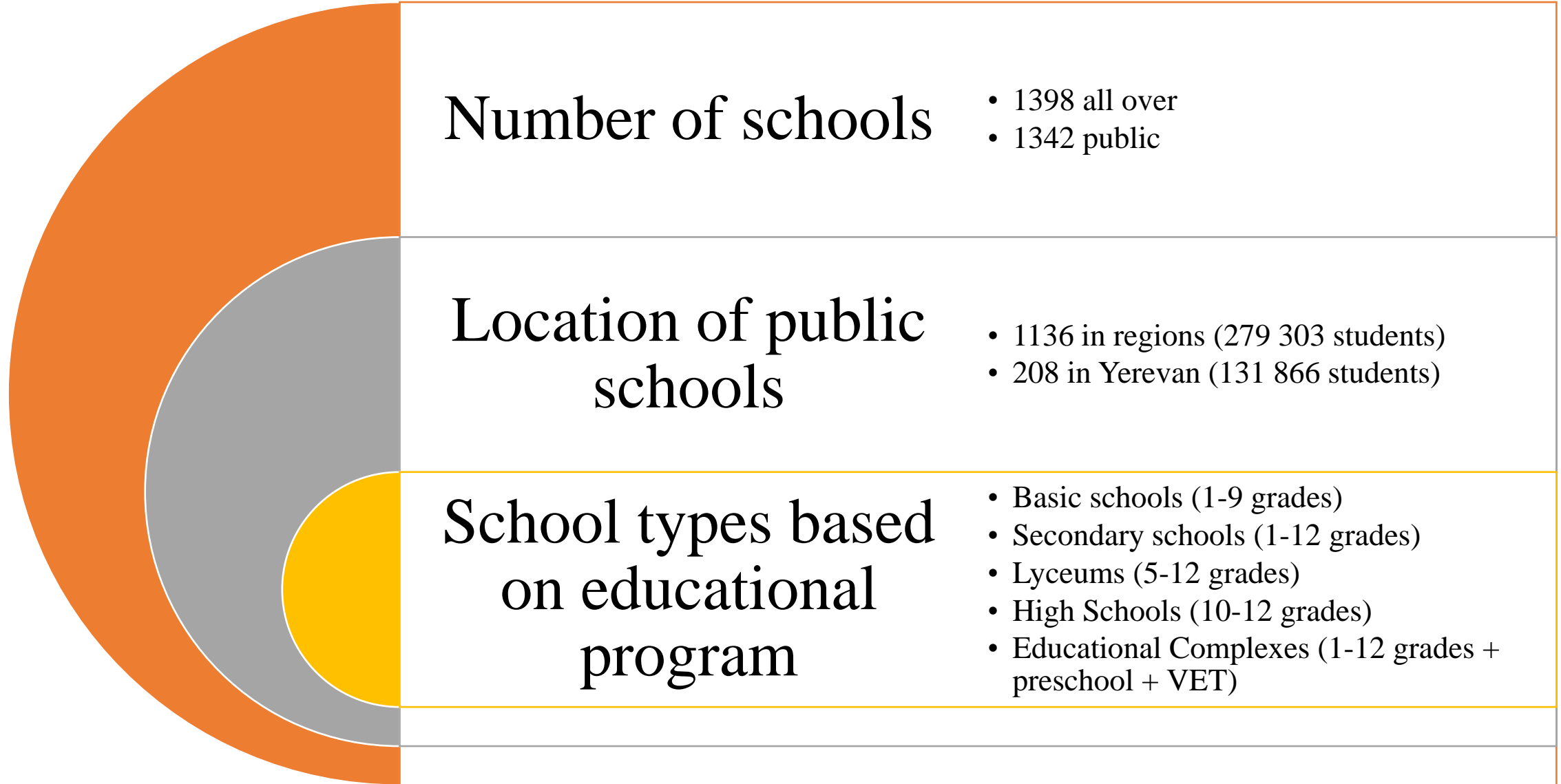
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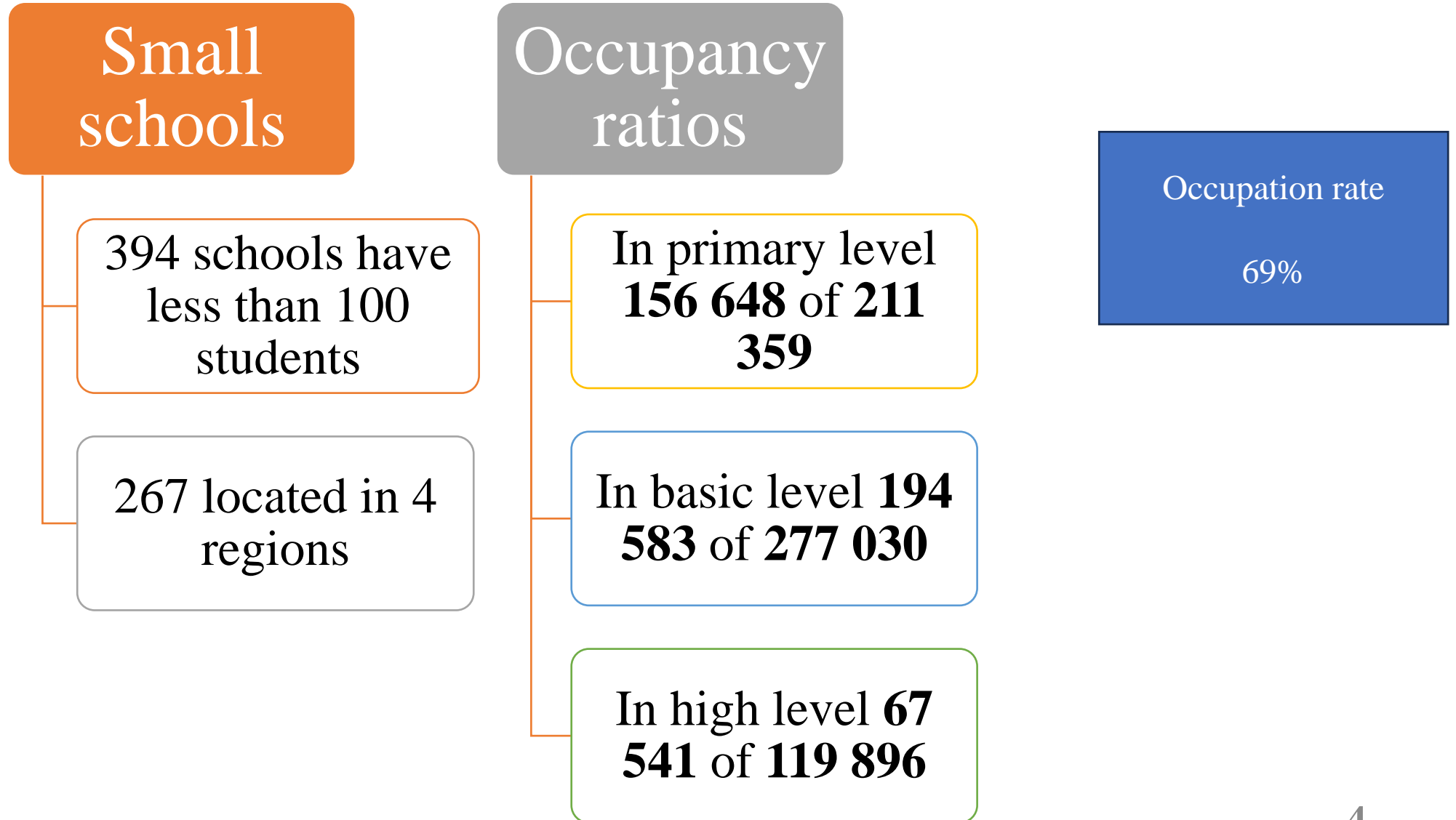
# General Background



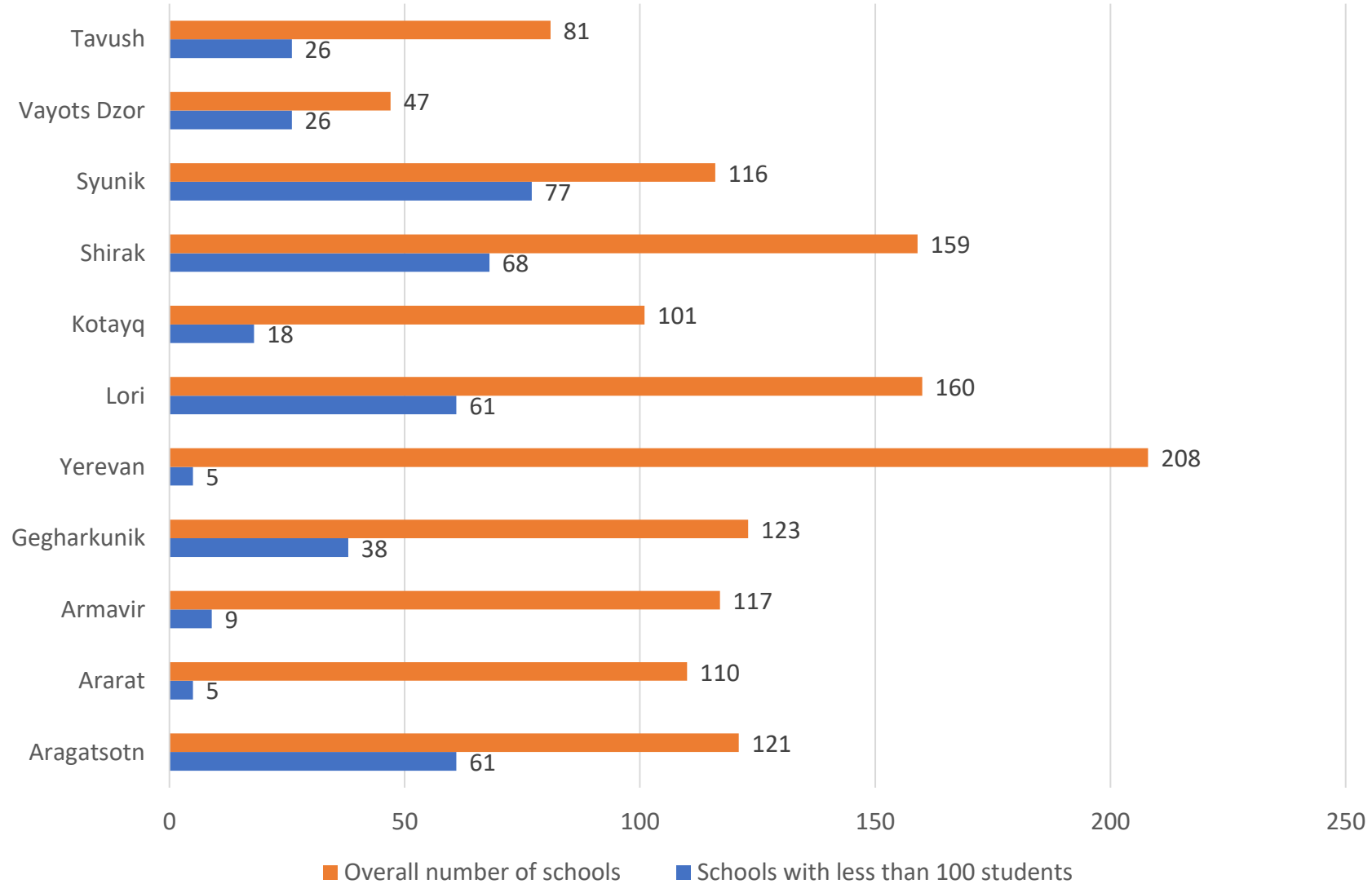
# School Network



# Quick facts on school network inefficiencies



# Location of small schools across the country



# Impact of Inefficiency

## Differences in unit costs

Cost for 1 student in small schools – average about 3.5 million drams yearly (8100€)

Cost for 1 student in an average schools – average about 341 thousand drams yearly (791€)

Cost for 1 student in big schools – average about 209 thousand drams yearly (675€)

## Unavailability of educational services

Lack of teachers

Lack of infrastructure

Unavailability for out of school and professional educational services

## Community satisfaction issues

Quality of Public Education

Access of other educational services

Lack of communication opportunities

# National Policies

## Short-term solutions

Reimbursement of transportation costs for teachers and students

Extra payments for teachers in small schools

Involvement of mentor schools and online teaching mechanisms

Teachers sent to rural areas with extra payments

Extra payments for STEM teachers

## Long-term strategic policies

Construction of 300 schools and 500 kindergartens

Formulation of school clusters, including development of road and transportation infrastructure

Building about 70 educational complexes mostly in rural areas

Mechanisms to increase teachers' salaries

# SWOT Analysis of school network optimisation possible influence on efficiency

## Strengths

Offering a set of previously unavailable quality educational and related services to community.

## Weaknesses

Communities dissatisfaction because of the slow pace of construction and renovation processes.

## Opportunities

The the clusters approach is being implemented in phases, making an opportunity to follow up and manage the process.

## Threats

Resistance from communities to organize school clusters.



# Thank you

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